



Fir Tree News

Academic Year 2016/2017

Date: Friday 10th March 2017

The end of yet another busy week at Fir Tree has finished with the children taking part in our termly house art morning. Donnington, Windsor, Berkeley and Highclere have been painting, drawing and collaging to create another set of beautiful displays in our main hall. I hope you will enjoy looking at them when you visit us.



Congratulations to this week's **Gold Book** winners:

Foundation: Ashton & Cameron

Year 1: Olly & Theo

Year 2: Tanyalak & Aisha

Year 3: Alfie & Effy

Year 4: Sonia & Brayden

Year 5: Casey & Ashley

Year 6: Chelsea & Nicola

Lunchtime: Luke (Y5) & Charlie H (Y1)

Congratulations to this week's **Writing Wizards**

Foundation 1: Luke

Foundation 2: Ruby-Lee

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Holly

Year 3: Lewis

Year 4: Dovydas

Year 5: Lilia

Year 6: Reema



The last two weeks have been very busy for our sports teams.

Our year 5 and 6 children played a tag rugby tournament at the rugby club. We played Winchcombe, Chaddleworth, Kennet Valley and Mary Hare.

Following that our year 5 and 6 girls played in a football tournament at Park House. They played well and drew 2 but lost 1.

Yesterday, a team of year 3 and 4 children went to the rugby club to play in a tag rugby tournament. The children all played very well and the games were very close. They finished the tournament having won 1 game and lost 2.



Congratulations to Chestnut Class, they won the attendance challenge this week with a combined attendance of 98.3%. They will all receive 1 dojo point.

Communication Week Fun

Stories from other cultures

Last week we celebrated world book day by having communication week. Each class in the school learnt about different cultures linked to stories. Each day the children explored the different cultures and looked at similarities and differences.



Year 2 have been learning the story of 'The Catch' which features a boy from a jungle tribe trying to catch fish to feed his family. He comes across a trapped fox and the boy helps him get free. The fox steals his catch and runs away but leads the boy to a lake with plenty of fish for the whole tribe. It turns out the fox is a spirit who helped the boy for helping him. The children acted out scenes from the story using body language and movement. They used

different art styles to create fish - salt painting, Japanese koinobori (fish shaped kites) and Maori style art and collage/finger printing. They also made their own fishing rods and discussed how we get food and how other cultures have to get their food. We tried tortillas and mangoes too!

Year 6 have been learning about Guatemalan worry dolls and how they help you to overcome your fears and worries. We made our own worry dolls and turned the traditional tale into a play to perform to the rest of the school.



Year 3 looked at the stories of Anansi from West Africa. We also thought about good deeds that we could do over the Christian festival of Lent and made repeating patterns similar to those seen in West African art.

World Book Day fun

