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**Weekly outdoor learning
with Woodland Forest
School**

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Message from Mrs Conlan

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school at our harvest assemblies and parents evening this week. We tried something new with the Harvest assembly for Rising Reception this year including a shared breakfast between children and parents and also a shared craft activity. Feedback from children, staff and parents was extremely positive and we are already planning further events for later in the year involving families enjoying time in school together.

As the half term ends, I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome at Pre-Prep Leatherhead. I am thoroughly enjoying being the Headteacher and working alongside such wonderful children and staff and such supportive parents. I already knew this school was a special place but my time here so far has confirmed this time and

again and although I am ready for half term and will thoroughly enjoy the rest, I am also looking forward to continuing to work with everyone throughout the remainder of this year and into the future.

After half term you will start to see a few small changes which from my own observations and feedback from staff and parents will (hopefully) improve some systems and structures in school. Of course these will all be communicated to you so you are aware of what we are changing and why. Full feedback from the parent questionnaire will also be coming out after half term.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break and comes back with recharged batteries ready for the lead up to Christmas!

Harvest Breakfast for RR

On Thursday morning Rising Reception had their first ever Harvest breakfast. The morning began with breakfast in the hall with parents and family and then singing autumn songs we have been learning since the beginning of the term.



The children did a fantastic job. Parents then joined their child in the classroom to complete a lovely autumn craft. The children enjoyed having parents and family in their classroom and showing all their hard work since starting in Rising Reception.



Garson's Farm



Reception had a lovely morning at Garson's Farm on Tuesday. Thankfully the weather held as we enjoyed a tractor ride to the pumpkin field. The children were excited to pick their own pumpkin and even though the teachers had said, "make

sure you can carry it" we still had some rather huge pumpkins being dragged back to the tractor!

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their morning and we look forward to hearing what they are going to do with their pumpkins at home.



Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'.

- Ladybirds - Billy
- Butterflies - Byron
- Rabbits - Hugo
- Foxes - Ellie
- Owls - Ted
- Squirrels - Emma



Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebrations assembly.

Congratulations to the following children...

- Rabbits - Whole Class
- Foxes - Mya
- Owls - Sia
- Squirrels - Amy



Useful contacts



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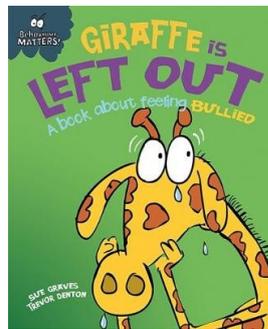
Year 1 Discovery Morning at Main Site

There was great excitement and anticipation on Tuesday morning as the Year 1 children set off to the Main Site for a Discovery morning of 'Woodland Creatures' themed activities. After a warm welcome from the Year 2 teachers and children, it was off to the computer suite to create owls sitting in an oak tree. Then it was time to explore the spacious play areas and enjoy snacks outside before returning inside for animal mask



making. Our busy morning ended with a story in the 'break out' area where the children perched on colourful, cosy seats to listen to a story. Back at school, the children happily put their finishing touches to their masks and lots of little woodland creatures greeted their parents at home time. Well done Year 1 and thank you to Year 2 for being such friendly and welcoming hosts.

Whole school focus



After half term we are starting a whole school focus on kindness and friendship to link in with anti-bullying week which we will be calling kindness week to reflect the age of our children. The focus will be shared through teaching activities and circle time, assemblies, staff training, changed processes in school and information sharing with parents. The focus started gently this week by sharing the story Giraffe is left out with R and Y1.

News from main site

It was wonderful to see the Year 1 pupils from our Pre-Preps having such an inspiring time at our Discovery Day at Main Site this week. Smiling faces were plentiful as they enjoyed working with our Year 2 team in the new facilities, and all with a STEAM theme. Have a wonderful half-term break everybody!
Mr I Thorpe

Events Week Commencing 4th November

Lunch Menu Week 2

Mon		Return from half term
Tues	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Wed	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Thurs	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
		Nasal flu immunisation for R and Year 1
	7.30pm	Parent workshop—how we teach phonics and reading
Fri		

Inspiring young minds