



A big Welcome to our new class of Little Acorns!

All children have settled in really well, they are busy having so much fun and forming lots of new friendships.



This half term in Reception, we have been very busy learning about Pirates! The children have enjoyed our pirate ship role play area, making pirate hats, eyepatches and parrots. We have been learning all about pirate ships and how to talk like a pirate - argh!

Next half term we are learning all about 'people who help us'. Da iawn Dosbarth Fir, a very busy half term!



In Dosbarth Derwen we designed and made a healthy porridge after we taste tested all of the different fruits. They were delicious!!! We know why Goldilocks would have wanted to try the three bears now! Year 2 have also enjoyed an amazing Animals and Habitats presentation from Explore which consolidated our learning about different animals and the conditions they needed to survive.



In our Talk Boost Oracy group with Mrs Lewis, we have been working together to create our very own story. We were the Authors and the Illustrators.

We worked on sentence building and descriptive words to make our story exciting to read. The title of the story is Queen Elsa's Kingdom and each child will have a copy of their own to share at home. We also have a copy for the children to read in class.

Well done to Eli, Lily, Emie and Ranni-Rae!

After sharing the story with the rest of the class, they were given some fantastic feedback! "That was the best story ever!" "I loved it!" "It was exciting!"

The children are now bursting with pride at their wonderful achievement!

Year 1 were mini- mini police during their crime scene investigation.



This half-term Silver Birch's book focus has been Goldilocks and the three bears. First we became familiar and used actions and story plans to retell the story confidently. We then became detectives and had to solve a crime scene that happened in our classroom! Next, we received a letter from Goldilocks herself, apologising for the mess she had made. We have worked in pairs to create puppets and scenery and used stop motion to create our own animation of the story. Finally, have designed our own healthy porridge and even worked in groups to make the porridge! Who knew learning could be so much fun!

Attendance letters will be sent out during half term and if you have any concerns please pop in and see Mrs Thomas. After half term we will be working hard to improve our attendance. We are hoping that all the bugs and illnesses will ease off with spring coming. We will continue with 'In to win' every Friday and prizes and certificates during Celebration assembly for great attendance.

Mrs Thomas will also be sending a list of Family Engagement activities out where you will be invited in to join your child with lots of different opportunities!

Punctuality - 'don't miss the train' as Mr N used to say! Parents will now be asked to sign their children in and provide a reason for being late and be responsible for their dinner order.

The applications for our second Early Entitlement Intake will open on 12th February. This funding is available for all children with a date of birth between 8th Jan 2021 and 7 April 2021. Mrs Quirk will share a link on her Westwood Stay & play page once the applications have opened. The next Stay and Play session is March 4th 9.15-10pm - 2.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity for new families to attend, meet the staff and see our wonderful setting in action.

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Magnolia Class have used their pupil voice and asked to learn about Chinese New Year. They spent an afternoon looking at how the years are named after different animals. They then compared new year in the UK with Chinese New Year. After, they made lanterns that are very popular decorations for Chinese New Year.



Year 6 student, Tegan Bailey is leading on the production of a school mural, recruiting artists throughout school and taking responsibility for the design and artwork.

The attention to detail is stunning – very impressive.



## IN OTHER NEWS!

Since Christmas, children from Years 3-6 have been taking part every Wednesday in our after-school football club. The football sessions have included lots of skills, smiles and fun! A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Kelly for helping organise our football club. Please keep an eye out for more after-school clubs when we return after the February half term.



A huge well done to the Mini Police for raising awareness about the parking and traffic issues outside of school!  
HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE by parking responsibly!



Our School Council had a very interesting morning at County Hall, on Tuesday 16th January, visiting the Chair of Flintshire, Councillor Gladys Healey. They learned a lot about how big decisions are made in the council chambers. They even got to have a go at using the gavel which is used in very important council meetings.



### Young Voices 2024

I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Brown and Mrs Webster for all their hard work in organising such a fabulous trip.



Our dedicated and talented Young Voices Choir saw all their hard work pay off this week when they performed at Manchester's AO arena with over 9,000 other children. Brilliant to see siblings and Cousins performing together too.



As you all know, we have very strong links with Marleyfield care home. We would like to acknowledge the very recent and sad passing of one of the residents from Marleyfield; Leslie who had shared his 100th birthday with our children last summer. He also shared his experiences of war with the children when he told them about the medals he had received for his efforts. Rest in peace Leslie.

