



## Newsletter - Friday 13th September 2024

Next week's menu is Week 3

### Celebrations!



Very well done to the following children who received an Allstar nomination this week:

**Be proud: Alissia, Muhammed, Ariana**

**Be kind and caring – Nolan-Gabriel, Freya**

**Be independent – Emmanuel**

### Monster Points

Well done to the first children to be awarded a Monster Points certificate!



### 25 Monster Points:

Jacek, Ellie, Salma and Kian

### Attendance

Congratulations to Squirrel Class for 100% attendance last week!

### Jeans for Genes

We are pleased to be supporting Jeans for Genes next Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

September. This charity raises money to improve the lives of children with genetic conditions.

All children are invited to wear their jeans or joggers for the day for a £1 donation. Please wear school uniform tops.



### Asda Cashpot

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the app – and done some shopping! There is currently £83.70 in our cashpot!



### Dates for your diary:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – Infant Hall (for Junior parents also)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y1, Y2, Y3 Harvest Festival at TAIS – 9.15am

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Y1, Y2, Y3 Harvest Festival at TAJ – 9.15am

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – End of half term

**Have a lovely weekend.**



## Spotlight on Learning

### Year R

Literacy: The children have been thinking about all the things that makes them 'unique'. The children also brought in photographs of their family members and got to share these during Circle Time.

Maths: They have been learning about 'matching' and 'sorting'.

### Year 1

English: The children have been doing drama – acting out the story of The Gingerbread Man and hot-seating the characters. The week culminated in preparing and baking delicious gingerbread men!

Maths: Year 1 have been counting on from a particular number and drawing chalk number lines to aid their understanding.

History: The children had great fun exploring objects that might have been in their grandparents' homes (and some staff!) A telephone with a dial sparked huge interest – and the fact that you can't move too far when using it!



### Year 2

Maths: They have continued their work on place value, with a focus on comparing numbers e.g.  $10+5 < 25$  and then ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and greatest to smallest. They can talk about how many tens a number has to help them decide if it is smaller or greater.

English: After reading Jack and the Beanstalk last week, they have written some of their own settings for the top of the beanstalk. They drew their setting and thought about what adjectives they could use to describe it. Then, they wrote descriptive sentences using their senses.



Geography: They were exploring the question 'Why are there so many dairy farms in Devon?' They looked at the area of Devon on a map and some pictures of the farming areas. They were identifying human features and physical features. They then looked at the differences in temperature, rainfall and sunshine compared the rest of the UK.



Science: They investigated the question 'Are hard materials absorbent?' and explored hard materials such as wood, metal, plastic and rock.

DT: They are exploring levers and hinges this week, they made a card which showed an egg hatching so used a hinge to open and close the egg. The children enjoyed deciding what would hatch from their eggs!