



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 11th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week!

This week, Maple Class performed a wonderfully informative assembly on Wednesday, sharing aspects of their learning so far this term. I was really impressed with the high levels of confidence and articulacy shown by all the children. Their obvious enthusiasm was infectious and their singing was impassioned!

I popped into Reception Class yesterday, and witnessed all the children having so much fun during maths. Mrs Edwards had posed a problem to solve, and the children were trying their best to work out all the possibilities!



At Alderwood, we talk a lot about something called Metacognition, which we use daily whilst problem solving. Put simply, this means that we use strategies to encourage children to think about their thinking. We encourage Teachers to use metacognitive strategies, such as modelling their own thought processes, as we are very aware that this approach has a very high impact on children's education outcomes. [Metacognition and Self-regulated Learning | EEF \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](https://www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/EEF)

Just a few reminders, as we look ahead to next week... Please join us on Tuesday, 15th October for a phonics workshop. Whilst this is to support parents with children in FS2, parents in Year 1 may find it helpful to understand their child's phonics journey so far.

Join us on Wednesday, 16th October to find out about our PINS project. As previously mentioned, this is an exciting, national project, relating to the inclusion of neuro-diversity in school, which we have been selected to take part in.

We look forward to seeing you all on either the 16th or 17th October for our Parents' Evening. If you still need to book, please do visit MyChildAtSchool.

On Monday, we will be joined by visitors from ArtyParty, who will be supporting children to create enormous 3D works of art to accompany our whole school 'Take One' project, based on *The Last Zookeeper*. We cannot wait to see the final outcomes! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Very best wishes,

Don't forget to check out our website
and follow us on **Instagram**

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 15th October
Phonic Workshop FS2
(9-9.30am)

Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th
Parents' Evenings

Wednesday, 16th October
PINS Project Coffee Morning
(9am) Main Entrance

Greenwich Cross Country Event
in Avery Hill

Thursday, 17th October
Harvest Festival

Tuesday, 5th November
Stress and Anxiety Workshop KS2

Firework's Night

The Friends of Alderwood have liaised with GB10 Sports, who will be *hosting a fireworks evening at GB10 Sports, in New Eltham, at the end of October. Each ticket sold will raise money for our school's Parent Association. We all hope it will provide a memorable evening our children and their families.*

You can purchase tickets for this event now, by scanning the following QR code.



Mr Guy