



King's College
TAUNTON

PREP SCHOOL

Pelican News

The Pre-Prep Newsletter

29 September 2023

'Gently, Bently' was a refrain that could be heard chorusing from the children in assembly on Monday as we read a story to help us reflect on what the Golden Rule, 'Do be Gentle' means. Bently was the rumbustious young rhinoceros character in our story who, at the age of 5 and a half, found most things in life quite exciting and hadn't yet managed to control his impulses resulting in a series of rather humorous calamities. Fortunately, he discovered his gentleness just in time after spying his baby sibling in their cot which resulted in a collective sigh of relief from the children! Reflection after the story led the children to conclude this Golden Rule means we should be gentle with our hands, feet, voices and words. We agreed there are times in the day when we can be loud and wild, but we need to make sure these behaviours are not causing others to feel sad or annoyed. I have no doubt there are many 'Bently' moments in Pre-Prep every day as the children develop their ability to regulate their many impulses which are reactionary responses to a whole host of situations from finding a bug at Forest School to the countdown of sleeps for a special occasion. Our job is to expose them to all the excitement the world has to offer and lend our support and guidance when the spark burns a little too brightly to ensure we all remain safe, happy and healthy.

Harvest Festival

We are very much looking forward to sharing our Harvest Festival with you which takes place on Monday 9 October at 2.45pm in the Arts Centre. Year 2 children will lead the service and have brought home their readings to begin practising; it is not expected that they should learn these by heart, but we would like them to be read with a clear, confident voice and would appreciate your support to help them achieve this. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will also be taking part by performing a song they have especially rehearsed for the occasion. The children are also invited to bring in a non-perishable item of food which will be donated, along with that collected by Prep, to the local charity, Open Door.

Wildlife Photography Competition!

The Newt Scientist magazine team are running a competition across King's College Prep, Pre-Prep and Nursery. We would like pupils to enter a photograph of any wildlife (plant, animal) that is found in their local area (so not a holiday photo). The photo can be emailed directly to the Head of Science, Mrs Cole: RCole@kings-taunton.co.uk The best photos will be included in the next edition of the magazine and there will be prizes for the different age groups. All photos must be with Mrs Cole by the end of half term. Happy snapping!

Reception

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Reception parents to this term's 'Stay and Play' next Tuesday at 2.00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to catch a glimpse of what your children have been up to during their first few weeks of school and for them to show you their classroom environment.

Please can all Reception children have a swimming kit in school all week please. The weather looks as if we may have a few days of sunshine and we are hopeful, if warm enough to take Reception swimming.

Lunch Menu

Week 2

Merits and Achievements

Reception H: Archie, Ida and Sienna

Year 1G: Cecily and Lettie

Year 1K: Emilia and Rufus

Year 2B: Archie and James

Pre-Prep Ambassador: Isabella

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery











