

Friday 19 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great start to the school year with lots of successes both as a school and for individuals. Our new pupils have settled really well and we have been enjoying getting to know them. We have made the best of the excellent weather getting out and about in the community, taking part in outdoor activities such as kayaking and of course we had our very successful residential visit. Today we've had a wonderful assembly when our pupils have been performing and showing us their great musical talent.

A final plea from us is to make sure that our pupils come back to school in full school uniform and that they respect the no hoodies rule.

Coming up next half term we have our Parents Evening on Wednesday 14th November when we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Have a great half term.

Alison

Spotlight on Wedgewood class

Wedgewood Class have really enjoyed their mornings out on the Lake at North Harbour this term and the weather has been kind to us too.... We have learnt a range of skills and we now look like we are starting to get the hang of things!!!

We've done lots of outdoor activities and we even walked up a very large hill and had the joy of looking at the valley we were about to walk back down far below!!

We have been using a range of skills across a wide variety of subjects including Art, Science, Geography and History, amongst others, to explore how Mexicans celebrate and respectfully remember family members that are no longer living. We have made sugar skull masks, Mexico themed information posters, colourful tissue paper flowers and have re-written our own 'Day of the Dead' stories based on a short film clip. As part of MFL Day, we have been learning some Spanish e.g. simple phrases, numbers to 20 and colours. Our creative focus during the MFL days was to create our own self-portraits in the style of the famous 20th Century painter Frida Kahlo. We are even getting the opportunity to create our own cinema to watch the famous film, 'Coco' and to share a very large bag of popcorn!!

And last but not least, a very big 'Well Done' to Jay S for receiving his trophy for being 'Pupil of the Year 2017-2018'.



Parents Evening Update:

We'd like to inform you of a change of date for our Parents Evening/ Future Pathways event that was due to take place on Wednesday 7th November. We've decided to reschedule it due to a clash with Cosham Fireworks. The event will now take place on Wednesday 14th November, a week later than originally planned. You will also receive a letter that will give you further information, timings, and instructions on how to book your appointments. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our parents evening.

Football Match:

On Tuesday 16th October a KS3 and KS4 5-a-side team went to Goals to take part in a tournament against other schools. Both teams won 2 of their games with some great goals scored, Chris M, Harry T and Kaylum scoring for the KS4 team. Aiden E and Mason R defended well and Harry M made some great saves. The KS3 team scorers were Davey S, Josh B, Archie D, Hussain A and DJ with Kenzie R defending well and Aaron S stepped up and played in goal making some great saves too. Both teams came 3rd overall which is a great result with the boys all receiving medals.



New lunch menu:

We are very excited to have a new lunch menu launching on Monday 29th October! The new menu still offers all of our pupil's favourites as well as some new additions including Sausage Baguettes, Vegetable Bean Chilli, Toad in the Hole and various delicious new 50% fruit desserts. The menu is available for you to view on our website <http://www.redwoodparkacademy.info/> if you wish and pupils have been introduced to the new menu in their classes. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please contact their teacher or call the office on 02392377500 so you can inform school of what your child is able to eat from the new menu.

Update of Information forms:

We recently sent home 'Update of Information' forms on behalf of School Transport. If your child comes to school on Portsmouth City Council transport and you haven't returned this form, then please do so by the end of next week. It is important that Transport receive this information on a yearly basis in order to continue to transport pupils to and from school.



OCTOBER 2018

Monday - Friday	8 th – 12 th	Little Canada Residential
Friday	12 th	Harvest Festival – 10am
Monday – Friday	22 nd – 26 th	Half Term

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Wednesday	14 th	Parents evening and future Pathways
Monday	19 th	Staff Development Day – no school for pupils

Please see the 'Events' section of our website for future dates