



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 3

1st December 2023

This week the senior team have been out in the playground reviewing provision at lunchtime. It has been a delight to see so many of our 'Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory' skills demonstrated. In our zone 1 quiet area children have been role playing with phones, taking messages and being writers as well as reading in our library and drawing patterns and pictures with chalk. Being creative is the learning ELLI skill of the Phoenix. In zone 3, children have been using the Playpod resources to plan and create obstacle courses. A new game is introduced every Friday and developed over the week. Learning together is the learning ELLI skill of the Bee.

In zone 2, children continue to enjoy the climbing equipment, sand toys and performance stage. Now we have more equipment out at lunchtime the children are then developing their ELLI learning skill of self-agency to take responsibility to tidy up like the bee. Over the term, children are becoming more independent when it comes to tidying before going back in class.

Jenny Harvey Principal



THE GROWING MINERVA TEAM



We are pleased to share that Ms Campbell King's baby boy arrived safely at the start of the month. Ms Campbell King has shared some photos, and they are both doing well.

We are also pleased to share the Miss Gledhill's baby girl arrived in the middle of the month and again they are both doing well, and photos have been shared. Miss McDonald started her maternity leave last week and she was looking forward to some well-earned rest before the arrival of her baby. When we know more, we will share with everyone.

Staffing update

As you may be aware, Mrs Campagnaro is pregnant and due to start her maternity leave after the Christmas holiday.

We are pleased to share that Miss Gibson, who is currently a year 5 class teacher and assistant SENDCo will be taking on the SENDCo role full time from January. Miss Gibson is on gate duty on some of the days so please come and say hello to put a face to the name. We are sure that you join us in wishing Mrs Campagnaro well as she reaches the end of the pregnancy.

END OF TERM CLASS PARTIES

The whole school will be celebrating the end of term in the afternoon on **Friday 15th December** with class parties. On this day we are inviting children to wear their school uniform to school but swap their normal school jumper with a favourite jumper or festive jumper for the day.

The children will be planning their party afternoons with their class teachers so they will be able to tell you a bit more about the specific details. If the party afternoon includes food, separate communication will be sent out by the class teacher. **Please remember that if any food is provided it must be nut free.**

CHILDREN IN NEED



A massive thank you to all who donated to Children in Need. Minerva Primary Academy were able to raise a brilliant **£156.22.**

Thank you for all your support.

CHILDREN LEARNING IN CLASS (CLIC)

It was fantastic to see so many adults join their children to learn as mathematicians in class this week. In Year 1 children were explaining to families the concept of a part whole model using resources and then writing the calculation. In Year 3, 4 and 5 children were rehearsing their times tables using a counting stick. When children know all their timetables, it supports fluency of all other calculations now and in the future.

In term 3, the CLIC will focus on how children use strategies to regulate themselves when they have BIG feelings.



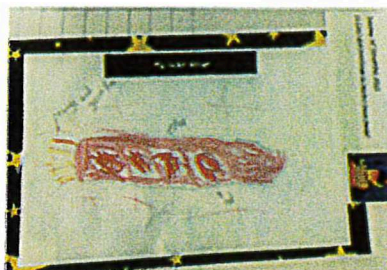
WE ARE DESIGNERS

As Designers this term, EYFS created their own rockets linking to their focus book 'Whatever Next'.

They started off by understanding what a rocket was and looking carefully at how they were designed/built.

Next, they focused on different materials and shapes they would use to build their rocket. After exploring the different materials, it was the important step of designing their rockets.

The children were very proud of their successful rockets!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7 th December 3.30pm -5.00pm	Winter Fayre
Monday 11 th December 2.15pm – 2.45pm	Winter performance Pre-school / Reception & Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th December 9.15am 9.45am	Winter performance Pre-school / Reception & Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th December 2.15pm 2.45pm	Winter performance Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday 13 th December 9.15am 9.45am	Winter performance Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner day (Christmas menu only)
Friday 15 th December	End of term class parties
Friday 15 th December	End of Term 2 (Christmas holidays)
Tuesday 2 nd January	Inset Day- School closed for pupils
Wednesday 3 rd January	Term 3- We welcome all pupils back to school! Reminder: Gates open 8.40am