

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's Editors: Mrs Uppal, Mrs Bharj, Ms Broderick & Mr Thomas

On Wednesday, we were very excited to hold our first 'House Day'. Children in Years 1 to 6 joined together in their houses for a morning of teamwork, creativity, and community spirit.

Guided by their Year 6 House Captains, the children took part in fun team-building games, designed unique house crests and mottos, and thoughtfully selected a local charity to support. It was a fantastic morning filled with collaboration, pride and positive energy. This week's newsletter is all about House Day - we hope that you enjoy reading all about it!



SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire
C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

We marked the beginning of Black History Month this week in worship. The theme this year is, 'Standing firm in power and pride.' Children discussed what it means to be proud of yourself and the importance of standing up for yourself, even when that can be challenging.



Harvest donations

Please check your emails for a list of long-life items which we are collecting for Slough Food Bank and Community Fridge this Harvest. Both charities have helped, and continued to support, many of our families in the local community. Please can all donations be brought to the school reception by Friday 17th October.





ATTENBOROUGH HOUSE

Sir David Attenborough is a famous environmentalist who has spent his whole life raising awareness of the importance of protecting our beautiful, yet fragile, planet. He has also discovered over 50 species of animals.

On House Day, Attenborough House decided that we are going to support Colne Valley Trust Park. As a local charity, they do important conservation work in looking after the Colne Valley Regional Park, which is made up of 200km of farmland, woodland, rivers and 60 lakes. The charity also protect different wildlife species and habitats.



House Motto:
**Our World, Our
Responsibility.**



House day was full of fun activities. We made fact files on Sir David Attenborough and our chosen charity, we wrote and performed a song for our House called 'Plant a Tree'. We also made beautiful origami butterflies for our house crest and sun catchers in the shape of our planet.



Finally, we all had a great discussion together on how we can support Colne Valley Trust Park this year. Together we came up with some great ideas such as:

"Make posters to put in public and around the school to raise awareness and to share the help."

"Speak to our friends and family about the work that Colne Valley Park Trust do."



House Captains:
**Isla Leka and
Nimirt Kaur**

Did you know that Sir David Attenborough was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1985 for his contributions to television and then was knighted a second time in 2022 for his hard work in environmental conservation.



PARKS HOUSE

**House Motto:
Valour, Liberty &
Determination.**

**House Captains:
Logan Kavangh and
Amy Siddak**

Rosa Parks was an African American woman who helped change history. One day in Montgomery, Alabama, she got on a bus and sat down. When a white man told her to give up her seat, she said no. Rosa was arrested, but her brave choice started a big protest called the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This helped end unfair bus rules and segregation in America. Rosa Parks lived to be 95 years old and spent her life fighting for fairness and equal rights for everyone.

During worship on Friday, we shared our research about Rosa Parks with the whole school. We shared our House Motto and explained what it meant to be in Parks House:

Valour is about showing bravery with purpose,
Liberty to change what we feel is not right or unjust
Determination to never give up.

Rosa Parks embodied all of these values and we hope, as a House, we too can make a difference and use her as inspiration to make a change in our community.



'Well Windsor' is the charity that we have chosen to support because it helps children and young people who have mental health and wellbeing challenges.

We want to get sporty in our house and run events such as a 10k a day step challenge and a sponsored marathon run! We then thought after all that exercise, we could host a sweet treat coffee cake morning.

It was even suggested to do a sponsored silence but we all agreed that would be too tricky to do for a whole day!



ROWLING HOUSE



Did you know?
JK Rowling is a famous author now, but before becoming famous she was rejected by 10 publishers.
When she was little she was very poor.
JK Rowling is most known for the Harry Potter series of books.



We want to host a book sale to raise money for our chosen charity.

We also want to encourage children in our school to be confident and love reading. We would like to start a book club!

We are also really excited to explore the idea of a read around where older children read to younger children.



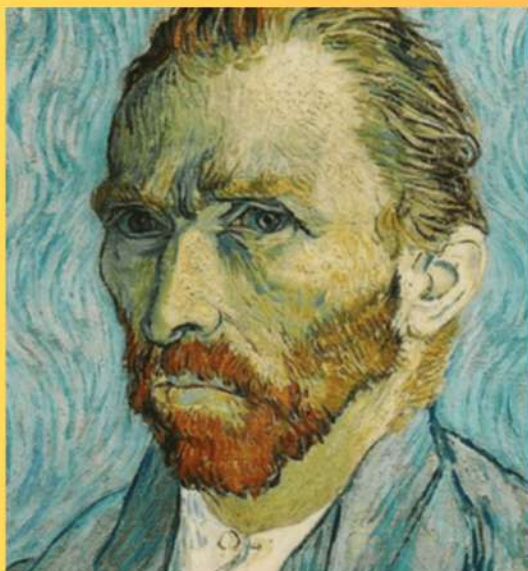
Our chosen charity is ABC To Read.
It is based in Berkshire they help children of all ages to read. They also visit children in hospital and soothe them by reading to them.



During House Day we enjoyed making bookmarks, designing crests which were used to finalise the house motto, colouring pictures of JK Rowling and listened to Harry Potter music whilst creating our artwork.

House Captains:
Gracie Leka and
Angel Rawson

House Motto:
Read, Imagine
and Grow



VAN GOGH HOUSE

**House Motto:
Together, Everyone
Achieves More**

Did you know?

Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands on 30th March 1853



Did you know?

When Van Gogh's masterpiece 'Dr Gachet' was sold, at the time it was the most expensive painting ever sold! It then it mysteriously disappeared and is still missing!



Our chosen charity is 'Busy Buttons' which is based in Windsor. Busy Buttons is an inclusive charity that uses different art and creative activities, as well as workshops, to build confidence and support the wellbeing of children of all ages.

To raise awareness and money for our chosen charity we came up with some ideas; what do you think?

- Create art to sell at school events
- Run colouring competitions
- Repaint one of the playground walls with a new wellbeing mural
- Make posters to raise awareness for wellbeing at school.

Did you know?

Van Gogh created over 2000 artworks which included 900 paintings, sculptures, self portraits.

During House Day, we all worked together to draw, colour and create a piece of Van Gogh's Starry Night, which we have pieced together as a mural for our House Board - it looks amazing!

**House Captains:
Liam Marlikowski and
Manreet Sidhu**



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7 & 8

17th October - Wonderdome - Year 5
17th October - Imperial War Museum - Year 6

20th October - Flu immunisations

20-22nd October - PTA Harvest Disco - buy your child's ticket via Shop in Teachers2Parents

23rd October - 2:15-3pm - Harvest Church Service
- St Thomas Church

24th October - Last day of half term

HALF TERM

27th October to 31st October

Week 1

3rd November - **INSET day - school closed to children.**

4th November - First day back for all children

Week 2

12th November - 3:30-5pm - Parents' Evening - Hall

13th November - 3:30-5pm - Parents' Evening - Hall

Please ensure you book a Parents' Evening meeting for every child with their class teacher. Any issues please contact the school office.

School trips and permissions

Trip permission forms have now been added to School Money. Emails with permissions have been sent out via Teacher2Parents. A gentle reminder that if there is no payment made and permission not given on the app, it could result in your child not going on the trip and the trip potentially being cancelled.

IN OTHER NEWS

SNACKS & LUNCHES

🍎🥗 Healthy Lunchboxes = Healthy Bodies! 🧀🍏

Let's fuel your children's brains and bodies the right way!

Please do not pack the following items in your child's lunchbox or for breaktime snacks:

- ❌ Crisps 🍟
- ❌ Chocolate 🍫
- ❌ Biscuits 🍪
- ❌ Muffins 🧁

✅ Instead, try these healthy options:

- 🍓 Fresh fruit
- 🥕 Veggie sticks
- 🧀 Cheese cubes
- 🍞 Whole grain sandwiches
- 💧 Water or milk

Together, let's build healthy habits that last a lifetime! 💪