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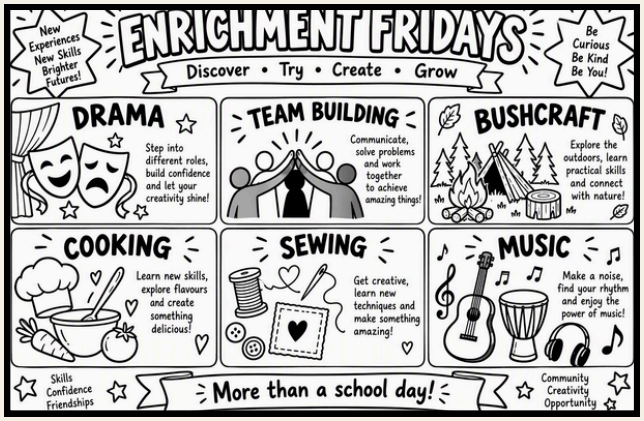


Laughted, creativity and the buzz of discovery filled the hallways last Friday afternoon, as students ditched their standard timetables for the term's 4th enrichment afternoon. These afternoons are for everyone to have fun, no matter what you are doing, such as: cooking, sewing, PE and drama. Speaking about drama, I interviewed Maci in year 3 who had this to say "I like doing drama because you get to dance and do shows that we get to make up with lots of different chapters."

Elsie from year 4 said "I like listening to the songs and then doing activities about them since I'm doing music." The lively buzz at the end of the afternoon made it clear that enrichment days are vital for our community. Whilst the event wrapped up, the curiosity, creativity and teamwork sparked during those few hours will inspire everyone long into the future.

Written by Maddie and Hudson

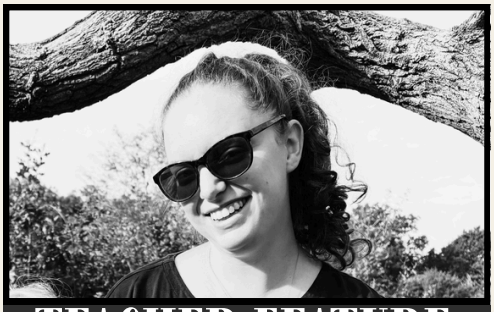
PINE CONE CONVERSATIONS

Last week, I went around the playground and asked children one important question: "What makes a great teacher?" I interviewed lots of pupils and got some brilliant answers.

The most popular answer was kindness. Many children said that great teachers are kind, caring and helpful. Some pupils said teachers should listen to other people's opinions and help children with their learning. Lots of children also said that a great teacher should have a good sense of humour and enjoy having a laugh with the class. Others thought it was important for teachers to make learning fun by doing activities such as art, games and even football. Some pupils said teachers should be joyful and brave, while others felt that teachers need to be strict sometimes to help everyone learn well.

After speaking to lots of children, it was clear that the most important thing is that teachers care about their pupils. Being kind, helpful, fun and supportive were the qualities mentioned most often. So, according to the children on our playground, a great teacher is someone who helps us learn, makes us smile and always treats people with kindness.

Interviews *by Hayley and Evie*



TEACHER FEATURE

We interviewed Mrs Clark for the first teacher feature. Here are some fun facts about her:

- Her favourite subject is English
- Her favourite colour is light blue
- If she wasn't a teacher she would be singing, dancing and acting
- Mrs Clark believes that a good teacher is someone that is funny and kind whilst still helping children learn
- She loves that everyone at The Pines is friendly and looks out for each other
- When she isn't at work, she is chasing after her toddler

Who will the next teacher feature be?

Interview by Albie and Georgia

BOOK CORNER

This month's book recommendation is The Runaway Pea by Kjartan Poskitt. It is very funny and had great words so that you can join in with an adult when you read it.
Chosen by Manuela

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell is full of exciting adventures, magical creatures, and brave characters who face dangerous challenges in a fantastical world.
Suitable for year 5 and 6

JOKE JUNCTION

Why isn't it fun to play in the jungle?
Because there is too many cheetahs!

What do to call a pig that know karate?
A pork chop!

PINES PUZZLE PATCH

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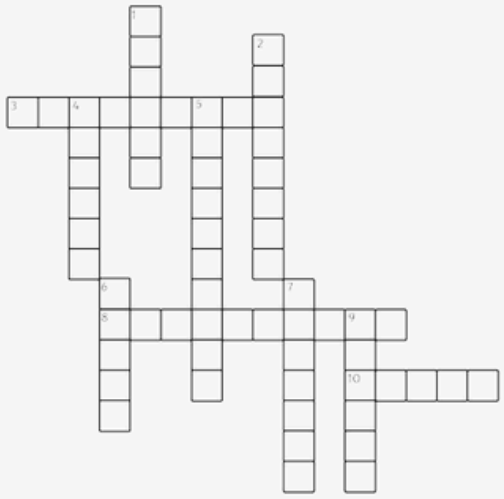
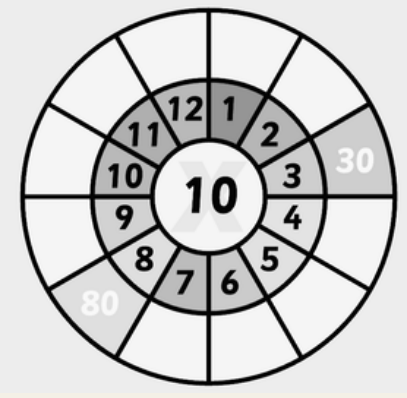


Across
3. Not identical.
8. Knowledge gained from what one has encountered.
10. To have control, rule, or influence.

Down
1. Not long past.
2. Starchy vegetables.
4. Renowned, has a widespread reputation.
5. A test or trial.
6. An organ that pumps blood around the body.
7. To have confidence in something without absolute proof.
9. A shape with one edge.



GUESS WHO?

Solve the clue to guess who the next teacher feature is all about. Make sure to read the next edition to find out if you were right!

CLUE 1: Sometimes they wear the same clothes as Mrs Clark.
CLUE 2:

THE BIG QUESTIONS

Does a straw have one hole or two?
Would you rather fly or be invisible?
Which book character would you meet and why?