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What a scary week we've had - lots of classes have been involved in Halloween related activities, as you will see from all of the photos! We've had a lovely end to the half term. Can I thank everyone for their hard work, patience and understanding. We know it adds an extra level of stress for parents and carers when we ask for students to be picked up from school and taken for PCR's. You have all been fabulous and so supportive!

Please stay safe over the half term and take the opportunity for long lie ins and early nights. We are looking forward to the return of our students on Monday the 1st of November. Please ensure that lateral flow tests are done on Sunday night. - Alison

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Dudson class had an amazing time at Woore Fruit Farm picking Pumpkins. All the staff and students looked around the field trying to find the best pumpkin, not to big, not to small and no warts! The wheelbarrow proved to be a favourite, why walk when you can have a ride! And the weather was good to us.

So, we have the pumpkins ... some great friends from O'Cliff class... great music... fantastic costumes and decorations ...

All together that makes the best Halloween party!



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Clarice O'Cliff have done some Spooktacular activities as well!



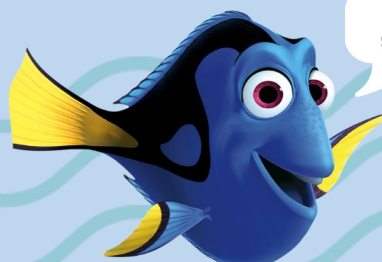
Bridgewater welcomed two new class members, Emma and Bridgett the Lionhead Rabbits. They visited the class to make friends and they are going on a short break with a member of staff for the week and then will take up residence in their Bridgewater home. Special thanks to Nicole who has reared them from baby to now and is going to continue to support us with how to keep the rabbits healthy and safe. Below are some photos from when Wedgewood went to see them!



There has been a great start to the academic year with swimming back on the curriculum! We have 3 new swimming teachers; Sharon, Lynette and Anna, who have all painted, scrubbed and cleaned the pool area before opening. The smiles on the students' faces said it all as they entered the water - "Pure bliss".

We have some promising young swimmers and we are looking at an award structure, and a swimming gala in early spring.

One of our pool activities in the new year will be a sponsored swim for vital kit needed. Each student will be responsible for their own fundraising money and we believe it will be a great event. As Dory would say:



Just keep swimming!

☆ ☆ Scholars of the Week ☆ ☆

Moorcroft have nominated **Ethan** as their scholar of the week for his improved behaviour, him listening to instruction and working hard in all of his lessons for the past 2 weeks!

Wedgewood have nominated **Sienna** as their scholar of the week for her outstanding progress with her understanding of sign language and spellings on the computer!

Dudson have nominated **Killian** for going all the way into the swimming pool for the first time!

Royal Doulton have nominated **Mya** for always working hard and making excellent progress in maths! They've also nominated **Imogen** for focussing really well in both maths and IT lessons and has developed an excellent attitude towards her work!

Gladstone have nominated **Elijah** for excellent independent work in food tech and an excellent attitude in maths!

Spode have nominated both **Yasmin** and **Claudia** for settling in beautifully this term, being great additions to the Spode team and trying their best to communicate with new people!

Appeals: If any parents or carers have any large therapy balls, like the ones used for yoga, spare or that you don't want anymore can you please bring them in for us to use - Dawn

Dear Parent / Carer,

As half term break approaches, it is a good opportunity to buy / restock pencil cases (biros, pencils, ruler, rubber and selection of coloured crayons) and check water bottles. As you know we are passionate about developing the student's independence and having the correct equipment in lessons is an important corner stone for this and so they need to remember to bring their pencil cases to school every day.

This half term has sped by and I am delighted with how the pupils in the Questioning Pathway have settled into their new academic year group, their forms and their learning.

I hope you and your family have a good half term break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on 01/11/21. - Kindest wishes, Carmel

We are asking parents and pupils to fill in these surveys for us:

Parents survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentsurveySterm12021>

Pupils survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PupilSurveyTerm12021>

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