



The Hayfield Herald

Owls to Behold



This week we were lucky enough to be visited by 10 feathery friends. Owl class have been learning all about their namesake and had 10 beautiful owls come to visit from Owls to Behold. Tony (their rescuer) told us lots of information about the owls such as what they eat, when they hunt and he had to reveal where their ears lie hidden under their feathers. The children asked lots of questions, we were very impressed by their thirst for more knowledge. We were astounded to find out that many facts we believed to be true were in fact myths! Then all of the children from Hedgehogs, Owls and Year 3 got to hold one, photos of these will be on their class blogs. We would like to say a big thank you to Owls to Behold for providing us with such a memorable day!

Danielle Plesca Year 2 Class Teacher



CHINESE NEW YEAR

On Monday, we all celebrated Chinese New Year by enjoying a day of experiences linked to Chinese Culture. We enjoyed some tasting of Chinese food, made traditional paper lanterns, learnt to write our names using Chinese characters, baked some butter cookies and learnt about the story of the Chinese Zodiac using dance.

It was fantastic to see all of the children work in groups of mixed year groups and the older children really impressed us with their support for the younger children throughout the entire day. There was a real buzz surrounding the classrooms and children even took their newly acquired Mandarin and dancing skills out into the playground at lunchtime. The whole day was a great chance for our children to get a snap shot view of a culture that is different from their own and they made their way through the workshops with a real sense of curiosity and respect. We look forward to delving into other cultures in the future.

Huge thanks this week to Reuben and Harrison in Reception's families for answering our plea for dressing up clothes. We are currently working on plans to update all our playground equipment and facilities – watch this space!

Our annual Parent Survey will be coming home today. Please can we encourage you to complete the questionnaire and return it by next Friday. As we did last year we will publish all of the responses and how we plan to address any thing that is raised. They will also be used as a basis to plan our parent forum which will start after Easter.



ONLINE SAFETY for PARENTS – NEXT TUESDAY

Following our online safety survey and the requests from parents where 84% of you would like more information we will be hosting an online safety information session for parents. As advertised on the dates letter this will be next Tuesday 7th February 3:30 – 4:30pm. This session will not be appropriate for children so we will have a DVD in another room for Hayfield Cross children. We are very lucky to have Alex Franklin from NCC to join us to lead this important session.

Notices

Barriers – We have been actively pushing the council to provide fencing for the compound which we are pleased has now been provided. This is to create a safe path around the compound to prevent children needing to walk across it which could be dangerous. Please make sure children stick to the pathway when coming in and out of school.

Earrings – Please remember that children must not have earrings other than a single stud and they MUST be able to take it out for PE and sports (including Premier clubs). If they can't take them out themselves please leave them out on PE and sports days. Please do not have ears pierced except in the summer holidays so they have time to heal.

TOPs – Please return nominations for TOPs positions by next Friday.

Bertone Manor Story Telling event – Year 2 and 3 – Please ensure you return the form if you do not wish your child to be included in the promotional photographs from the event.

READING AT HOME

We are aware that some children are not reading regularly at home. **READING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THE CHILDREN CAN DO!** There is a direct and proven link that children who read every day achieve better. It is our expectation that all children read every day. They can read anything, it doesn't have to be their school book, but please make sure you record it in their reading logs so we can see they are reading. In Key Stage 2 (Y3-6) the children can fill in their own reading records as long as you make sure they are reading. Please support us in making all of our children enjoy being readers!