

October 23rd 2020 Newsletter

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I am delighted to round off Term 1 with so much good news about pupils' achievements in a wide range of activities. We did really well in the latest locality sports event and children have also excelled in STEM, photography and maths, as well as stepping up to take on school leadership roles on the School Council.

Thank you to everyone who entered our Harvest 2020 Photography Competition; we had some very atmospheric entries and plan to make some large prints of some of the images to display in school. Well done to the winners: **George, Zoe, William, Becky Penney** and **Suzanne Hood-Cree**.

Some of you may remember our entry to the Chemical Industries Association's International Year of the Periodic Table Competition last year; this project has now been nominated in the **STEM Innovator** category for the **Oxfordshire Youth Awards 2020**. To join in the livestream virtual event see <https://oxfordshireyouth.org/youthawards/>

We have presented our first Times Tables Awards of the year; **Dexter** and **Ava** have been awarded a Bronze Award – well done to them both.

School Council elections have taken place in Key Stage 2 and Mrs. Peeling is looking forward to working with **Alex, Jessie, Sam, Harper, Lukas, Ellie R** and **Jenson** in the year ahead. Well done to all those who were elected - and to everyone who had the courage to put themselves forward for the role.

As part of our annual calendar of Woodcote Locality School Sports Competitions, Checkendon pupils took part in a series of **QuadKids** events. Mrs. Thomas did a brilliant job of organising it all, the children really did their best and we had some excellent results! Overall, our **Year 5 Team finished 3rd**, our **Year 2 Team** and **Year 6 Team came 2nd**, and our **Year 4 Team were 1st!** The excellent efforts made by all competitors really paid off, and some individuals did particularly well. Across all the pupils who took part from different schools, **Clio** finished 1st Y2 Girls, **Jessie** (in Y3!) finished 3rd Y4 Girls, **Wills** (in Y3!) 3rd Y4 Boys, **Abigail** 3rd Y5 Girls, **Isaac** 3rd Y6 Boys and **Louie** 2nd Y6 Boys.

We've certainly got lots to celebrate this week!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week

Harvest Photography Competition



more of your

photos

overleaf...

More Information



Happy Birthday to **Ava** for 31st October ☺



Drama Club

We have places available at the Drama Fun Club which runs from Monday 9th November to 14th December from 3:20 – 4:20pm for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. The cost is £15 for six sessions. To book a place, please return the completed form, together with payment, to the school office by Thursday 5th November.



Music Club and Piano Lessons

If you are interested in continuing/beginning Music Club next term, please do contact Emma Davies via daviespiano@gmail.com. Sessions are in school from 08:00 – 08:40am. Wednesdays for Panda Class and Rhino Class and Thursdays for Owllet Class and Owl Class. Emma also has slots available for piano lessons.

Owlet Class has been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. In Maths they created beautiful



Rangoli patterns using chalk outside and 2d shapes inside. They also made clay Diwa lamps and are looking forward to decorating them!

Owl Class

explored the prints made from different fruit and



vegetables and made some wonderful repeating pattern pictures.

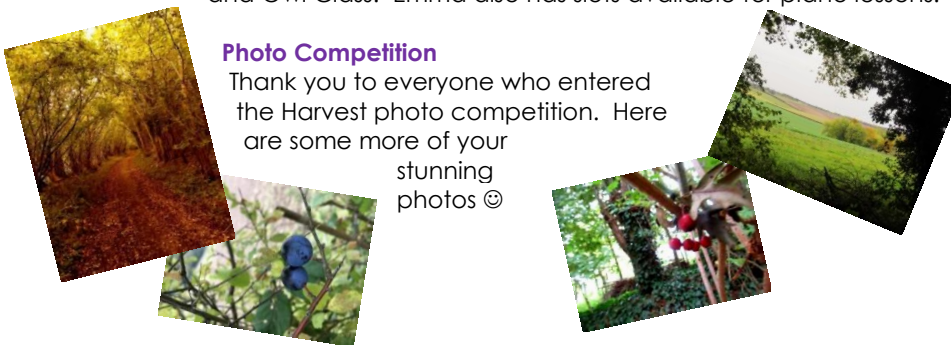
Panda Class has enjoyed spending time outside. Persie, Kitty and



Winter made a decorative tree to celebrate autumn while Thomas was flint knapping during breaktime!

Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Harvest photo competition. Here are some more of your stunning photos ☺



New Class Pages on Checkendon School Website

We are in the process of updating the Class Pages on the school website. In addition to resources and class information, we will be uploading a Friday blog from the class teacher together with any relevant photos taken from that week. Please bear with us as we continue to develop this feature.



Sunday Church Services – 25th October 2020

Please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

10am Morning praise with Rev. Linda A short service to greet the new day.
11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. Enjoy some classic hymns, and an anthem in this service with a choral music focus.

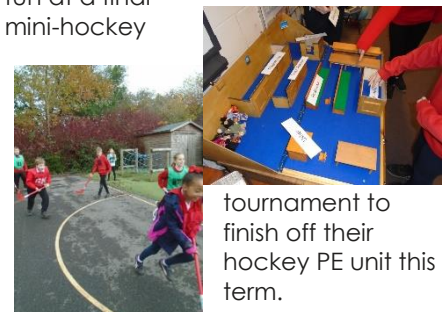
Dates for your Diary

31 st October	Closing date for on-line secondary school applications
2 nd November	Inset Day
3 rd November	Day 1 of Term 2
15 th November	Deadline for returning flu consent forms
20 th November	Flu Immunisations

And Finally....

Q: What is a ghost's favourite dessert?
A: Boo-berries and I Scream!

Rhino Class enjoyed a visit by Oxford Magistrate, Mrs Payne. They also had fun at a final mini-hockey



tournament to finish off their hockey PE unit this term.

Social News Feeds:

<https://twitter.com/CheckendonSch>
<https://www.instagram.com/checkendonprimaryschool/>

