



Message from the Headteacher

13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is now in full swing and learners have settled well. The primary learners have begun swimming and secondary learners have started their work placements. Some are continuing their excellent work in their placement from last year at Donnington Doorstep and others have just started at County Print Finishers. They were all very positive when they came back and one of our learners told us they can 'already see themselves with a job.'

It was good to see some of you at our 'Little Wandle' phonics training for parents and carers on Tuesday evening. We hope more of you will explore the parents and carers' section on the website. If you have any further questions about how you can support your son or daughter at home, please contact Alison Martin. A whole range of resources can be found on <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> and if you need a reminder of your log in to our e-library so you can read the same book at home as your son or daughter is reading in school, please contact your class teacher on Dojo.

We are holding a similar evening this Tuesday to give you more information about Maths for Life, which we use to teach maths in a functional and relevant way to our learners. The session is in our primary hall between 5 and 6pm. If you are planning to attend, please let your class teacher know. We can also provide an online link for those of you unable to attend in person, which can be shared via Dojo, if you let your class teacher know in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week, when it will apparently not be so cold.

Best wishes

Lucy

Coming up:

Tuesday 17th
September

Maths for Life
training for
Parents/carers
primary site 5-6pm

October 2nd and 3rd
Parent/carer EHCP
outcome check ins
with teachers

Please see the
link for:

**Parent/Carer Key
Dates**



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



News from the Classrooms

OrangeClass

What an exciting week we've had. All our learners have been settling into routines beautifully and have really enjoyed exploring the classroom in every possible way. Sensory messy play has been a huge hit, from exploring squishy wet textures of custard, peppermint gloop and a chocolate cake birthday smash.

We have also been making the most of the outdoors, despite the weather. Our learners have loved watching and listening the hailstones and heavy rain this week. Sensory massage sessions have been really engaging, giving everyone a chance to relax at the end of a busy day.

We have also had loads of fun singing nursery rhymes, reading stories, and joining in with all our favourite songs too. It's been a busy but fantastic week for us all.



Bronze Class

This week in Bronze we have been very busy with our phonics and have also been visiting the library, borrowing and sharing books. We have been looking into this term's topic, heroes, and we have explored 'heroes in our community' and learnt about those who help us every day, such as firefighters and doctors. We also looked at the heroes who help us at home like you guys, the parents and carers who help our learners every day. We had a fantastic time visiting Rosie's cafe after reopening ready for the school year.

Our super hero motto is...

"When you have a dream, you've got to grab it and never let go."

— Carol Burnett





HEADTEACHER'S
AWARDS
AWARDED FOR LISTENING





Listening

The receiving, retaining and processing of information or ideas

Our Skills builder theme this term is 'listening'. At home, you can support your son or daughter to build their essential listening skills by

- Giving them opportunities to listen to and identify different sounds
- Naming the sounds they hear.
- Talking with your son or daughter about the importance of 'good listening
- Helping your son or daughter to identify where they already build their skills at school, at home or through other activities and clubs
- Praising your son or daughter when they show they are listening well, and helping them to feel a sense of achievement

At Mabel Prichard we are working to promoting a love of reading. Look out for these story books which all include Listening as a theme in your local library.

- My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook
- Listen Buddy by Helen Lester
- Lacey Walker, Nonstop Talker by Christianne C. Jones
- Worst Day of My Life Ever! by Julia Cook
- Why Should I Listen? by Claire Llewellyn
- I Have a Little Problem, Said the Bear by Heinz Janisch
- Quiet Please, Owen McPhee! by Trudy Ludwig and Patrice Barto
- Wordy Birdy by Tammi Sauer
- Listen, Listen by Phillis Gershator
- Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Susan Cornelison

Mabel's Reading Room is OPEN!

We are starting this term with a celebration of our community's love of reading. Reading together is so important and can lead to a life long love of books and stories. With that in mind we would like to invite all of our community (learners, staff and their families) to join in with a photo competition.

Please send us a photo, or photos (there is no limit of the number of entries) of you enjoying books. We will be sharing photos through displays around the school and in our newsletters. The best photos will be receiving prizes at the end of term. You can read anything, anywhere so please feel free to make your photos can be as creative as you would like!

It would be great to see as many members of our community involved as possible.

Have fun reading

Thanks

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Keeping Safe Online



Parents & carers

Advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

 Childnet



Homepage

Working with online safety experts, we're here to provide parents & carers with guidance, advice and support to keep children safe online

 Internet Matters /



Keeping children safe online

Learn more about children's online safety. Advice and support to help you learn about staying safe online as a family.

 NSPCC



Parents and Carers

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

 UK Safer Internet Centre



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