

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of the unexpected passing of Colin Greene, the father of Mrs. Shields. Colin was a beloved member of our school community and his departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Many of you will recall Colin's unwavering dedication to our school's events. His generosity knew no bounds, and he consistently volunteered his time to support various initiatives, such as Malfest, our Christmas events and end-of-year celebrations. Colin's impact was far-reaching, leaving an indelible mark on the experiences of those who attended our community gatherings.

Even in the days leading up to his passing, Colin continued to exemplify his commitment, actively planning and contributing new ideas for our upcoming Santa Spectacular and Community Festive Fun Night events. His passion and enthusiasm for creating memorable moments for our community were truly inspiring.

Colin Greene was more than a volunteer; he was an incredible man whose warmth, kindness and generosity touched the lives of everyone around him. As we reflect on the cherished memories we shared with him, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this sad time. Colin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Kind regards,

Mr James

Headteacher



Santa Spectacular

With just two weeks to go until our Santa Spectacular Event 2023, the anticipation is building and we can hardly wait to celebrate the start of the festive season with you. We are inviting all members of the Malvern Community to join us for this special occasion. One highlight of the event will be the Christmas light switch-on which will create a magical atmosphere for everyone present. We will also be asking everyone to come together for a session of community Christmas carols led by our children, which we hope will spread joy and Christmas cheer.



Malvern PTA Christmas Toy Swap

On Friday 24th November, Malvern PTA is hosting a special pre-loved Toy Swap event. Want to get involved? Here's how to join in:

Toy Donations:

Toy donations can be brought to the school from Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd November. We kindly ask that the toys being donated are gently used and in good working order.

Toy Swap Event Details:

On Friday 24th November, all children in school will be invited to participate in the Toy Swap event. During the event, children will have the opportunity to pick out a toy of their choice and take it home with them.

As we believe in the spirit of giving, any toys remaining after the event will be donated to local charities. This will ensure that the love and happiness these toys bring will be shared throughout our wider community. Thank you for your support—we look forward to a day filled with smiles and shared happiness!



Exciting Animal Encounter in EYFS

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Lynsey and her fascinating assortment of nocturnal creatures to our EYFS classrooms. The captivating animal visit brought two distinct types of owls, a millipede, a frog named Freddo, a hedgehog, mice and the daring Incy Wincy tarantula into our learning environment.

The experience was both educational and thrilling as EYFS children absorbed a wealth of interesting facts. Freddo, the colour-changing frog, stole the show by demonstrating his remarkable ability to walk up walls, leaving the children in awe as he effortlessly adhered to vertical surfaces. The transformation from brown to green right before their eyes was nothing short of magical!

The visit not only provided a first-hand experience with these incredible creatures but also fostered a sense of appreciation and understanding for the diverse and mysterious world of nocturnal animals. We're grateful to Lynsey for sharing her knowledge and bringing the animal kingdom to life for our EYFS children.



Ready to Ride

This week, our playground was buzzing with the sound of bicycle wheels as our Key Stage 2 students eagerly participated in Bikeability sessions. Starting on the familiar grounds of our playground, the children embarked on a journey that not only honed their cycling skills but also instilled crucial life lessons.

The Bikeability program, which aims to equip children with essential life skills, proved to be an enriching experience for pupils. Beyond mastering the art of cycling, they cultivated independence, social skills and a profound sense of wellbeing. Venturing out onto the surrounding roads, our students demonstrated their cycling proficiency, showcasing the practical application of the skills they acquired.

The significance of Bikeability extends far beyond the realm of cycling. As highlighted on their website, this training enhances children's ability to respond to risk, fostering increased confidence. The positive impact resonates in various aspects of their lives, with more children opting to cycle to school. This not only contributes to improved physical health but also enhances mental wellbeing, allowing our students to enter the classroom with heightened attention spans and engagement.



Odd Socks Day

On Monday, we started Anti-Bullying Week by sporting mismatched socks for Odd Socks Day. At Malvern, we mark this special day in school to celebrate that we are all beautifully different and unique. Our ambition is for all pupils to leave our school the very best version of themselves. As such, we aim to celebrate unique attributes and nurture these so that our pupils thrive.

Miss Brown and Miss Baker also led a special assembly that reinforced the key messages of the week. The assembly served as a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness, acceptance and understanding in creating an inclusive environment for all.



VIBE Award

This week, 240 children from Key Stage 2 embarked on an exhilarating outdoor adventure as part of their VIBE Award experience. In addition to kayaking and climbing, our students explored the wonders of bug hunting, den building, archery, and slacklining, enriching their outdoor skills and fostering a spirit of curiosity and exploration.

The VIBE Award, a collaborative effort between Malvern and Vibe Outdoors UK, has been a cornerstone of our curriculum for the past three years. Designed to cultivate outdoor skills and challenge students, this progressive program aims to instil qualities such as resilience, perseverance, and determination.

Crafted in collaboration, the curriculum provides Malvern pupils with a unique opportunity to master a diverse array of outdoor pursuits while gradually advancing their skills year by year. This intentional progression sets the stage for students to excel and meet the requirements of the prestigious Earl of Derby Award.

As we witness the impact of the VIBE Award on our students, we are confident that these experiences will contribute not only to their outdoor expertise but also to the development of essential life skills that will serve them well into the future.

