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Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to see you all coming into classrooms this term. Whilst this term has not been without challenges I can honestly say that the children have thrived. The whole school sang so beautifully in singing worship yesterday there wasn't a child or adult who left the hall without a smile. What a great place to be.

Our lovely EYFS team, despite having a temporary classroom at the moment, have been really busy developing their mathematical skills, choosing objects to balance scales, sounding out and blending letters to spell words, and search for mini-beasts.



Rabbits & Squirrels sing for 'Good Companions'

This week our EYFS children took the time to cheer others on a cold winters day by singing to the elderly this week. The children visited the village 'Good Companions' group to sing them a few favourite songs (with actions). They thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the audience after their wonderful performance and were rewarded well with a drink and biscuit. Well done Year R we are proud of you.



Year 3/4 Football Tournament

On Tuesday, a two teams of our Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Trafalgar School to compete in an indoor mixed football tournament. They showed great teamwork and determination throughout the morning. Well done to all the children involved, who ended the day taking home silver and bronze positions!



e-Safety in Year 3/4

On Wednesday, Year 3/4 learned about keeping safe online creating vivid visual messages to remind their peers that what they say online cannot be removed.



The World Feast Game in Falcons

On Wednesday of this week, Year 6 Falcons Class worked really hard to learn more about the world we live in. They played 'The World Feast Game', which had many a different focus, but which also highlighted the inequalities of our world. The children were involved in trading resources and creating different products. They had to work collaboratively, thinking about the economics of the world, the value of its resources and also taking care of the planet upon which we live. It was a morning full of fun and of learning how best to work with our neighbours.



Foxes and Dormice visit to Salisbury Fire Station

On Tuesday Foxes and Dormice classes visited Salisbury Fire Station to conclude their learning of last terms topic on The Great Fire of London. During their visit, they had the chance to explore the fire engines and all the different specialist equipment they need to help them in an emergency. They put their agility to the test in some physical tasks which included rolling up a hose and casting rescue ropes to their partners before getting the opportunity to feel like real firefighters by spraying the firefighters hose.



DPSA Nearly New Sale

A huge thank you to the DPSA, and in particular Paula Gardner, for organising the Nearly New Sale which took place last week. Not only was this an opportunity for our families to pick up uniform and also dressing up costumes at a affordable price, it also meant that perfectly good uniform went to a new home, supporting our Eco-Schools Green Flag status. We are pleased to share with you that the sale raised £230 and we hope to hold another sale later in the year towards Christmas with Christmas jumpers and nativity costumes available.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Paula Carter
Headteacher

