

### Diwali

We hope this newsletter finds you well. This Monday, our school assembly was dedicated to the celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Pupils delved into the inspiring story of Rama, Sita, and Lakshmana, reflecting on the profound themes of victory over darkness, good prevailing over evil, and knowledge triumphing over ignorance.

During the assembly, we were treated to delightful poems written by Lexi and Thomas from Robin's class, showcasing the creative talents of our students. Their heartfelt words added a special touch to our celebration of diversity, a theme we are emphasizing throughout this term.

### Anti-bullying week

As part of our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment, many pupils participated in Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks on Monday. This simple yet impactful gesture helped raise awareness and kick-start important conversations about respecting and embracing our differences. Our school values of respect and kindness were at the forefront of our discussions, encouraging pupils to reflect on how they treat one another.

### Music curriculum

In Wolves class, Mr Affleck and Mrs Kingston have been exploring the fascinating world of music through the ages. Their engaging and trendy approach to teaching has sparked the curiosity of our pupils, demonstrating our staff's dedication to making learning enjoyable and meaningful.

*Photo: Lamps and candles were lit to celebrate Diwali*



### Governor visits

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting four governor visits. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the wonderful achievements of our school and engage in constructive conversations about how we can continue to improve. We appreciate the ongoing support and guidance from our governors.

### Calendar Update

Looking ahead, we regret to inform you that, due to capacity constraints, Norden Farm will not be able to include us in the lantern parade workshops this term. However, we encourage you to attend the event and enjoy the festivities, and we hope to participate in the coming year.

### Reindeer Run Sponsorship Drive

A friendly reminder to our fantastic school community to keep those



*Photo: Groovy staff delivering the Year 6 music curriculum*

sponsorships rolling in for our upcoming Reindeer Run! This exciting event is set to take place next month, promising fun and laughter as our pupils dash through the school grounds. Your generous support will contribute to funds raised for Thames Valley Hospice.

### Open Morning

The families who had attended Open Morning on Wednesday were not only impressed but also delighted by the warm welcome they received. Many shared their appreciation for the hospitality and kindness extended by both staff and pupils during the guided tours of our school. Well done everybody! Our next Open Morning is due to take place on Monday 27th November.

### Gas Supply Challenges

We want to inform you about a recent challenge we've encountered regarding the gas supply in school. On Thursday, we faced difficulties that temporarily impacted our ability to provide hot meals. In response, our dedicated staff quickly adapted, offering a delicious sandwich option for all students. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Rest assured, the maintenance team is actively working to resolve the gas supply issue, and we hope to have everything back up and running smoothly very soon. We understand the importance of hot meals for our pupils, and we are committed to ensuring they receive the nutritious and tasty meals they deserve.