



Cavalry Primary School Weekly newsletter

27th September 2024



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- What's alive, dead, never alive?
- Harvest festival info
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Dear Families,

I don't know about you but this week has simply flown by. It has been a week of firsts in our school. **First** week for me as the official 'boss', **first** full week for our lovely Reception cohort and the **first** time Mr Edwards has had to cook ALL the meals at home because I've been so busy!

With the theme of '**firsts**' can I set you a challenge? We have noticed over the last week an increase in the number of families who are arriving late in the morning. Believe me I know first hand how hard it is to leave the house on time, making sure everyone is ready and equipped for the day. However, I also see how unsettling

it is for the pupils who arrive after the close of registration (8.48am). This can have a major impact on their day if they arrive in class late when everyone is already busy completing their daily tasks. Maybe being one of the **first** to arrive could help your child feel more settled and ready for the day ahead?

This week we will be recirculating the **Autumn Term Dates** having added a few additional days onto the calendar. Please also note that due to timetabling complications the Parents' Evening later consultations are now on the first evening rather than the second.

Wednesday 23rd October- 5-7pm & Thursday 24th October 3.30-6pm.

Have a wonderful weekend when it finally arrives.

Mrs Edwards :)

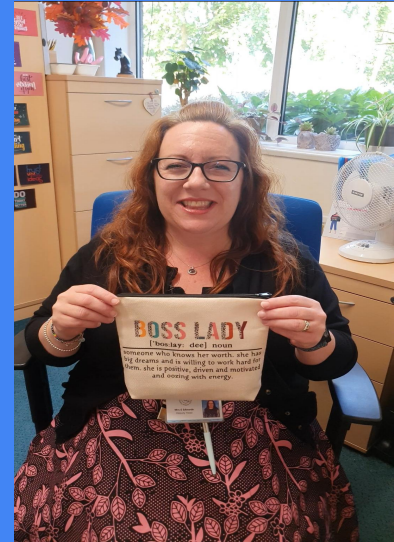
What aspirations does your child have?



This little girl on the left attended Cavalry (Cavalry Barn, as it was then) and loved coming to school in her smart coat! She loved her school, worked hard and had big dreams for her future. Here she is today... our Headteacher!



A timely reminder for all of the Cavalry family that the only limits are the ones you set yourself!



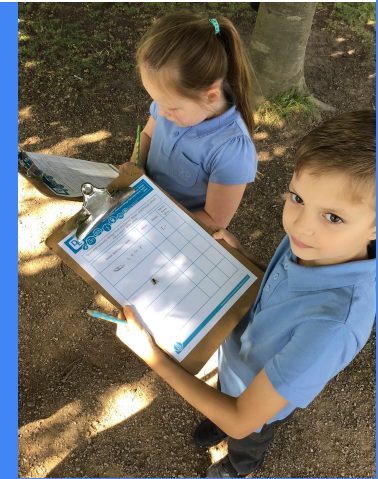
LEARNING IN ACTION...

Year 2

In our science lessons we have been learning about living things.

We started the unit by looking for things that were **living**, **dead** or **never alive**.

We then talked about why we classified them the way we did.



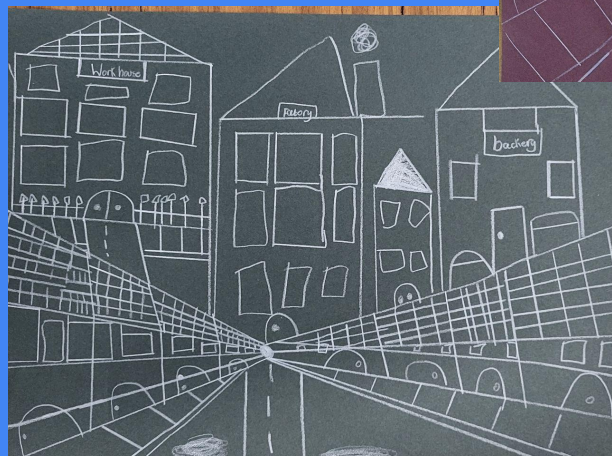
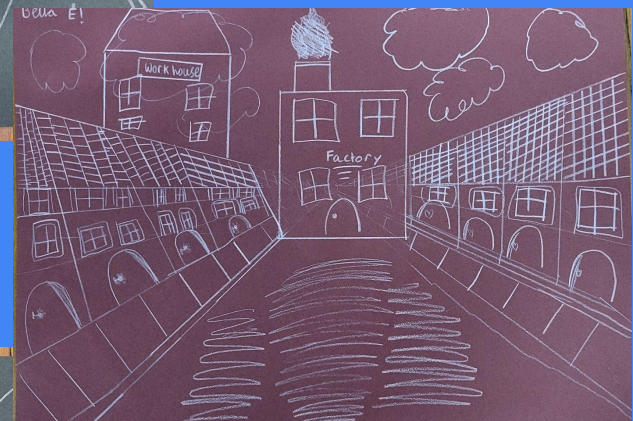
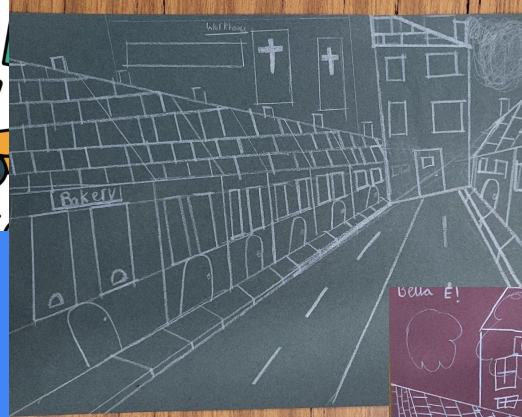
LEARNING IN ACTION...

Year 5

In Art, we have been learning how to draw one point perspective.

We then used this knowledge to create street scenes from Victorian times, incorporating the workhouse and shops.

Mrs Nosworthy would be proud!



Word Wizards:

This week the classes with the most **'accurate quizzes'** in Y4/5/6 were:

Class 9 - 85%
Class 12 - 86%
Class 14 - 85%



Brilliant books...

Have you read...?

Mrs Megicks recommends 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. A story connecting colours with moods.



Phonics!

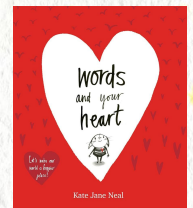


Fred says well done Miss Deek's phonics group. You are working so hard to use your fred fingers to spell!

BRILLIANT BOOKS

Miss Boyd says:
I really enjoyed reading 'Words and Your Heart' by Kate Jane Neal last week.

It's a lovely story about the impact our words can have on other people, and it reminded me about the importance of always being kind!



Attendance matters

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

We are aiming for 97% attendance.

This week, our classes with the highest attendance are...

KS1 - Class 2 98.28%

KS2 Class 8 98.21%

WELL DONE

Cross Country Winners @ WSG

Last Friday saw a thirty-strong team of Year 4, 5 and 6 athletes head over to Wisbech Grammar School for an inter-school cross country running competition.

The course was a long lap around the extensive rugby pitches, each year group running further than the one before.

All of the Cavalry runners completed their races, demonstrating their resilience and determination and earning them each a medal...and apparently, just as excitingly, a hotdog.

We also had winners in three of the six races with Megan leading home the Year 3 girls; William winning with an impressive lead for the Year 5 boys and a race-long, two-way battle between Jake and Alfie was decided in Jake's favour in the final sprint.

Great sportsmanship was shown by the team, who cheered home all the competitors and represented the school in a very positive light throughout.



An update from our PTFA...

Thank you to those who took the time on Monday to attend our PTFA Meet and Greet. It was lovely to see a few new faces too!

For those who were unable to attend you can find a link to the information shared at the meeting opposite.

We are still sending out a heartfelt plea for new members to join our PTFA, we can't continue much longer without more support from parents/carers.

Our next meeting is on November 11th at 5.15pm.

What have we done

Every year we have managed to raise a significant amount to be able to provide children with more learning opportunities.

Not to forget year 6 leavers activity, ice poles for sports days and hot chocolates for books after dark.

School year 6 leavers hoodies.

Year	Raised	purchased
2019 - 2020	£6,404	Litter bins Bean bags/ cushions for outdoor classroom. Microphones. Toys for key stage 1 Theatre group.
2020 - 2021	£6,365	Books and furniture for reading areas. Contribution to daily mile track. Magazine subscription.
2021 - 2022	£10,091	Timeline wall art. Outdoor class room and pond area. Magazine subscription.
2022 -2023	£16,953	Magazine subscription. Early years playground.

To see the full information from the meeting click [here](#)

You could help raise money whilst you shop...

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- 2 Choose your primary school
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Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Harvest festival

On **Monday 7th October** we will be holding our annual harvest assembly. This year our assembly will be linked to the theme of **'Being thankful'**.

Once again we will be collecting food as part of our harvest celebrations and this will be donated to the foodbank at the end of the assembly. We will be talking to the children about the importance of food banks and the way they are there to help people around us at a time of need. We therefore welcome donations of food during the coming days and these will be collected in classrooms and displayed on Monday 7th for the children to see. We do hope that the nursery children will also join in with this collection.

The food bank has told us that they would particularly welcome donations of longlife milk, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, any cooking jar sauces, tinned fruit, tinned meat, rice pudding, custard, long grain rice and tinned spaghetti. All items must have a shelf life of three months and they are unable to accept items in dented or damaged packaging.

We really do appreciate your support with this and look forward to making this a wonderful harvest assembly and the best collection yet! **You can bring in your donations of food during the week of 30th September.**

Our uniform...

Our uniform proudly shows that we are members of Cavalry School. We have noticed standards dropping with regards to school uniform for a little while now but we know you'll all work with us to ensure every pupil is wearing the correct uniform every day, upholding the smart Cavalry appearance and pride we have in ourselves.

Not sure what's needed? Check [here](#)



Why do we wear a uniform?

- To set a high expectation and standard for personal appearance
- To create a sense of belonging and cohesion for the school community, regardless of background
- To set an appropriate tone and mindset for education and being in school
- To provide a safe and secure environment, reducing opportunities for bullying or peer pressure to wear the latest fashions or other more expensive clothing

Please support us to have a school where children proudly wear the Cavalry uniform.

Parents will:

- Ensure their child wears the appropriate school uniform smartly and correctly
- Approach the school if they have concerns about the uniform or acquiring uniform, particularly in relation to protected characteristics or cost of the uniform

Pupils will:

- Ensure they are wearing the appropriate and correct uniform whilst in school and being transported to and from school and on school trips
- Take pride in their appearance and take an ambassadorial role for the school

Key dates and events

Harvest festival - 7th October

School Photographs - 15th October

Halloween Disco - Thurs 17th
October KS1 5-6pm, KS2
6.15-7.15pm

Reception Book Look - 23rd Oct
3.30-4pm

Parent's Evening - 23rd Oct (5-7pm)
and 24th Oct (3.30-6pm)

Half term - October 28- Nov 1st

PTFA meeting - Nov 11th 5.15pm

Thought for the week



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