



Letters issued this week : Appointment of new Headmaster

The menu for next week is:

Monday	Macaroni Cheese
Tuesday	Chicken Pie
Wednesday	Sausage, Mashed Potato and Beans
Thursday	Pasta Bake
Friday	Fish Fingers, Potatoes and Baked Beans

Congratulations to Darcy Innis who received her Headmaster's Commendation certificate this week.

Golds – Winners of the week This week the junior winner was George Taylor with 18 golds and in the seniors Mitchell Johnston scored 14 and was top. Well done to these children.

Chinese New Year – The Chinese New Year on Monday was celebrated throughout the school this week. On Monday morning Year Two presented a colourful assembly explaining that this was the year of the Dragon. Their own splendid home made dragons were complemented by some very special Chinese dragons brought straight from China by Kitty and Oscar who were fortunate enough to visit



Hong Kong over Christmas. Chinese stories formed the theme for all of our assemblies this week and this morning Year Three performed an exciting puppet play showing how the names of the different animals came to be given to the years in the Chinese calendar. Meanwhile, the Reception class have also been celebrating Chinese culture during the week. They have established a very fine Chinese Restaurant in their classroom and enjoyed serving their very special egg noodles to any one who ventured by.

Football v The Abbey - Last Friday we welcomed The Abbey for a football match against our Under 11 team. In the first ten minutes we took control of the game and some neat passing meant the opposition found it difficult to gain much possession. However, we failed to make this pay largely because of some excellent goalkeeping from the Abbey keeper. A scrambled goal from a corner meant that we went in to half time a goal down. Nevertheless our boys kept their heads and battled hard and a promising move finally released Aaron Carver for an excellent strike to draw the game level. In the frantic final moments The Abbey snatched the victory, but our team had played some extremely promising football and showed great determination and teamwork.

RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch

– Another whole school activity during this busy week was the Big Schools' Birdwatch. The Year Four classroom was turned into a hide and each class took a turn to come to observe the birds outside the classroom window in the 'wild' area between the building and the netball court. Despite a dull and overcast morning some 28 different birds were spotted and the children also had the opportunity to take part in a bird identification quiz organised by Miss Sindall. (Winners to be announced next week.). However the prize for the most enterprising ornithologists



in the school must go to the Nursery class, who not only made their own special 'bird pudding' to hang up in their gardens at home, but also made their own binoculars specially for the event.



Parents may be interested to know that the Big Schools' Birdwatch is run by the RSPB in conjunction with an annual **Big Garden Birdwatch**, where everyone is invited to take part, watching and recording the birds in their own gardens, as part of a gigantic national bird survey. This event will be happening **THIS WEEKEND**. It takes just an hour, is great fun and anyone can take part. For more details visit www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch and follow the links.

Breakfast Club – Thank you to all parents who have been signing their children in when arriving before 8.35am. This has meant that we have a very clear knowledge of which children are in school at that time which is important for safety reasons. As you know we will be offering an earlier start for those parents who need it from after half term. If you think that this might be of use, please could you let Mrs Mills know in the office so that we can have some idea of numbers. Thank you.

Scholarships and Entrance Exams – Good luck to several of our Year 6 children who are sitting entrance tests and scholarship exams at the moment. We hope to bring you news of these soon!

Next Week - Friday –	9.15am	Candlemas Service at Church
	2.30pm	Netball v The Abbey (Away)