



AUTUMN TERM 2 – WEEK 3

Water Bottles

To add to our collection of lunchboxes, Willow now has multiple water bottles! Please can you ensure that the belongings your learner brings to school (including jumpers, water bottles and lunchboxes) are clearly named.

School Uniform

A reminder please, that all learners should be wearing school uniform. We appreciate that, for sensory reasons, not all learners are comfortable wearing the uniform of shirts and school skirts or trousers. Therefore, learners may wear the official uniform or dark trousers/jogging bottoms with a white t-shirt or collared shirt. Hoodies are not allowed. If you have any concerns regarding this, then please speak to your class teacher.

Stars of the Week

We are changing the way we award our stars of the week! More information is included on the next page!

Headteacher's Award



This week's Headteacher's Award is given to James for his recent participation in the DCC conference. We'll be hearing more about this in next week's newsletter!

Reminder - Coffee Morning & Internet Safety workshop

If you are interested in attending our Parent & Carer Coffee Morning on 5th December, with a workshop on Internet Safety led by Jon Galling from Devon County Council, please email Mel in the office to let us know.

Joke of the Week!

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A stick!

Thank you very much to George for our excellent joke of the week!



Our Values Stars of the Week

Moving forward, we will be changing our Stars of the Week to focus on our school values, which are featured below.

Respect
&
Resilience

Health
&
Happiness

Kindness
&
Independence

This week, as part of Anti Bullying Week, we are focusing on **kindness**. We have seen some fantastic examples of kindness this week and the following learners have all been awarded certificates in celebration of their kind acts.

Oak - Henry

For including everyone in games, during lunchtime and in the classroom

Larch - Ashley

For being kind to people in his class and looking after the fish

Beech - Billy

For being nice and helpful

Holly - Ella

For being respectful and polite to staff and students

Elm - Daylun

For kindness to his friends

Hazel - Junior

For his friendly engagement with classmates

Ash - Jasmine

For being kind and respectful at all times

Lime - James

For being kind and supportive to his peers

Maple - Tommy

For helping to regulate younger learners and being kind and friendly

Getting

know

to

you!

Let's get to know Jane,
who is our lovely
Safeguarding Officer!



What's your favourite dinosaur? *asked by Isabel P*

A pterodactyl - because they could fly!

What's your favourite movie? *asked by Izak*

The Hunger Games!

What made you want to work at Magdalen Court ? *asked by Arthur*

I came for a visit and it looked like a really good place to work.

What's your favourite TV show? *asked by George*

I don't really watch tv, I prefer to go for a run!

When you were small, did you like watching Disney films? *asked by Rosie*

Yes, I really liked watching Mulan with my children!

Where is your dream holiday spot? *asked by Theo*

I would like to go and walk the Great Wall of China.

What's your middle name? *asked by Hannah*

Marie

What is your favourite dog breed? *asked by Toby*

A collie because I know a lovely collie who is scared of cats!

What's your favourite state of America? *asked by Joseph*

Florida because it's got all the theme parks!

What is your favourite colour? *asked by Charlotte*

Green

Look out for more interviews in the future!

Food Tech

We have had another busy week in the Food Tech room, making pastry recipes! Oak and Larch class made some fabulous rock cakes, where learners re-capped the rub in method. Beech class developed their pastry handling skills whilst making spring rolls - brushing filo with melted butter before rolling up the beautiful bundles of veg into neat little packages. Learners in Elm and Holly classes made a short crust pastry from scratch for their sausage rolls recipe, where they got to choose from a range of ingredients to add to their fillings. Learners in Ash & Hazel have now chosen their recipes and Ash class began practicing their recipes. Learners in year 11 and post 16 made mini quiches using a savoury short crust pastry, developing skills with rolling, handling and cutting pastry. Level 2 learners made a fantastic French style apple tart this week.

Next week, Oak and Larch class will make ginger biscuits. Learners in Beech, Elm & Holly will develop their bread skills when making bread roll shapes with quick active yeast. Learners in Ash, Hazel, Lime and Maple will begin some Christmas baking preparations by making a mincemeat recipe.



Christmas Fayre

PAFOM are holding our annual Christmas Fayre on the 8th of December 4pm - 7pm. This year, we're extending the invite to friends and family, so please invite aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc! We have been super busy planning. Here's a taster of what we have lined up so far including an appearance by Elfic the Jester:

- Bumper Raffle
- Soft toy sale
- Chocolate & bottle tombolas
- Gingerbread decorating
- Lucky Dip
- Cakes, burgers & refreshments
- Enjoy a delicious hot chocolate with whipped cream & marshmallows

As usual, we would really appreciate your help. Any donations of alcohol or soft drinks and chocolate for the tombolas, cakes for the cake stall and raffle prizes. Please hand any donations to reception.



Craft Sellers for Christmas Market

We're also hoping to have a few craft stalls attend the event, so if you know anyone who could be interested in attending, please contact us. If you have any questions or would like to know more info about the craft stalls, please message PAFOM on pafomgroup@gmail.com

MAGDALEN COURT SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

8TH DECEMBER 4PM - 7PM

**CRAFT
SELLERS
WANTED**

£10 per stall

contact us: pafomgroup@gmail.com

Next Week

Please find the schedule for next week below, as well as on the website and social media. Please continue to ensure learners bring sufficient layers and appropriate footwear on their Outdoor Education days.

AUTUMN 2 - WEEK 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Outdoor Ed Oak & Larch (Forest School Activities)	Outdoor Ed Holly & Elm (Forest School Activities)	Outdoor Ed Beech (Forest School Activities)
Food Hazel (Mincemeat)	Food Year 11/Post 16 (Mincemeat) Larch (Ginger Biscuits)	Food: Elm (Bread rolls) Ash (Mincemeat) Oak (Ginger Biscuits)

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Outdoor Ed Ash & Hazel (Forest School Activities)	Outdoor Ed Year 11 & Post 16 (Forest School Activities)
Food Holly (Bread Rolls) Post 16 (Mincemeat)	Food Beech (Bread Rolls)

Safeguarding

This week, our safeguarding focus is connected to both our school values and Anti Bullying Week - kindness online! Sometimes, the internet is a place that can be dangerous or risky. However, it can also be a place full of positivity! We can speak to our friends who might be feeling lonely and share things that we might like or recommend!

As with all our online safety topics, one of the best ways to keep your learners safe is to have open conversations at home - maybe you could chat about the positives of being online, over the weekend!

If you would like to discuss any topics further then please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Officer Jane, or Pastoral Practitioner Grace.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

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