



# Newsletter

## October 2019



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### Message from Mrs Threlkeld

Dear Parents,

October has been another busy and productive month to date. Thank you for taking part in our recent Parent Survey. There were 139 hugely supportive responses and 67 notes of appreciation to our caring staff team with some helpful suggestions too. I smiled on reading 'You Guys Rock', 'Passionate teaching staff' showing support for our values to be Inclusive, engaging and nurturing. You can see a full summary on the website.

I was delighted that so many of you could join us for Harvest Festival at The Church at Perton. The singing was amazing especially Y4's 'Greatest Sow' and your efforts for the Christmas Shoebox appeal will bring happiness to receiving children in the Gambia.

**New Chair of Governors:** We thank Mrs Bailey for her tremendous support over the past 3 years as Chair of governors. Mrs Bailey continues her involvement with the academy as a Trust member with responsibility for monitoring Safeguarding and Well-being. Mr Marcus Francis is our new Chair of Governors and Mrs Jan Mc Shane is Vice Chair. Our LAC, Local academy council work as a team committing time and energy to make collective decisions in the best interests of the school.

Parents are to be respectfully reminded to be considerate to local residents when parking near school.

Year 4 Residential at Laches Wood has finally brought some autumnal sunshine along for the children to put on their wellies and enjoy their outdoor adventures. We end the half-term on Thursday, 24th Oct at 1.15pm for staff training with a focus on Music, Paediatric First Aid, and Curriculum progression in the new Ofsted framework.

Wishing all of our Perton school Community quality family time ahead.

*Mrs Threlkeld*

Please download our school APP or 'like' our Facebook page to keep up to date with school events.

### **Reminder:**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October -  
Finish at 1.15pm

Inset Day: Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October

Half Term: WC 28<sup>th</sup> October

School Reopens: Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November

### **Attendance:**

**Current attendance:**

**97.5%**

**School Target: 96%**

### Vessels of Victory

On Friday 18th October, Perton Library ran an event called the 'Vessels of Victory'. Every child who attended designed their own wooden boat which will become part of an installation at the National Memorial Arboretum. This was a great opportunity for the children to become more aware of the D-Day landings as each decorated vessel is now a symbol of remembrance.

### Harvest Celebrations

KS1 and KS2 made our school proud with their Harvest Celebrations at the Church, they put a lot of effort into their fantastic performances.

Reception invited Nursery to watch their Autumn celebration. They sang songs and showed their super Autumn collages. They talked about how to mix Autumn colours when they printed using apples and leaves. Nursery had lots of fun joining in the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow song. We talked about Autumn weather and animals which may be hibernating very soon.

**Thank you to all parents that could attend.**

### Laches Wood

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Laches Wood this half term. From making beds to caving and biking, our pupils worked on their key yoimojii values such as bravery, independence, resilience, kindness and curiosity.

Parents will be glad to know that the children can now successfully Hoover, sweep and clean - they did a great job of their chores whilst away! We've sung, danced, celebrated and laughed whilst at Laches Wood and that wasn't just the children! Miss Evans, Mrs Ellerton and Mrs Walleth were impressed with the children's drive to try all activities and had a lovely, tiring time!



### Upcoming Events:

Y4 Parent Assembly - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9am  
Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donations) - 24<sup>th</sup> October  
End of Term - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1.15pm  
School reopens - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
KS2 Film Festival - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Y3 Cadbury World - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Non-Uniform Day (bottle & Gift donations) - 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Year 1 Festive Celebration - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 2 Festive Celebration - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Infant Nativity - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Celebration Nursery - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
KS2 Carol Concert - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

For more information and future events, download our school APP and view the calendar.

### World Mental Health Day

It was World Mental Health day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Each class discussed feelings and how important it is to talk about how we feel. The children thought about their brains; how do we feel balanced inside our heads? We thought about things that make us wobbly inside and balanced them with things that make us happy.

Try to ensure that **Marvellous Me** is set up to keep in touch with your child's fantastic news! Send us a High 5!

### Y2 Visit to Stafford Castle

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Stafford Castle for their new topic "Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. They tried on various historical artefacts, create lavender bags and brass rubbings in order to understand how life was different in medieval times. Mr Naik and Miss Walton were very proud of Year 2's outstanding behaviour.



### PTFA Update

#### **Teddy / Cuddly Toy Donations**

The PTFA are asking for donations of teddy bears for the teddy tombola at the Christmas Fayre. These items can be brought into school up until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure all teddies are washed and in good condition.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Non-Uniform Day** (for all children) Please send donations of chocolate items that are in date until at least January 2020.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Non Uniform Day** (for all children)

Please send donations of bottles / gifts for our Christmas Fayre.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - PTFA Christmas Fayre**

The PTFA would like to hear from local stall holders who may be interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Stalls must be paid for in advance. Please leave details at the office or speak to a member of the PTFA if you are interested.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9am held in the staff room

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to support the PTFA, please email

[PTFA@pertonacademy.co.uk](mailto:PTFA@pertonacademy.co.uk) or speak to the school office.

### PE Update

**Football** - Well done to everyone that took part in the football trial this year. The standards were extremely high. Congratulations to the football squad, who will now be training each week. Our first matches will be on the 21st November. Each game week the football team will play two matches against two different schools.

**Cross Country** Well done to everyone that took part in the inter-school cross country event at Perton Middle School on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. All of our KS2 teams competed well and showed great determination to complete the circuits. Huge congratulations to our Year 4 girl's teams for finishing second overall and qualifying for the county finals in 2019!

**School Games Award** For the 2018/19 year, Mr Naik is pleased to announce that we earned the Gold School Games award, for the second year in a row, for all of the school competitions we took part in throughout the year. Our plaque is on display in the school office. Thank you to all of the children that competed and represented our Academy.

**Netball** - On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Ellerton took 7 children from year 4 to St Nicholas' to take part in a netball tournament with a cluster of local schools. The children had a lovely afternoon regardless of the results and Mrs Ellerton commented on what a pleasure they were to take. They didn't give up in any of their games and their confidence grew with each game they competed in. A big well done

### **Parent Workshops**

#### **Y2 Parent Workshop**

Base 5 and 6 explored their castle topic this half term by designing and making their own castles. This links to their understanding of material properties and how castles have developed over time.

#### **Y3 Parent Workshop**

Base 7 and 8 enjoyed the parent workshop - making and painting their own model volcano! This links to their topic 'Tremors' as they have been learning about the cause of volcanic eruptions as well as the devastating effect they have on people's lives and the environment.

**Thank you to all parents and guardians who could attend.**

# Early Years Updates

Explorers in Reception had a brilliant Diwali celebrations this week food tasting Pakora, and Jelebi (Indian sweets). On Tuesday this week, they celebrated with a craft-packed parent work shop. They made clay diva lamps, cards and Rangoli collage patterns. Staff dressed in traditional clothing and they listened and danced to some Bhangra music. They also tasted some more Jelebi. Delicious!

*Our parent survey link has been sent via marvellous me, please could all those who have attended complete the short survey.*



## Nursery News

Nursery have had a busy half term visiting the church, Corsers Court and Litter picking in the local area.

The Nursery children baked bread and walked to the church to donate our bread. Reverend Julia told us all about the colours of the rainbow using fruits and vegetables to make a rainbow on a tray. Nursery then sang a song about being grateful for our food.

At Corsers Court, the children shared song and stories with the residents. Smiles were seen all round and the children did a fantastic job performing.

Nursery have been working hard to make Perton a more beautiful place. We collected litter around the park to raise money for our outdoor area. Thank you to everyone that contributed.