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Autumn (1) Newsletter 2023

What a super half term it has been!

We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the half term break.

We finish on **Friday 27th October** for one week and return to school on **Monday 6th November**.



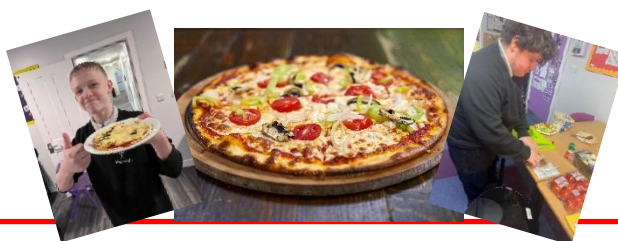
What have we been up to this half term?



Each half term we will discuss a subject to keep you informed about all of the exciting activities that have been happening around school. This half term's focus is; French.

In KS2 our topic this half term was 'All Aboard'. The pupils have completed some fabulous work about the weather, 'il fait chaud' at the moment! Pupils have also learned the days of the week by practising a little rhyme and created their very own calendars with; a type of weather, day of the week and month!

In KS3 our topic this half term was; 'Food and Family'. The pupils began the half term by naming food items they may buy in France. Then, they described where they like to go to eat and order their favourite foods. Finally, the pupils made pizzas – using the French names of the toppings they had learned this half term!



Inter-school Competitions

We have 'kicked' off to a great half term with inter-school competitions. Our KS2 and KS3 pupils have taken part in a football tournament and tag rugby tournament. They all displayed excellent sportsmanship by working amazingly as a team!

We have also held a chess and draughts competition – where our pupils executed great logic and thinking skills.

There is also a 'Purple Quiz League', that will run throughout the school year – for all key stages and teaching teams, watch this space!





Enrichment Days this half term

We have had lots of enrichment days this half term. During September the pupils celebrated Roald Dahl Day. The pupils took part in activities ranging from; researching and completing fact files about the author to carrying out maths challenges involving questions from specific Roald Dahl books.

Next up was National Fitness day and Bees were very busy participating in some cosmic yoga.

Wear it Wild was a big success! The pupils enjoyed; face painting, making animals, creating butterflies, compiling habitats for animals and they even took part in some animal Olympics.

In October the pupils explored Mental Health Awareness Day. Our lower school enjoyed participating in activities such as; considering their digital footprint and how they can use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Throughout the upper school they held some very mature conversations about mental health, how and why people may suffer with their mental health and what people can do to help their mental health.

For World food day, the lower school enjoyed tasting a variety of foods from around the world. Our older pupils explored how they can support other countries regarding food, such as; donating the food we do not need.

During E-Safety Day the pupils explored fake news, online responsibilities and created posters about how they are safe online, to list a few activities.

