



19 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Billy Class**

Have had a busy first full term at Goat Lees! We had a trip to Godinton house back in September, the children were brilliantly behaved! For Harvest, we made a video about what love means to us which was shown to the rest of the school in assembly. The children took part in our first environmental project of the year which was all about biodiversity. We explored the outside areas of the school, looking for and discussing the different animal habitats we could see. In Term 2 we completed our rocket projects! The children designed some amazing rockets and loved using junk modelling to make them. The children learned about Armistice Day, Children in Need and how to be a good friend during anti-bullying week. Our Year 6 buddies helped us to fill in an anti-bullying survey on the iPads. The children made some lovely mini Sukkahs when learning about Sukkot during our RE focussed week and we discussed ways in which we all celebrate with our families.



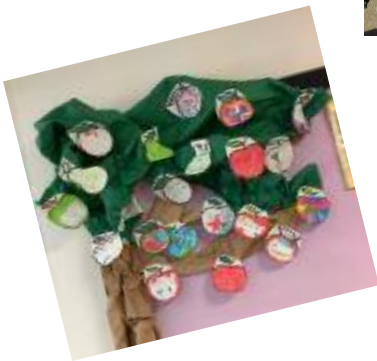
**MS T ADAMS Headteacher**

## Angora Class

Angora class have loved learning about what life was like when their grandparents were young! We interviewed Sophia's nan and grandad, looked at what school was like, what it was like to cook and clean at home - and decided that we prefer it now! In Geography we have been learning about the area where we live, so we took some walks to explore how the road signs help us get around, and followed directions using the street signs to get back to school! As part of our school eco project, we joined Jolene from Country Style Recycling to do a litter pick around our school.

## Harvest

This year we explored what it means to show the 'Fruits of the Spirit' (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). As a school we created pledges and reflections about how we would show these values in our daily lives. Our school community also generously donated a mountain of food to support Vinnie's Diner and the Bright City Church foodbank.



## Alpine Class French Day

To celebrate European Day of Languages, the whole school dressed in blue, white and red non-uniform and enjoyed Goat Lees' first ever French Day. Each class teacher hosted French lessons with every class, giving us all a chance to learn some new French vocabulary, and to meet the different teachers in the school. The kitchen team also made croque monsieurs, French-fries

and pain-au-chocolats for our lunch, to help the children to try some new cuisine. Overall, it was an exciting and enjoyable day, giving great energy to our French learning at Goat Lees.



## Alpine Class Visit Ashford Town Centre

After learning about Ashford's exciting features in Geography and English lessons, the Year 2 children visited Ashford town centre in October, to see some of the landmarks that we had learned about. We enjoyed the superb playground at Victoria Park, crossed the Stour River and the High-Speed trainline, visited the World War One tank, St Mary's Church and the Memorial Gardens. We also compared the number of people who visited each place during our visits.

Finally, we visited Ashford Library to put our superb brochures about our hometown on display. Many of us could then visit the library with our families to read our brochures and discover some new, exciting books. What an exciting visit!



## Brook Museum- Pygmy Class

To kick start their topic on the Industrial Revolution, Pygmy went on a trip to Brook Rural Museum. Here, we looked at how farming has changed over the years, with a particular focus on the machinery, and how it made life much easier! It was a really interesting trip, and it was great to see the children being able to use our local area to aid their learning.



## Billy Buddy walk

Pygmy took out their Billy Buddies on a walk over to Sandyacres. They looked at how the environment around them was changing into autumn, using their observation skills. The year 6 were quite tired by the end of it trying to keep up with Billy Class!



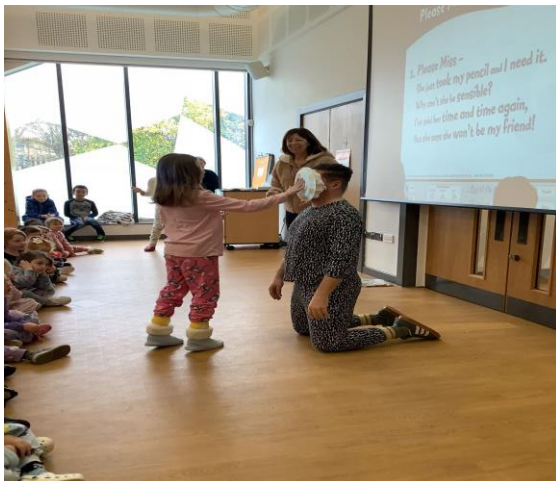
## Houses of Parliament

A group of Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to have a tour at the Houses of Parliament. We were able to go into the House of Lords and also got to meet our local MP Sojan Joseph, the children asked him some fantastic questions about Ashford and his future plans. The children loved the boat trip up the River Thames and we got to see quite a few landmarks. A big thank you to Mr Michael for organising this trip for us.



## Children in Need

For Children in Need this year, each class ran a different activity to raise money. We had lots of fun including a gladiator style course, guess the sweets in a jar, a human fruit machine and we even got to put a pie in Mr Harlow's face! We raised an incredible amount for a worthy cause - £349.47. Thank you to everyone who sent in a cake or a donation.



## Christmas Fair

On Friday 6 December we had our Christmas Fair which was the first one with the new FOGL team. Thank you to everyone who came along in support and of course for the volunteers who ran the stalls, it really was lovely to see our school community coming together. If you would like to be part of FOGL, or could spare some time to run a stall, please let the school office know.



## Pygora class Term 2

We have had a busy term in Pygora class, we started off by doing some research for our class eco project. We are focusing on creating less waste and making sure we are recycling, so we did a waste survey around school to check every class is putting the correct items into the different bins - we even had a professional come in to look at our bins too! In English we made our own nature documentaries which will be combined together to be played in assembly next term. Last term in DT we made pop up books which we had the opportunity to read to Billy class then this term we designed and made our own stuffed toys. The children did incredibly well with their sewing and managed to learn blanket stitch!

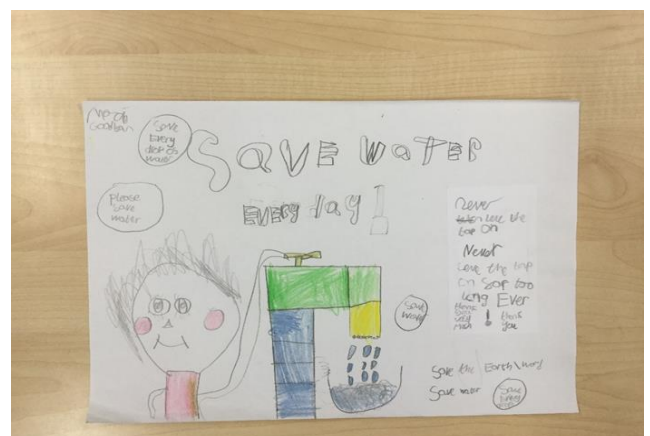
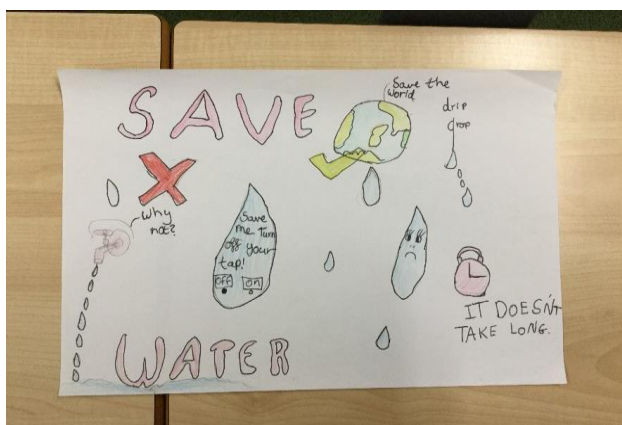


## Kinder Class

In term 1 and 2 Kinder class had the fantastic opportunity to go to Godington house. In term 1, we dug up potatoes and learnt where our food comes from. The children loved getting their hands dirty and were able to take plenty of potatoes home. In term 2 we spent the day preparing apple crumbles. We had to wash, peel and cut apple to make our crumble. We then tasted the crumbles and the children loved the taste of them.



This year we are taking part in an Eco project. In Kinder class, our project is all about water. Therefore, we learnt the importance of water, the role of water and how we could save it. We then created poster to encourage others to save water at home and in school.





## KS2 Christmas Concert

KS2 performed in our Christmas concert with the Year 5s taking on some speaking roles to deliver a poem about the teachers in school - the alternative 'Twas the night before Christmas'. The children did a wonderful job with their singing, especially our two soloists and small group.



## Marlow Theatre Pantomime

Years 5 and 6 (and a few Year 4s) had a super time watching the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Marlow Theatre. There was lots of audience participation and they were definitely some of the loudest singing the classic Canterbury ghostbusters theme. During the intermission, one of our Christmas production songs came on, so the children all did a super rendition which even got a round of applause from the rest of the audience!



## F.O.G

The Friends of Goat Lees treated the whole school to a pantomime. It was hilarious! We all danced the macarena and some of us even got up on stage: we might have inspired some budding actors.



*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7 January 2025.*

