



## *Sundon Lower School*

### *Half Term School News - Autumn (2) 2023*

*Welcome to our Autumn edition of School News. This is our half-termly newsletter where we celebrate all the wonderful things that we have been doing over the half term. We hope that you enjoy reading about our exciting Autumn Term!*

#### **Message from our Headteacher**

The Autumn Term is always a busy one! The school has been filled the buzz of singing, dancing and performing as the children have practised for different performances: Music Assembly, the Oak Class Nativity, KS1 Nativities and Choir Concerts, to name but a few. We have included some photos and write ups about some of these events in this newsletter.

This term we have also had lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place, as well as opportunities for some of our classes to organise their own charity events. All of these events contribute to making our school the place it is – where we focus on values and personal development as well academic lessons. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this term, as always.

As we near the end of term, the children are excited to spend the holidays with their families. When they return to school in January, they will share stories of what you did together. This Christmas, please take the time to be together and enjoy making memories. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

#### **Swan Class**

##### **Autumn Investigation**

We had lots of fun investigating pumpkins and finding out what was inside them.



### Diwali

Diwali is such a fun, colourful time for us in Swan Class! We took part in lots of activities, including dressing up, decorating our hands with mehndi and arts and crafts.



### Handa's Surprise

We have been looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise' and got to try lots of different types of fruit.



### No Pen Day

On 29th November we held a 'No Pen Day'. The day was filled with lots of stories and fun activities.

### The Return of the Elf

Buddy the Elf has returned to Swan Class all the way from the North Pole. The children have been excited to see what antics he has been up to everyday!



## Swan Class Christmas Show

Nursery and Reception children have been very busy learning some cracking Christmas songs this half term. They enjoyed performing them in front of their families at the Nativity shows.



**Golden Book 20.12.23**  
Eisa



**Wow work**  
Lillia  
Aahil

## Dove Class

Dove Class has been busy this half term. We have learnt a lot about shape and no pen day we made pictures just using shapes.



In English, we did show and tell about our imaginary items

In P.S.H.E we learnt about animals and humans. We had fun drawing a round 2 children to give us the shape of a human then in groups we labelled all the body parts.



Dove Class worked hard to bring their Christmas play together and we hope you enjoyed it.

**Josh:** It was fun! I was a reindeer with a red nose.

**Lily:** It was so much fun. I liked being an elf.

**Aurora:** It was exciting. The best bit was the tapping away part.



**Golden Book 20.12.23**  
Amara



**Wow work**  
Patrick  
David

## Owl Class

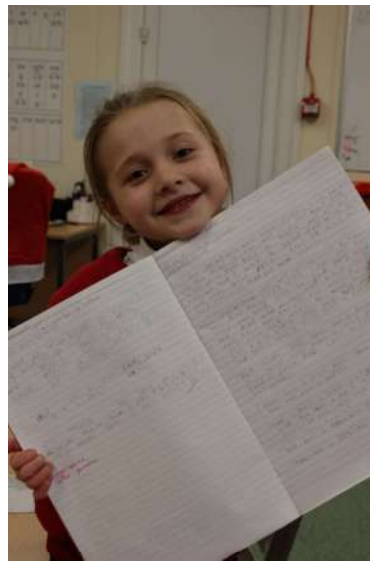
### English

Owl Class have based all their English Lessons on *Winter's Child* by Angela MacAllister. We have loved discussing the amazing artwork within the story and the children have done lots of creative writing as a result. The children are busy planning their own versions of the story using the title *Spring's Child*.

**Haajer:** My favourite subject is English because we are writing a story and that is my favourite thing to do!

**James:** I have really enjoyed English because I love writing. James

**Roxy:** I have the opportunity to write a story in a good amount of time and not rush and fill my brain with ideas!



## **PE**

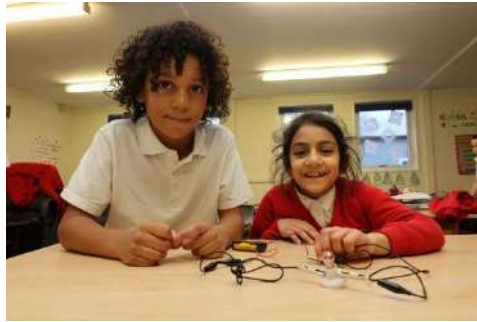
In PE, we have been learning about Handball and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. We have been making good use of the new orienteering resources we purchased last year, learning map reading skills and solving problems as we navigate around the school site. One of our favourite challenges was finding an animal starting with every letter of the alphabet!



## **Science**

In Science, we have been learning about electricity and the impact it has on everyday life. We have learnt about simple and parallel circuits and how to make bulbs brighter.

**Nico:** I have really enjoyed making circuits this half term.



### DT

We have used our Science knowledge of electrical circuits, to research, design and make a battery powered lamp, using recycled materials.

**Jeevan:** I've enjoyed DT because we have played with circuits!

### P-Buzz

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the P-Buzz, a combination of trumpet and trombone, designed specifically for younger children. They were delighted to share what they had already learned with parents and carers in our first music assembly.

I've enjoyed Mr Bruno teaching us P-Buzz because I really want to learn to play an instrument. Saffiya

I have really enjoyed P-Buzz because I liked the sound and I just really enjoy playing it. Felix



**Golden Book 20.12.23**  
Reevah



**Wow work**  
Harrison  
Jason

## Choir

This half term the choir have been working very hard to learn some lovely Christmas songs. They sung alongside Harlington Lower School and Silsoe Lower School at a concert with Ampthill Town Band. The children showed the value of patience as well as enjoying themselves and bringing lots of festive cheer to their parents and the other audience members.



## Does your child want to play a brass instrument?



Following on from the Harlington and Sundon Lower School choirs performing at Ampthill Town Band's Christmas Concert on Sunday 10th December, Mark Lowe came in to do a brass assembly on Thursday of this week.

Also, Mr Bruno from Inspiring Music has been teaching the pBuzz (an introductory brass instrument) with year 3 and 4. They have really enjoyed these lessons and have already learnt the basics required to play any brass instrument. The next step for those who are interested is to move on to one of the brass instruments listed above.

There has been lots of interest in children wanting to learn to play a brass instrument. If your child has shown an interest to play the cornet, trumpet, tenor horn, euphonium and trombone (pBone), an Inspiring Music tutor can start these lessons in 2024.

We are very much looking forward to seeing lots of new children playing brass instruments, as they realise how enjoyable learning a musical instrument can be.

So, if your child is now interested in having brass lessons, please find out more information [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please do email Mark at [Mark.Lowe2@CentralBedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.Lowe2@CentralBedfordshire.gov.uk)