



Pre-Prep School *NEWS*

Dear Parents

Last Saturday saw the Madingley site open its doors and shine for the open morning. Again we had lots of new families and many thanks for your personal recommendations. The sun shone for us and the Madingley staff welcomed new pupils and some current ones with a range of exciting activities to show our thinking tools and Pre-prep curriculum. There was a lot of excitement from visitors about having real chickens and the wonderful vista as you go through the playground back door.



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Assemblies

Since my last newsletter I have been treated as have many of our parents to three wonderful class assemblies.

The City Year One class showed their talents across the curriculum through clay elephants, cardboard cut out dinosaurs and some excellent writing about their favourite parts of Woburn Safari Park.

They followed this with a song about animals with dangling tails and ears hanging low which had us all singing and dancing along.



Assemblies *(continued)*

Next it was Year Two Madingley's turn. On the gate that morning I was greeted by tigers, leopards and a cheetah...so I wasn't sure how safe the parents would be in the hall. After a full risk assessment, I deemed it safe for pupil and parent entry, and what a delight we had in store.

The children had worked very hard to learn their lines and when to come in. The elephant song was enjoyed by everyone and it was lovely to hear the children read some of their own poetry. Jack provided us with the best 'roar' heard in Madingley this year so far and we learnt a significant amount about the different animals on show. The children also shared a wonderful video of their term so far.

Here is the link just in case you missed it or want to see it again with Year One Madingley's movie too.

<https://youtu.be/TYm-5x1Rw7k>



Our last class assembly this term was by Year Two City. An assembly which was also thoroughly enjoyed by a visiting governor, Mrs Thomas.

The children showed great pride when reading their own story best bits and sharing their own writing with a wider audience. It was lovely to see what has been their favourite parts of this half term with giant Pic Collages to show what they had been doing.

The children sang a lovely rendition of Hakuna Matata and displayed a movie of photos they had taken at Woburn while they sang. A real treat for the parents who had no idea that the words were on the back of their sheets until Jack's aptly timed announcement!



Well done to all the KS1 children and my thanks to all the staff for their hard work in preparing these fantastic assemblies that were thoroughly enjoyed by all audiences.

We are very much looking forward to all these children being on stage for the nativity on December 2nd, it all bodes very well. Remember to practise those words at home over the half term break.

I feel very honoured to be able to have attended all four and I look forward to the Reception and Kindergarten ones in Spring and Summer term respectively.

Christmas pudding label design competition

This week we also saw the judging by myself, Miss Milne and Dr Roberts (Chair of the PFA) of the yearly Stephen Perse Foundation Christmas Pudding label design competition.

I am very pleased to announce that the winner of this competition was Campbell from our very own Year One Madingley class. It was a difficult choice with a wide variety of designs and some exciting new ideas on show. Congratulations to Ellis and Madeline in Year Three who were the runners up.

Thanks to those of you who entered and congratulations to Pre-prep pupils Ellie (Y1M), Celine (Y1M) and Lucinda (Y2C) for also receiving highly commended prizes. The top designs can be seen in the image below. If you would like to order the Christmas Pudding with Campbell's design please order via the parent post which will be published soon.



Harvest festival

Today and yesterday we celebrated our Harvest festival and collected a significant amount of food and other donations for the charity Jimmy's Night Shelter. My thanks to you all for your generosity and kindness shown in your donations. It certainly took a while to load the van for which Jimmy's were very grateful.

Each class shared a display with their peers to celebrate the food that we grow and pick at this time of year. We heard classic harvest songs and saw some great harvest pictures. Autumn Harvest poems were enjoyed, the children shared what they were thankful for at harvest time and which foods they enjoyed.



Have a wonderful half term break and don't forget to turn your clock back one hour on Sunday 30th October for that extra little bit of a lie in!

Best wishes

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