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Dear Parents and Carers



Viking Sagas

This morning, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed reading their Viking sagas to the Year 2s. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks learning about the story of Beowulf and trying to capture the same drama in their own story about a hero and a monster. It was fabulous to see the Year 2s so engaged with the stories.

"I found it fun because the year 2s seemed really interested in the sagas. It was enjoyable to explain what certain things were like a 'mead-hall'.

Sam B (Year 5)

"Writing our own sagas was fun. I loved reading mine to my little sister." Evelyn G (Year 5)

"I really liked reading to Year 2 and it's great for them to know what they'll be doing in Year 5!" Charlie M (Year 5)









BBC football stars

Coming soon to the BBC is the new series of 'The Football Academy' featuring our very own Sydney (just left) and Eliza (year 6) and their journey towards footballing greatness. Click on the link below to view the trailer.

It starts on Monday 9th October and Sydney and Eliza will likely feature in the 2nd and 3rd week as well as their main story in episode 9.

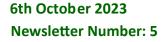


The Football Academy

A Cross Country Star!

Congratulations to Teo in 4D who won his first competitive cross-country event. Teo ran 1.5 miles in a brilliant time of 8 minutes 44 seconds. Well done Teo!





Winchester Poetry Festival

There are a number of events for children, young people, caregivers and families, at Winchester Poetry Festival 2023 - all celebrating language, rhyming and expression. Many of which are free to attend. They are all taking place at The ARC on Sat 14th and Sun 15th October. The full programme can be found here: https://www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/what-s-on

The events specifically for families and young people, are listed below:

I Am A Poetato with John Hegley - all ages - relaxed performance <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-a-poetato-family-show-with-john-hegley-tickets-665166199007</u>

Makaton Poetry For All - drop-in workshop for all ages (free) https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/makaton-poetry-for-all-drop-in-with-philip-crisford-tickets-698947048437

Writing Poetry In Your Languages workshop <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/writing-poetry-in-your-languages-workshop-with-andrea-davidson-tickets-665152167037</u>

Eggenwise poetry reading (free) <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eggenwise-reading-with-andrea-davidson-tickets-665170030467</u>

Poetry In Motion - BSL drop-in workshop for all ages (free) <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poetry-in-motion-bsl-drop-in-with-laura-wilcock-and-susan-cunningham-tickets-</u> 712996189797

PTFA Spending

We are so grateful for the support we received from you all last year. By baking, volunteering, donating goods, buying cakes, buying tickets to our events and joining in our fun, you all helped us raise an amazing **£21,500** in the last school year! This money all goes into the school for the pupils to benefit from.

These are the ways that we have spent the PTFA money in the last few months:

The new colourful shade sails in the play ground

The new picnic benches

The new beautiful tree carving in the story telling area of the woodland walk

A large contribution to the refurbishment and new resources for the library

A large contribution to the year 6 leavers party and the leavers hoodies

A Christmas book and Easter treat for every child

Contributions to the coaches for the school trips

We also acquired a grant from the Parish council for the new bird hide for the woodland walk

We are planning on funding two new wildlife cameras for the woodland walk which will be wonderful for our children.

We have the **autumn disco** and the **Christmas Fair** approaching. As always, we rely on our wonderful volunteers for these events to be possible so please do e-mail us if you're interested in volunteering or contributing to the PTFA work.

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(Written by the PTFA)



Spelling Shed

Impressively, 2C are still holding onto their top position and 2B and 4D are again following close behind. Which class is going to be the first to knock them off their top position? The gauntlet has been thrown... Millie and Gregory have had another fantastic week and hold onto their first and second positions. A particular well done to Vladislav for makes his first appearance on the leaders board this week – a truly amazing effort – well done.

<u>Classes</u>
1 st Place – 2C
2 nd Place – 2B
3 rd Place – 4D
Individuals
1 st Place – Millie, Year 2
2 nd Place – Gregory, Year 2
3 rd Place – Vladislav, Year 4

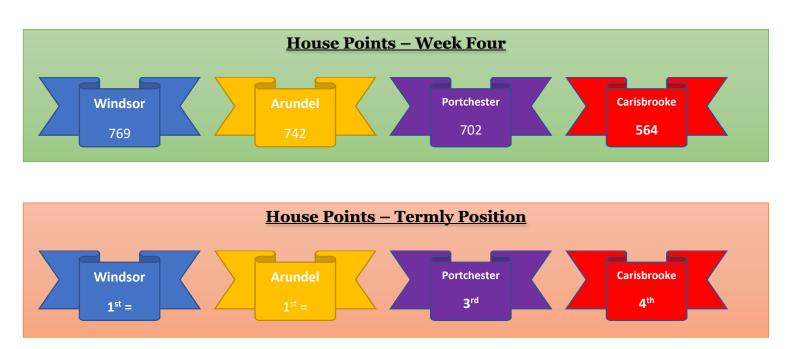
Maths Shed

For the FOURTH week in a row, 5VT have dominated the maths shed leader board! It was great to see a new name on our individual top three. Well done to all of our winners! Can **you** make it the top next week?

<u>Classes</u> 1st Place – 5VT 2nd Place – 6B 3rd Place – 6S

Individuals

 1^{st} Place – Antoni, Year 5 2^{nd} Place – Faith, Year 6 3^{rd} Place – Harry, Year 6



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