

# Weekly Newsletter

29th September 2023



## Little Acorns

The children have had a wonderful start to their learning in Little Acorns. We have used songs, stories and rhymes linked to feelings, families and starting school. We have developed our vocabulary linked to these such as “happy”, “family” and “friends”. The children have enjoyed completing a range of activities such as making marks in the foam to create faces, using playdough to add features to faces and creating their own faces using marks that they give meaning to. We are all looking forward to a busy, fun year of learning in Little Acorns.



## Year 5 zoom call with author Maz Evans.

This week in Year 5, we were very excited to join a zoom call with author, Maz Evans! Her books are linked to gods and Greek mythology and her newest book is called ‘Oh Maya Gods!’ During the zoom, we heard an extract from the book and she had us all laughing at one point! We really enjoyed our zoom call and we cannot wait to read some of her books in class! At the end of the zoom, we had the opportunity to ask questions. We found it really interesting how long the editing process takes.

I was interested in finding out how long it took to plan, write and edit her book. She writes 5,000 words a day which shows dedication! - Maggie

I have already read some of her books, she is one of my favourite authors. I particularly enjoyed listening to her reading ‘Oh Maya Gods’, I want to read this next! - Blessing

I like how she finds inspiration from other books to help her write her own books, and she does lots of research to check her facts - James.



## School Census Day

On Thursday 5th October it is school census day. As a special treat the Lunchtime Menu will consist of Chicken burgers, Beef burgers and Veggie burgers along with the usual choices of Jacket potatoes and Deli. For dessert it will be a choice of Choc Chip Cookie, fresh fruit, yoghurts or crackers with cheese.

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### Black History Month 2023

This year's theme: Saluting our Sisters.



Dear everyone,

Black History Month 2023 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why, this year, we will be celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women.

The theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. This year's celebration will showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.

At the end of October, please check our website or speak to your children to see who we have been learning about.

You could also celebrate Black History Month by listening to a song or two a day during October and discover 30 influential black musicians with this listening calendar:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isn't She Lovely Stevie Wonder	Halo Beyonce	Praise You Mary Mary	Stand By Me Ben E King	All Of Me John Legend
My Girl The Temptations	Feeling Good Nina Simone	Put Your Record On Corinne Bailey- Rae	I Wanna Dance With Somebody Whitney Houston	Three Little Birds Bob Marley
Happy Pharrell Williams	Survivor Destiny's Child	Dream a Little dream of Me Ella Fitzgerald	Respect Aretha Franklin	Proud Mary Tina Turner
Lovely Day Bill Withers	Umbrella Rihanna	No One Alicia Keys	Waterfalls TLC	I will Survive Gloria Gaynor

### Teachers2parents app

If you use the Teachers2parents app please delete it as there is a problem receiving text messages from the school. You should receive texts through your normal telephone provider.

Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.



The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done to years 1,2,4,5 and 6

