



Nursteed Community Primary School

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Newsletter 6

Message from the Head:

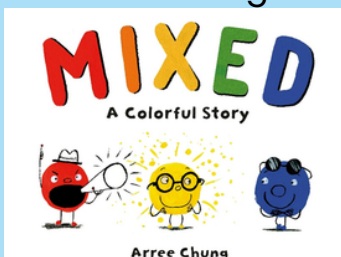
As we reach the end of our first term, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for a fantastic start to the year. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines, and our new members of staff have quickly become valued members of the Nursteed team.

A key focus for us this year is strengthening communication with parents. To support this, class newsletters will be sent home next week, providing a summary of learning and achievements from the term. We will also be holding Parents' Evening earlier next term, giving families an opportunity to discuss progress and next steps in learning.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd November. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Assemblies

This week, as part of our celebrations for Black History Month, I shared one of my favourite picture books: *Mixed*. The children showed great understanding of the message within this and also spoke positively about the black artists they had been listening to in class.



Celebration Assembly

This week, we celebrated Oliver, Ben, Pippa, Lucy, Isobel, Greyson and Aston – well done!

We also celebrated Zoey's rifle shooting, Liam's football trophy, Scarlett and Max's swimming certificates and a dance trophy from Scarlett. Scarlett and Isobel also competed in a national dance competition.



A Fantastic Start for the Nursteed Netball Team! 🏐

The Nursteed netball team played their first match in the Mid Wilts League this Wednesday, taking on a very experienced Urchfont side and previous league winners.

Although the team didn't come away with a win, I couldn't be prouder of their effort, determination and positive attitude. Having had just one training session, they picked up new skills and tactics remarkably quickly and showed real promise on court.

Their resilience and sportsmanship in the face of defeat were fantastic to see, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. The future looks bright for Nursteed netball, and we can't wait for the next fixture!



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week, I met with Orrin, Emily, Frankie, Bea, Rosa, Stanley and Alfie.



Some Reminders

The trim trail should not be used before or after school. While children enjoy using this equipment during the school day, there is no staff supervision outside school hours, and using it at these times presents a safety risk.

We would also ask parents and visitors not to drive or park on the school site at the beginning or end of the school day unless this has been agreed in advance. Keeping the site clear helps to ensure the safety of all children and families. Our gates are often open to allow access for parents and carers with disabilities, who are finding it increasingly difficult to access the designated disabled parking spaces.

Woodland Adventures at Dauntsey's School

Last Friday our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic visit to Dauntsey's School for a Woodland Adventure session. The pupils enjoyed a range of exciting Forest School activities, exploring the outdoors, developing teamwork skills and learning through hands-on experiences in nature. Throughout the visit, their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to our school, showing enthusiasm and curiosity. As a special treat, the children finished the session with a delicious hot chocolate and biscuit around the woodland area/fire. We are very grateful to the staff at Dauntsey's for providing such a memorable experience for our children.



Poppy Appeal

Thomas and Cerys have done a great job this week selling poppies and other items before and after school. Thank you so much for all your support – I will share the final amount raised.



Safeguarding

Each week, we will attach a Parent Guide to an app, area of online safety or safeguarding issue to give you an informed overview and practical tips on how to keep your child safe and discuss these topics together. This week, the guide focuses on parental controls and safety settings that can be used on devices to help protect children online.

Over the years, I have dealt with many situations where parents have believed that robust safety measures were in place, only to discover that their child had found a way around them. Children and young people are often far more technologically aware than we give them credit for, and parental controls are rarely completely fool-proof. While these tools are an important part of keeping children safe online, they work best when combined with regular conversations, active supervision and an ongoing interest in your child's online activity. By working together and keeping communication open, we can help children develop safe and responsible habits when using technology.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 21st October – last day of term 1
- Monday 2nd November – TD Day
- Tuesday 3rd November – first day of term 2

Important Information



1. You can book Before School Care (7.45am–8.45am) by visiting:
<https://bookings.phactiveed.co.uk/>

2. If you would like to contact Matt Clements regarding drumming, please email him on mattcdrumtuition@gmail.com.

3. If you think there is something that would help to improve our school we would love to hear from you. Feel free to email us on admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk so we can consider your ideas.

4. We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. If you would like to apply or know anyone who would, please visit our website for more details.



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