



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week at Capel, so we have lots to share with you in our newsletter this week.

You will see that we have a new Headboy and Headgirl. We are so thrilled that Helaina and Jamie were voted to represent the pupils of Capel, and the speeches they wrote demonstrated their commitment to their fellow pupils. We know they will do an amazing job and you will be hearing more from them in future newsletters.

We have also included some lovely updates from some classes, harvest news, details about our Fantastic Fred visit and our upcoming Owl visit next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our pupils and staff.

Best wishes

Suzanne Farr

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that Jamie Gandon is our new Headboy and Helaina Beasley is our new Headgirl.

We couldn't be prouder of everyone who stood for the election, but would especially like to congratulate Helaina and Jamie for their win.

We know they will represent the school fantastically !

Congratulations.



## Year R and Year 6 Buddies!

This week the year R children had the chance to properly get to know their year 6 buddies. The year 6 children have been helping out lots with our new entrants, especially at lunch times, so it was great to have the opportunity for us all to get to know them a little bit better.



Thank you year 6!

## Upcoming Dates and events

12th October—Year 2 Event

13th October—Author visit to school

14th October—Owl visitors to school

15th October—Harvest Festival

18th October—School photos

19th October—Reading Army Training 2pm

21st October—Kent Test results

21st and 22nd October 9:30-11:30 Open mornings for prospective new parents

25th October—Half Term

1st November— Term 2 starts

9th and 10th November—Parent Consultations—virtual

12th November—Year 3 Class Assembly (parents invited)

24th November—Science Day

2nd December—Enrichment Day

6th/7th December—KS1 Xmas production

13th December—Christmas Lunch

16th December—Pupils last Day

17th December—INSET day.

After-School club have been busy growing vegetables and have been lucky enough to eat them as part of their dinners. Here we can see them enjoying a tasty pasta meal with all their vegetables.

Well done After-School Club



The Fantastic FRED Experience is a FREE live performance-led mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors.

Children were able to take part in a live, interactive and engaging performance delivered inside an immersive mobile classroom.

Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivered simple, memorable and practical ways that our children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health.

The children consider the healthiest ways to approach Food Rest Exercise Devices. They consider ways to eat a balanced diet, how rest helps them to think more clearly and manage their emotions and how exercise can boost the way they feel. They also consider sensible use of devices, not only the how, but also when.

The classes were entertained and educated brilliantly and we would like to thank the NHS for providing this fantastic resource.

Class 4 have been busy investigating Sound in Science. They recognised that sound is made when something vibrates and then the vibrations travel through a medium to the ear. They did many experiments including string telephones and rice grains dancing above a drum! They extended their knowledge by conducting an investigation 'What happens to the sound of a drum when we get further away from it?' They used meter wheel or meter stick to measure the distance and an app to measure the loudness of the drum.



Next week, we are being visited by Night Owls. They are bringing along a range of fascinating birds, that the children can watch fly and learn about their habits. If you would like to learn more, you can find them at [www.niteowls.co.uk](http://www.niteowls.co.uk). A letter has been sent home to all families too.

The children will be given the opportunity to have their photograph taken with an owl, which you may then choose to purchase if you wish. The children will be asked if they wish to have their photo taken, they will not be encouraged to if they would sooner not.

If you do not wish for your child to have their photo taken, please send a message, via Dojo, to your class teacher. A reminder will be sent out to parents, via Dojo, before the event.





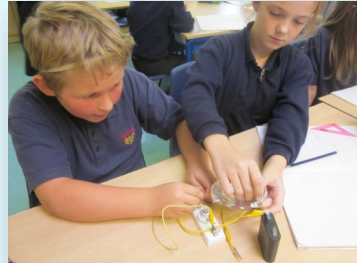
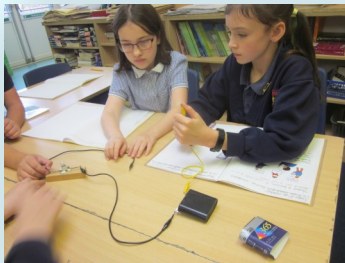


#### Class R's autumn wellie walk

Class R have been exploring autumn this week through lots of different ways, but one of our highlights was our autumn wellie walk! We noticed and talked about how and why the leaves are changing colour and falling off the trees and we found out first-hand how the temperature is dropping! The children did some super scavenging and found lots of different signs of autumn which they collected up. We even found some mushrooms around the bottom of a tree and some berries, but talked about how we need to be careful when exploring these. We also noticed some burrows and had a think about what could be living there. We had lots of fun doing some super exploring!

Year 6 were invited to Somerhill to meet Thomas Taylor, the author of Malamander. They had an amazing time looking at items that have inspired this author to write his fantastic books! Mermaid Tears, Ocean Monster tails and Real Dinosaur Poo (fossilised, but still with a visible shark's tooth in it)!

Lots of the class came away with signed books from the author, and are already nose deep into the mystery of the mysterious Malamander Monster.



This week in year 5, we have been learning all about electrical conductors and insulators. To test our predictions, we conducted a test on different materials to see if the bulb in our circuit still lit. If it did then we were able to tell this was an electrical conductor.

#### Harvest!

Next week is our Harvest Festival. We will be having a special assembly with small presentations made by each class. Unlike previous years, we will not be having a food collection to be delivered within our local community, but instead will be having a collection. All money raised will go to our local Foodbank to support our community. Please could children bring in any donations from Wednesday. Thank you.

