

## Newsletter 6: 19th October 2018 Edition

### Harvest Festival

Yesterday, Thursday, was the whole school harvest festival. We all walked down to church in the glorious sunshine to share with each-other our harvest offerings.

It was a lovely afternoon and each class did us proud. Our focus was about how lucky we are and how we should be grateful for all the things we have, and the contrast to those who do not have what we do; such as homelessness, food poverty etc.

After we had started with a 'grateful of' taking it in turns to list what we are grateful for Year 6 presented some stark facts about the number of people locally and nationally without enough to eat. Then to drive home their point they sang 'Another Day in Paradise'. It was a lovely and moving start to our harvest assembly. Then Year 1 took us on a 'Conker Hunt' reminding us what we have in our local area. Year 5 then sang 'Autumn Days' again helping us to reflect on how lucky we are and Year 2 reminded us of all the choice we have with food by singing 'The Very Special Vegetable'. Next was our Young Voices choir who sang a particularly poignant song called 'A Little Can Change Our World', calling everyone to do their part to help and support other people and the environment itself. Then Years 3 and 4 performed together to sing a traditional Ghanaian Harvest song. Not only were they singing in another language but also in a split part round. It sounded amazing. A [recording](#) is available to listen to on the Year 3 class page of the website (or by clicking on the word [recording](#)).

Finally, before our closing with our Harvest prayer, we had the pleasure of watching Reception, our Super Starfish, perform their story 'Stuck in the Mud'. It was wonderful to see our youngest children performing with such confidence and it was a lovely reminder about teamwork and the part we all have to play.

Thank you to the adults who came to walk with us, to the staff for their creativity and to the children for their amazing effort and attitude.

### Year 3 @ Weston Park

On Tuesday Year 3 headed to Weston Park Museum to support their Topic work 'I want my Mummy!'

First we went into the Egyptian room and there were real mummies in there. At first we were a little bit nervous because they were actual Ancient Egyptians who have been dead for thousands of years. Then we realised, when we were taught more about them, that they were actually really cool and fascinating. The most interesting part was that they had x-rayed the mummies and we could see what was inside! We also had the chance to make a Shabti, which was a statue made to be buried with you so that in the afterlife they would be like a servant and do any jobs you needed doing. After that we practiced mummification. We had to pretend to pull out a brain and take out a heart and then we wrapped up the teddy using bandages, it was really funny. It was a really good trip, one of the best, and we are using what we learned in class. By Amy & Ruby



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## Football Report

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 Ridgeway played Eckington Juniors in the last of the Autumn football fixtures. Sadly, we lost 4-2 but they were a good side. Our goals were scored by: Noah and Fraser. Although, some of their goals were tap ins, some were pretty decent. Our goals were incredible. Noah's goal was a chip from half way line and Fraser's was from the edge of the box. The MOTM (man of the match) selected by Mrs Barnes and Mr Townsend was Noah for his brilliant play and spectacular goal. We hope for better luck next time. By Iris and Noah

## Themed Days

Next week on Wednesday three classes have special themed days to support and extend the learning done this term. Year 3 & 4 are having a special Egyptian day, including a showcase to parents. Whilst in Year 6 they are concluding their Horror Story topic with a Dracula day. The Year 6 children will only dress-up in their costumes when in class but I thought it important that all children were aware in advance. First-hand, real-life learning is the most effective and inspirational method for engaging and deepening learning and I hope the children real enjoy the experience.

## Bangin' Bonfire Disco

Bangin' Bonfire Disco on **Friday 9th November 2018** at the **Ridgeway Sports and Social Club**. Please return the slip **no later than Monday 22nd October 2018** to the PTA box.



## Ladies' Night

Following the success of previous years, your new PTA are planning a 'ladies night'. The date is November 29th 2018, just in time to finish those last bits of Christmas shopping.

The landlord at the Queens has kindly agreed that we can use their room and we fully intend to fill it with luxury goods to spoil us ladies rotten.

Further details and the opportunity to buy tickets will follow shortly but in the meantime if you or anyone you know would like a stall please feel free to pop a note in the red PTA box and one of our team will get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

*The PTA*



## Attendance

This week's top attendance...



Whole school 98.0%  
1.9% **above** our target (96.1%)

## Diary Dates

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Tues 23rd Oct. | Year 4 trip to Weston Park     |
| Wed 24th Oct.  | Year 3 & 4 Egyptian Day        |
| Wed 24th Oct.  | Year 6 Dracula Day             |
| Fri 26th Oct.  | End of Term 1                  |
| Mon 5th Nov.   | Start of Term 2—children back  |
| Thurs 8th Nov. | Parent Consultations 1         |
| Tues 13th Nov. | Parent Consultations Evening 2 |