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Calder Vale St. John's News

Grow...achieve...explore...Grow...achieve...explore

A message from Mrs. Scholz

The Fire Service have been to visit us today to speak to Y5 and Y6 about road and fire safety. Our children knew an awful lot already but it was interesting to find out about some of the things which can be a fire risk such as e-scooters and e-bikes.

We are very grateful to Coggins Office Furniture who have given us some fantastic new equipment this week. Willow class have a sofa with matching stools, a new whiteboard and an amazing 'The Voice' style spinning chair—please the photo over the page. They have also give us new chairs for the staffroom!

News from our Classes

Bluebell Class This week in Bluebell Class we have enjoyed reading our new focus text, 'Supertato'. We have designed and created our own 'Supertatoes' using our D&T skills and we have used speech bubbles to compose our own super hero catch-phrases.In KS1 we focused on punctuation using speech marks and exclamation marks. We also worked on developing interesting adjectives and challenged ourselves to write expanded noun phrases when describing the main characters in the story. EYFS have been exploring and investigating our current season of winter. Earlier this week we created our own winter ice ornaments, using water, cranberries, pine, evergreen leaves and a sprinkle of glitter for the sparkle effect, after which we placed the winter ornaments in the freezer. We were excited to see the change from water to ice and we tied the ornaments up outside to see how long they would last outside before they melted. Sadly, it did not take very long, but regardless it was still lots of fun to watch the ice melt!

Willow Class
Year 4/5/6 have continued reading The Invention of Hugo Cabret—the illustrations are amazing! They wrote diary entries as Hugo and described their encounter with the old man. Year 3 are reading 'A Bear Called Paddington', they are finding Paddington's shenanigans hilarious. They created found posters describing Paddington and where he was found. Willow have created fabulous charcoal drawings based on illustrations from the books we are reading. They are amazing—we have lots of budding artists in this class!In Geography, we have used maps and compasses to find specific places on the Earth. It's trickier than you think! In PE, we got our climbing wall out, WOW- they loved it, a wonderful treat after some amazing gymnastics routines.Science lessons have focussed on teeth. We had a quiz on incisors, molars and canines; we know all about them. We even have actions to remember their jobs!

Lead Learners

Bluebell Class – The lead learner this week in Bluebell Class is George - for his determination to always try his best and follow our class rules.

Willow Class— Alfie R is our lead learner for writing an outstanding diary entry.

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th February—Children's RE Conference

Friday 14th February—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Monday 24th February—BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 28th February— COMIC ART MASTERCLASS for everyone!

Friday 4th April— BREAK UP FOR EASTER 1.30pm

If your child shows signs of being unwell...

- High temperature
- Rash
- Very flushed cheeks (this could be 'slapped cheek' disease)
- Sore, sticky eyes
- Sores around their mouth
- Bad cough/sore throat/ earache

Please don't send them into school until they have been seen by a doctor and/or are feeling better. A number of our children and staff are vulnerable to infection and we and want to keep everyone safe.

Thank you!

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