



Message from the Headteacher

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome your sons and daughters back into school this week. As a school community we have settled back well into our learning. It is an exciting term. Our inspiration theme is 'Into the Stars' and we have seen lots of learning around star based stories and some wonderful art based on the Famous Van Gogh painting 'Starry Night'. On the subject of art, many of our learners have started to explore the Arts Award this term and we are looking forward to letting you know how they get along.

It is a busy term, as you would expect at this time of year but before we get onto the events of December we have a few in November. On Wednesday the 13th we will be marking Positive Noticing Day (more details below) and on the 15th it is Children in Need.

As you may have seen next week is World Nursery Rhyme week and we will be getting involved. This will be an important part of our early phonics learning as well as being a really enjoyable week for so many of our learners.

Best wishes

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Positive Noticing
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News from the Classrooms

Orange Class

Orange Class have really enjoyed getting stuck into our Little Wandle Phonics programme. We've been listening to all sorts of sounds—from nursery rhymes to the noises of animals, clocks, trains, and even the seaside. When we're out and about in the community or school grounds, we try to identify environmental sounds like birds, crunchy Autumn leaves, traffic, helicopters (a firm class favourite!), and always, the exciting bin collectors!

We've been on the move too! Orange Class has been visiting different parts of the school, learning how to navigate and locate new spaces. The children have been showing great independence and confidence in finding their way, using different types of communication to support them.

Water play is always a big hit with Orange Class! Whether it's bubbles, warm or cold water, sticky textures, or even adding fresh fruit and jelly. We've been supporting our physical skills by handling various sized balls; reaching, grasping, banging, shaking, throwing, kicking, catching, rolling, stretching, pushing and dropping them.



Over the past few weeks, we've loved reading various stories about heroes but we really liked 'Matisse's Magical Trail' and 'Super Duper You!'— both of which celebrate our differences and remind us to embrace the unique heroes we all are! Both stories gave us the opportunity to explore some markmaking of circles and spirals, supporting shoulder, elbow and wrist pivots.

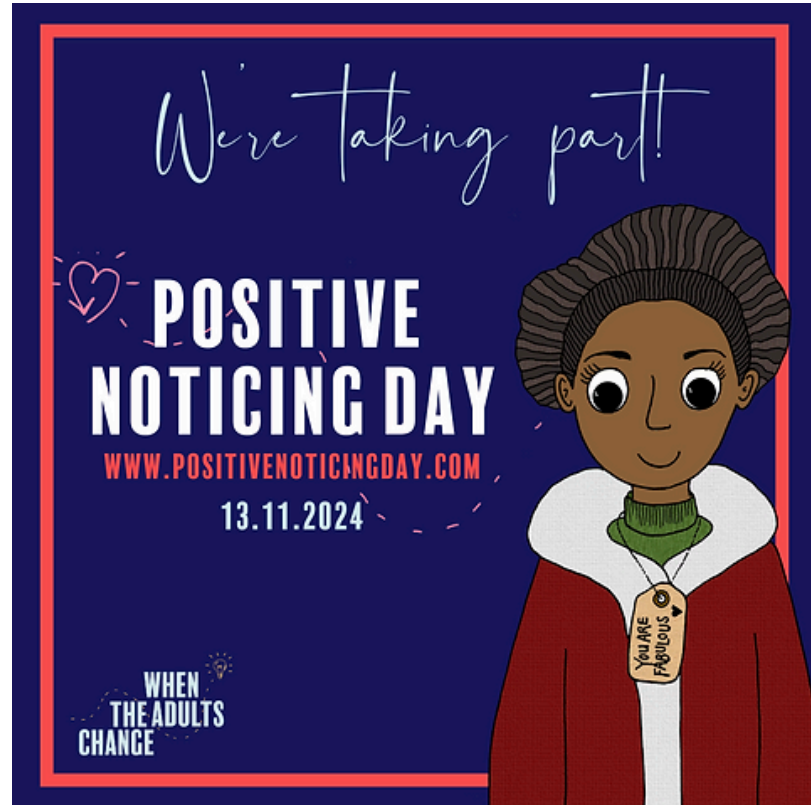
Gold Class

Our first week back has started with a bang, as Gold class celebrated Bonfire Night with some exciting, hands-on activities. We enjoyed creating beautiful firework prints, using bright, bold colours to bring the excitement of fireworks to life on paper. We also made edible sparklers, adding a tasty twist to our celebrations. To prepare for the chillier weather, we have been keeping everyone warm by learning how to cook a comforting leek and potato soup together. This has given us a great opportunity to continue last term's learning, of how to use tools safely when preparing food. It's been a wonderful week of creativity, teamwork, and exploring new textures and tastes.



This week we have also started our work on our Arts Award project. Keeping with this term's theme of 'Under the Stars', we have chosen to explore the famous picture, 'The Starry Night'. We have particularly enjoyed getting stuck into Van Gogh's creative spirit- the beards were quite the hit with both staff and students!

We have a very busy term ahead, but we are looking forward to seeing what all our friends at Mabel Prichard get up to!



We are delighted to be participating in Positive Noticing Day this year on Wednesday 13th November.

We will be spending some time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical, and highly effective. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health.

We will be encouraging pupils (and staff!) to positively notice one another.

We encourage families to join in at home too. You can write positive notes for family members on luggage labels, post it notes or pieces of paper. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 'I noticed that you put your plate by the sink, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you'
- 'I love the determination you are showing'
- 'You are so good at sharing with your sister/brother. You are such a kind person.'
- 'I noticed that you tried hard to get ready for school this morning. That made me really proud of you'
- 'Thank you for putting your clothes in the washing basket. I notice that you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'

We hope you enjoy the day, and we want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community! Thank you.

You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at <https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>



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Creativity

The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas

Creativity is about having ideas. It is about developing your confidence in different situations and having a go. This is something we see in our learners every day. You can apply creativity to every aspect of your life, be it school or home life. Often being part of a creative process, what ever that it, can leave us feeling great about ourselves.

The first step in developing our creativity is to explore our imagination. Explore imagination games and activities at home that develop your son or daughters imagination

- Playing with puppets/ toys/ teddies
- Playing shop, house, superhero
- Dress up
- Sharing and making up stories
- Would you rather games

Whatever you have a go at we would love to see your imagination at work.

Mabel's Reading Room is OPEN!

Next week we will be sharing some of the reading pictures we have received and giving out some prizes.

If you have not yet sent us a photo of your son or daughter reading and would like to enter please do so my Wednesday next week.

We have enjoyed looking at all the different ways our learners have been exploring a love of books.



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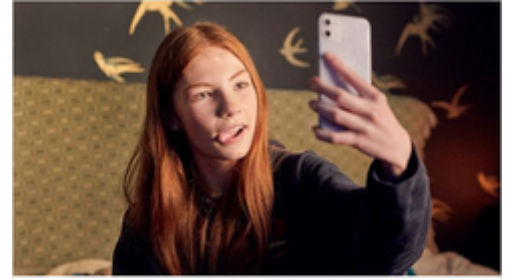
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