



Friday 29th September

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

We are now a few weeks into term and the pupils are beginning to hit their stride and show off some of their new and improving knowledge across the curriculum. Mrs Quinn enjoyed visiting classes on Monday afternoon to see how the children were enjoying their learning, and she was really pleased to hear children share the facts and skills they have developed, from their knowledge of Ancient Greece and Iraq, to growing confidence in PE. We are really proud of the hard work our children are putting into their learning and we hope to see this continue to grow through the year.

As a school, we also work hard to provide support for children and families who may need a little extra at times, and we want families to continue to be open to working with us when their child or family may need a little help.

If you feel your child may be struggling in class with their learning, friendships or is anxious about something in school, then the first port of call is always their class teacher, who is available most days on the playground at the end of the day. They can also be contacted via the school office.

If your concern relates to a possible medical, mental health or additional learning need, such as dyslexia, ADHD or Autism, then Mr Birkinshaw is contactable every day. As our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Mr Birkinshaw works with families and pupils to discuss strategies to support any diagnosed or emerging needs, and also works with other professionals who may be able to provide support for your child. Mr Birkinshaw is contactable in school most days on the playground, via the office or by emailing senco@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk.

We recognise that asking for help in a time of need can be a really hard step, but our team is always here to listen and help in whichever way we can for your child and family. Should you ever feel that you need additional help as a family, maybe with finances, school uniform, food, a bereavement or in managing behaviours or emotions at home, then we are also here to help. Mrs Ratcliffe, our Inclusion Worker, has experience working with children or families dealing with challenges in or of school, as are Mrs Quinn and Mr Birkinshaw.

And finally, should you wish to find out more on an issue your child or family may be facing, then the Just One Norfolk website (<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>) is a great place to start. Our school website also contains many different links to advice and guidance for families.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

- 5th** - Brunch for lunch
- Tunstead Challenge
- 9th** - Friendly Football match for football team at St John's
- 16th** - St John's stay and play Forest School session for nursery and reception 2024 intake
- 17th** - Reception open morning 9:30-11:30am for 2024 intake
- 18th** - Cluster Football at St John's
- 19th** - Non uniform day and Friend's Halloween Disco
- 23rd-27th** Half Term
- 30th** - Back to school and launch of new lunch menus

November

- 6th** - Individual and sibling photos
- 9th & 9th** - Parents Evenings (TBC)
- 13th** - Christmas Shop Day
- 17th** - Cluster Cross Country
- 22nd** - Flu immunisations

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	95.56%	88.62%	83%	92.17%
	Please check Tapestry for information about Show and Tell on Mondays.	Sycamore have been learning our Model Text for The Gruffalo and have begun creating their own new characters.	Please can Conifer come in their PE kits on Tuesday next week and for the rest of half term	Birch class are becoming fantastic coders - it's great to see many logging into Purple Mash at home too.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award

Eben for his high standards of behaviour and manners. An excellent role model to those around him.



Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Jacob**, for super singing, amazing yoga and wonderful participation in whole class activities

Sycamore - **Oscar** for wanting to be the best he can be at all times.

Conifer - **Max H.** for demonstrating a growth mindset in his work this week.

Birch - **Poppy** and **Billie** for both being exceptional students and for continuing there learning at home!

House Points

1st - 367 points Poppy

2nd - 364 points Honeysuckle

3rd - 255 points Bluebell

4th - 235 points Buttercup

School Council

We have been busy electing new school councillors this week. Thank you very much for preparing speeches at home.

Congratulations to our new school councillors. Lilly, Oscar, Olivia B, Archie B, Millie M, Annabelle and Georgie.

Tunstead Friends

The friends are excited to announce our first disco of the year. This will be held on Thursday 19th October with a Halloween theme. Music and entertainment will be provided by local company, Connections. They will be holding a fancy dress parade for those who wish to dress up as well games. The first disco will be for Oak and Sycamore classes at 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Oak class parents will need to accompany their children. Conifer and Birch class disco will follow at 4.30-5.30pm. Look out for the poster and ways to book your child's place in the next week.



There will be a non uniform day on the day of the disco and we will be asking children to bring donations for our Christmas shop which will be held in November. More details to follow soon.

Forest School

This week, we have been investigating making and using natural dyes from around the Forest School area. The children enjoyed using a pestle and mortar to make purple dye from blackberries. Nettles and mint made a yellowy brown colour and charcoal from the fire was crushed to make black. These were painted on cotton fabric.

Please remember to ALWAYS send in a coat on Forest School days.

Any Other News

We are excited to share with you that we will be featuring a 'musician of the month' from October. At the beginning of each month, a new musician will be introduced to the children (Years 1-6). They will learn about the genre of music, some background about the musician and get to listen to a piece of music or song from them each week, as they enter assemblies. Each month we will email home an information sheet, which gives recommendations of other artists, books and links to their music. I'm sure you'll agree this is an excellent opportunity for the children to experience music from different genres, countries and artists.