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Dear parents and carers

It has been brought to our attention that the teachers and pupils have been getting competitive about assemblies!!!!!! Let us be very clear that it is not a competition, just an opportunity to share their learning with their families and the rest of the school. The search for "Best assembly 2017" continues... 😊

It has been another busy fortnight. We have had a range of different people visiting the school to see what teaching and learning looks like at Mengham Junior School. When visiting classes, pupils have been proud to show them their work and explain their learning.

Junior Citizen by Year 6



On Tuesday 14 November 2017 year 6 had the privilege of attending the Junior Citizen Afternoon at Fort Purbrook. We took part in many activities with people who were part of important jobs including the fire

service, police and coastguard. We learnt lots about staying safe and at the end, we all got bags with cool souvenirs. We hope next year, year 6 have as much fun as we did!

Maths Enrichment Afternoon by Millie Burns and Hattie Bird



On Wednesday 8th November, eight of us attended a maths competition at Oaklands Catholic School. We had to complete a range of challenging maths questions. We were split into two groups

to solve equations, percentages, negative numbers and decimals.

Finally we had to complete a maths crossword. We were really pleased as we managed to complete

almost all of it. It was a great opportunity and we all enjoyed the afternoon.

Year 2 Art Day and Open Afternoon

Last week year 2 ventured across the road to see us for a session of stories and art. They created some incredible dream catchers, complete with their



own aspiration for the future. A massive thank you to Mrs Pyatt for organising it!

We also had the opportunity that evening to meet their parents and give them a tour of the school. If you know of any parents or carers of children in year 2 who would like to find out about our school then please encourage them to contact reception and book a tour.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of the year 2 children in September. However, there will be many more chances for them to get to know us before then!

New Stage



Over half term Mr Brum was very busy constructing a stage at the side of the south playground. It has already seen a lot of use at break and lunch time. We hope it will also be a great space for pupils to perform in small groups in a variety of lessons.

Open The Book

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, from a team of Christians from local churches. We are extremely lucky to have a fabulous group of performers from our local churches who visit us every Wednesday for assembly. We are always keen to see what



costumes and props they will bring with them each week!

Our own Mrs Emery has been recruited to perform in a special Christmas assembly in December, we cannot wait!

Teacher Training at Mengham

Last Friday we hosted 8 trainee teachers for training delivered by Miss Rowsell. The day looked at how we deliver English through "Talk for Writing". The trainees had the opportunity to get into lessons and see it in action. They were impressed by the attitude to learning, behaviour and high standard of work they saw across the school.

If you know anyone who is interesting in a career in teaching then they can find out more information here: <http://www.thesolentscitt.co.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Best wishes

Odele Davies and Edward Harrison

UK Parliament Week by Miss Slade



UK Parliament Week was a huge success - thank you to all of the children for getting involved and working hard! Some of the best bits included a lower school and upper school quiz all about

parliament, a fantastic interactive assembly from the School Learning Councillors and a drama lesson in every class based on democracy. The winners of the pub quiz were the Ainslie teams from Oak and Chestnut class - well done! This week has been a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn more about our UK Parliament and also the British Values 'democracy', 'rule of law' and 'individual liberty'.

Road Safety Week by Miss Slade

What an amazing time we've had celebrating Road Safety Week! The theme was 'Slow Down, Save Lives'. The JRSOs and some of their friends worked together to perform a road safety role-play to the whole school all about the importance of slowing down. The children really took these messages on board and some have designed magnificent posters which will be displayed around the school grounds to remind all visitors.



We also enjoyed 'Bright Day', where all of the children came to school dressed in the brightest clothes to promote being bright and being seen, especially at this time of year when it's almost dark

when we finish school. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations to the road safety charity Brake who do important work throughout the year to teach road safety to children and adults. In total we raised a whopping £148 in one day! Well done!

FOMS News

FOMS are looking forward to the festive period and have many exciting plans to ensure everyone has a wonderful time at the Christmas Fair.

Very shortly we will publish our exciting list of raffle prizes so make sure you listen out for when you can buy tickets and hopefully be lucky!



We have also worked closely with the school this month to support Stella's Voice and collect vital items for orphanages in Moldova so thank you for your incredible support for this worthy cause.

Current Class Attendance:

Maple 97.73%	Lime 96.59%
Oak 97.23%	Birch 97.83%
Beech 94.98%	Alder 95.94%
Willow 96.16%	Chestnut 97.53%

Special mention box...for children who have been extra successful learners in the maths registration tasks. Each child will receive a head teacher pencil.

Persian Woods, Gerrard Hobbs, Albert Robinson, Bella King, Holly Wheel, Ethan Page, Harry Scanlan, Charlie Lewis



Tuesday 28 th November	Scholastic Book Fair begins
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 5 trip to planetarium
Friday 1 st December 9am	Willow Class Assembly
Friday 1 st December	FOMS non uniform day in return for wine/chocolate or £1
Friday 1 st December 1.45pm	Parents invited in to help us make decorations
Friday 8 th December 9am	Alder Class Assembly
Monday 11 th December 2pm/6pm	Year 4 Production A Christmas Carol
Tuesday 12 th December 6pm	Year 4 Production A Christmas Carol
Friday 15 th December 9am	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th December 9am	Year 5 African Drum Concert
Wednesday 20 th December 3.30pm	FOMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch (pupils only)
Thursday 21 st December 9am	Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday 21st December	Last day of autumn term, school ends at 3.20pm
Thursday 4th January 2018	First day of spring term, school starts at 8.45am