



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2024

THE CIRCUS COMES TO ICKNIELD



On Monday 'Circus Steve' came to visit. To begin the day he entertained both upper and lower school with his circus skills. He had lots of willing helpers (Carter, Maciej, Summer, Tinashe and Danny) playing music on bells with the audience singing and pulling chairs from Steve's back, the whole hall was in fits of laughter. Oscar and Shelby were perfect helpers lying on a board held up by chairs, whilst Steve worked his magic, waved his wand and removed the chairs...both children stayed on the board whilst the audience gasped in amazement.





Throughout the day he ran workshops where the children explored circus activities including, pogo sticks, tightrope walking, ribbon dancing, plate spinning and batons. The smiles were infectious across the school.

Amelia said the circus was 'good' she enjoyed the 'pogo stick' 'Kyla and Amy' helped her;



Leon and Finlay said they 'enjoyed the pogo stick'.

Destiny had great fun with spinning plates! Maciej said "I enjoyed Steve teaching his skills, especially with the ribbon".

Jaycob said 'The rope walking was great!' and was incredibly resilient as he practised and practised flipping the baton from his feet into the air and catching it on the sticks. A great time was had by all.



CLASS FOCUS



This half term, Oboe class' topic is 'The World on a Plate'. Each week they are learning about a different country which includes looking at their flag, listening to their national anthem and popular music style, learning about festivals, landscapes and key features and cooking a dish from each country.

The class started the term focusing on India. The students enjoyed learning about Diwali through a department assembly, where they made Diva lamps, coloured in Rangoli patterns, tried some food and some even held a sparkler! Later in the week, they tried more Indian snacks (they love food in Oboe!) and had to comment on how they tasted and whether they liked it or not.

The second week, they concentrated on Portugal and enjoyed the attention autism lesson, where they learnt that Portugal has lots of beaches and splashed in a make shift beach. They also learnt about the Portuguese festival Semana Santa which is how Easter is celebrated in Portugal; they decorate their streets with lots of colourful flowers and have a parade. The class made their own flowers using colourful rice and dressed up in flower necklaces and headbands. They made egg custard tarts and practised careful pouring skills.



This week, the students started to learn about Brazil. They loved the Brazilian Samba music and using an interactive PowerPoint to play the different instruments. They then tried to follow a simple symbol composition to play their own Samba music. The class learnt about the Rio Carnival, looking at the wonderful colours and creating masks. Their attempt to make Brazilian cheese bread wasn't too successful though.

Alongside the World on a Plate topic, the Oboe students continue to enjoy offsite visits. So far this half term, they've visited Bourne Valley and explored the pumpkin patch – even smashing a few leftover pumpkins (with permission!) They've also started visiting the Weyhill Farm Shop to use the milk machine, following instructions, selecting a preferred flavour, taking turns each week.



WELCOME TO AYLA

Ayla joined our Drum Class recently and has settled in very quickly with the daily routines and fun that are involved with being in that class. She has made friends and is getting to know the staff. We hope she enjoys her time at Icknield.



GOOD LUCK JASMIN

Today one of our LSAs, Jasmin Coombs, went on maternity leave— her baby girl is due before Christmas! Jasmin has worked throughout the school working as a “floating” LSA and so is known by all the students. We all wish her the very best and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family next year.



CHILDREN IN NEED
FINAL TOTAL RAISED
BY ICKNIELD
SCHOOL—£163.85!

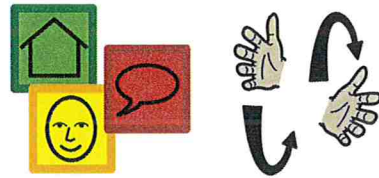
BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

Freddie, Maracas - 7 yrs old

Happy birthday!



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



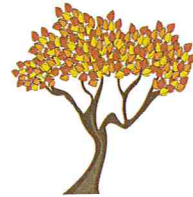
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DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

NOVEMBER

25th-28th Theme Day (1) - Kings & Queens

28th Tree Planting (Cello)



DECEMBER

4th FE Christmas Market

6th Hants Music Service Special Event,
Winchester Cathedral

9th FE Shopping trip to Basingstoke (part one)

10th FE Shopping trip to Andover

10th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)

11th FE Shopping trip to Basingstoke (part two)

11th Parent Group coffee afternoon (1.30pm-3pm)

12th School Nativity, St Mary's Church (details to follow)

17th House Reward Trip

19th Christmas Lunch & special guest visit (school only)

19th Christmas Lunch (FE only)

20th Last day of Autumn Term

DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

JANUARY

6th RETURN TO SCHOOL (School & FE)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award:

Chimes - Olly
Drum - Jessie
Maracas - Freddie
Tambourine - Shelby
Triangle - Jake R
Trumpet - Donnell
Oboe - Shristi
Banjo - Logan
Cello - Tomas



The School Superstar of the Week is ...DONNELL!!

Donnell is a lovely, happy, busy-body who enjoys nothing more than to keep everything in their correct place to ensure there is no disorder in the classroom!

He has an obsession with trainers and is often seen looking at staff's footwear to examine and admire them.

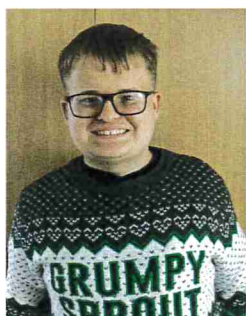
Donnell also likes to remind staff what month it is (in case they have forgotten) and is also partial to a massage.

He is very reliable when it comes to food—he will stop in the school reception every morning on his way to class to ensure he is ordered his preference from the lunch menu.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

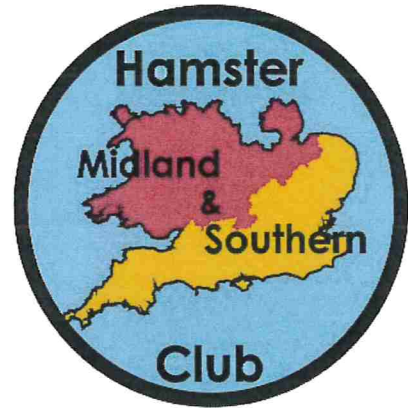
CHAMPIONS



Caynan
and
Jamie



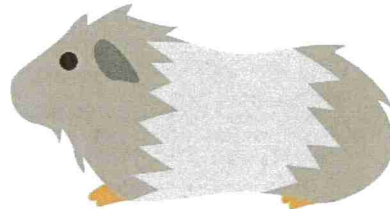
The Midland & Southern Hamster Club



Hamster Show

Saturday 23rd November 2024

There will be pet classes for Syrian & Dwarf Hamsters, Rabbits & Rodents. (Including Guinea Pigs, Rats, Mice, Gerbils etc).



Please bring your pet in its own cage or a suitable secure travelling box.

(All pets should be over 10 weeks of age)

Pets are judged on tameness & condition.

£1 entry fee per pet (Humans are free)

Pet classes judged at 12 noon.

(Please arrive by 11.45 to book your pet in - thank you)

Local contact: Wendy (wendypwsm@gmail.com)

Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover, SP11 0QN