



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 11th October 2024

# CLASS FOCUS



Banjo Class have been enjoying their new topic “Knights and Castles” where they have been learning about castles and their features, the jobs people may have had in a castle, the food they ate and the life of a knight. Ben has become an expert on castle features and can identify the battlements and turrets to name a few. They even had the chance to visit Portchester Castle which was a fantastic opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of a real life castle. It was a great day out, with Logan and Destiny especially enjoying dressing up as King and Queen, and Jack loving the opportunity to be a Knight and a King! Fergus really enjoyed exploring the castle walls, playing peek-a-boo through the different windows and doors and making Steph play hide-and-seek with him!

This week they enjoyed a medieval feast. They listened to some medieval music as they sat down around their big table requesting different foods such as bread, chicken and fruit. Finlay loved the bread, and kept requesting “more, please” whereas Leon much preferred the fruit on offer, especially the plums. Everyone looked very regal wearing the crowns they had recently made in Art lessons, where the focus has been on textiles. They have been working on designing and planning their crowns and then cutting and joining different materials. Arthur wasn't so sure about the food on offer but did enjoy wearing his crown with pride.



The work in Literacy has also linked well to their topic work. So far the students have enjoyed listening to and engaging in the stories “Zog” and “George and the Dragon”. Oscar liked flying his dragon glider in loops around the sky just like Zog does in the story. They made sock puppet dragons in Art alongside the dragon theme as well as exploring different adjectives that may be used to describe a dragon.



## PORTCHESTER CASTLE VISIT—09.10.24

Trumpet and Cello classes visited Portchester Castle on Wednesday, following on from Banjo and Oboe's visit a couple of weeks' ago.

They also have been learning all about castles this term, so this was an excellent opportunity to see and experience a real-life castle for themselves. They were met by the Education Team who put on a great workshop for the students, telling them all about castle life. They were able to dress up and feel different props such as knights' helmets and chainmail. There was more exploration of the castle, feeling the castle walls and soaking up the atmosphere. They looked at a longbow and talked about how soldiers would protect the castle. They even learnt about the types of food they may have eaten.

James and Jack said: *"I enjoyed wearing the full armour"*

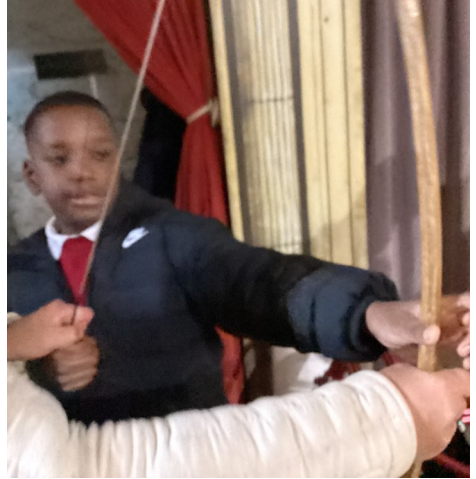
Tomas signed he liked the longbow

Karalina said *"I liked singing a song in the castle for upper school"*

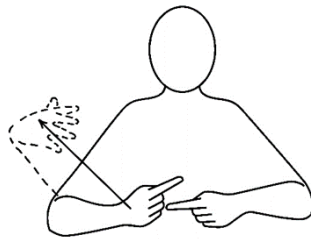
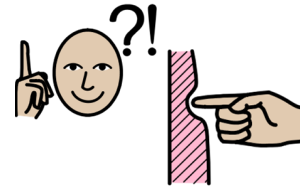
Danny said *"I saw a castle and flag. I had a go with a bow and dressed as a knight"*

Tinashe said *"I dressed as a king and had a good time"*

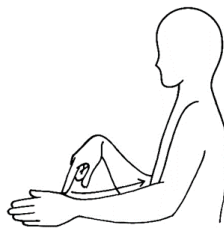




# SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



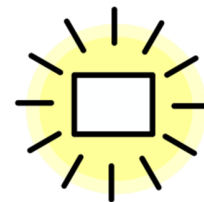
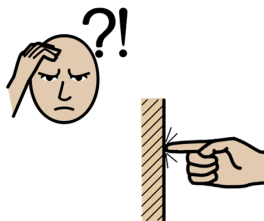
Fast



Slow



Easy/Soft



Difficult/Hard



Old



New

## HARVEST TIME

The Andover Food Bank would like to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival on Monday. They are grateful for your generosity and would like to send a special thank you to one particular donor ... you know who you are!



## SHOEBOX APPEAL

So far we have only received one request for shoeboxes for the appeal being organised by the Rotary Club.



If you feel you are able to help this year, please contact the school and we will provide you with a shoebox with more information about the ideal gifts to put in the shoebox. They mainly consist of items for hygiene, warmth, education and games to help with development, i.e. items that many children take for granted. There is also a further £2 requested to cover costs for transportation.

Please note, due to transportation logistics, the Rotary Club is now having to collect them from us during the week commencing **21st October**, instead of the week after the half term break.

### DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (1) 2024

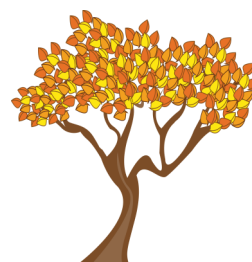
#### OCTOBER

- 15th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 16th Mottisfont visit (FE 1) - moved from 8th October
- 24th Parents' Evening
- 25th INSET DAY (FE ONLY)**
- 28th October—1st November—HALF TERM**

### DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

#### NOVEMBER

- 6th INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 13th School photographer
- 15th Children in Need
- 25th Theme Day (1) - Kings & Queens



#### DECEMBER

- 4th FE Christmas Market
- 6th Hants Music Service Special Event, Winchester Cathedral
- 10th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 12th School Nativity, St Mary's Church (details to follow)
- 17th House Reward Trip
- 19th Christmas Lunch & special guest visit
- 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 - Missy
- Drum - Lincoln
- Maracas - Freddie
- Tambourine - Gustavo
- Triangle - Akosua
- Trumpet - Tinashe
- Oboe - Kabya
- Banjo - Arthur
- Cello - Karalina



The School Superstar of the Week is **TINASHE!!!**

Tinashe is a student who is always very kind and ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His friendly nature makes him an admirable peer and he is always welcoming the students and staff with a smile. Tinashe has settled into his new class and thoroughly enjoys art, music and engages in his reading.

## FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

*(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)*



Talia

and

Sofia



## RED JUMPERS

If anyone has any outgrown Icknield School red jumpers, size Medium, please could they be sent into the school office next week.

Thank you.

