

Pelican News: 6 October 2023

Our Golden Rule focus for this week has been 'Do be Honest' and who else to seek support from to help us understand why 'honesty is the best policy' than Pinocchio! We watched a small clip from the movie where we saw how one small untruth can quickly snowball out of control and leave those around us feeling sad and worried. We also listened to a traditional Chinese story called, 'The Emperor's Contest' in which the emperor wanted to decide who would be his successor. He wanted someone truthful, so set a task to help make this important decision. He gave each candidate a seed and asked them to return with whatever grew from it. The candidates did not know that the seeds had been boiled and thus could not grow. The story helped us to reflect on the value of honesty and what can happen if we are courageous and tell the truth, even when it might appear the more difficult option to take. The children were confident in wanting to be like the hero in the story, Ling, who did not cheat but returned a year later with an empty pot and was astonished to find his integrity gained him the crown. Hopefully we can guide the children to be more like Ling and less like Pinocchio!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Harvest on Monday and hope you will be able to join us in the Arts Centre at 2.45pm. The children have been practising their songs and 'gusto' is the word which springs to mind to best describe their enthusiasm and energy! A reminder that the children are invited to bring in a non-perishable product to donate to the local charity Open Door. Hobbies will run as normal after the celebration, but should you wish to take your child home early just let us know.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

A reminder that should you wish to order Christmas cards or gifts with your child's design, the original design and confirmation of your order needs to be returned to school by Friday 13 October.

Year 1 & 2 Parent-Teacher Meetings

You have hopefully received a communication inviting you to make an appointment on My School Portal to meet with your child's class teacher on Monday 16 October. If this date is not convenient, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative date and time.

National Poetry Day with Mrs Lowery

For National Poetry Day in the Log Cabin Library this week, Mrs Lowery explained to the children that poems are like pictures made with words - you choose the words really carefully so they make a lovely picture in your mind. This week they shared some short poems and have even managed to act a few out. There were crocodiles snapping flies, wriggly writhing long grey eels, clanging mice, and shoulders that shrug as children decide what to gobble. The unanimous favourite poem from Pre-Prep was Nut Tree by Julia Donaldson. A special mention must be given to Reception who were so well behaved Mrs Lowery managed to snap a few pictures of them being the nut underground, their shoots beginning to show and their branches beginning to grow and sway in the autumn wind.



The Nut

Small, brown, hard, round,
The nut is lying underground.
Now a shoot begins to show.
Now the shoot begins to grow.
Tall, taller, tall as can be,
The shoot is growing into a tree.
And branches grow, and stretch and spread
With twigs and leaves above your head.
And on a windy autumn day
The nut tree bends, the branches sway,
The leaves fly off and whirl around,
And nuts go tumbling to the ground:
Small, brown, hard, round.



by Julia Donaldson

From Wriggle and Roar, by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt

Year 1

A reminder we will be visiting Lyte's Cary next Thursday 12 October as an enhancement to our Forest School learning. The children should wear their Forest School clothes as normal and bring a small backpack in which to carry their packed lunch (provided by school if your child normally has a school lunch). Please remember to send their water bottles too!

Lunch Menu

Week 3

Merits and Achievements

*Congratulations to Wilfie who has 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved his **Gold Award***

Reception H: Henry and Maggie

Year 1G: Henry and Otto

Year 1K: Leo and Max

Year 2B: Paul and Walter

Pre-Prep Ambassador: James

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery











