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Dear All,

We are now well into the new academic year and I am really pleased to share with you how well the term is going. Children have settled into their new classes and I am seeing some great examples of perfect behaviour, uniform and manners. Children at Hazel Leys are a credit to their parents and community.

Our broad curriculum motivates children in all subjects.

In Year 4 the Iron Man topic has been supported by a day of creative arts with children using drama techniques to help them understand and re-tell the story. This helps children improve their writing by being able to put themselves in the role of the Iron Man.

In Year 5 children are learning to swim. This life saving skill is taught at Corby swimming pool and we are already seeing children overcome their fear of water and pushing themselves to the next level. One Year 5 child has enjoyed the lessons so much that they now go with their family after school.

In Year 6 children are honing their skills in preparation for secondary school and for the end of year assessments (SATs). Children are already rising to the challenge. We now have a Head Girl and Boy. Jordan Windsor and Amelia Benson were elected by their classmates. Both produced convincing speeches as to why they should be elected. Both children will represent the Academy at special events and meetings.

In Year 1 children have been working at home with parents to produce some very elaborate Super Hero dens and Autumnal art. Their work is displayed around the Academy and draws many positive comments from visitors.

In Year 3 children will be visiting a country park to find out more about rocks and soils. Children from Year 3 also spend time each week at Forest School. Children spend time learning in an outdoor environment and work together on a variety of projects.

In Year 2 children are looking forward to their African Drumming and then their Diwali workshop. Learning about faiths and cultures develops skills in children in understanding of others. They will have a wonderful time.

Finally our Early Years, Reception and Nursery, children are beginning to show greater independence in dressing, getting ready for outdoor learning, working together and exploring all the areas of our fantastic provision.

We have had such a productive month and we know that if we continue to work and think hard that our children will achieve great things. Thank you to all those parents who help with projects, support reading, practice number skills, remind children of their manners, get children to school every day and for making sure that they are ready to learn.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

Integrity Manners Pride Respect Encourage Succeed Spirit

IMPRESS

Academy Council

Speeches were written and delivered to classes. Children looked smart and were in perfect uniform. Votes were cast. The Academy Council were elected.

We are proud to share with all parents the elected council.

Year 6 Head Girl Amelia Benson, **Head Boy** Jordan Windsor

Academy Council

Year 5 Arina and Sebastian

Year 4 Shae and Lacy

Year 3 Morgan and Sabrina

Year 2 Jessica and Kalib

Year 1 Tyler and Petra

Mrs May and Mrs Eden will meet with the council every fortnight. Children have already started in their role and their first task was to find out what children think about reading. We were surprised to find out that by Year 6 children read less and do not enjoy reading as much as children in the early years. We hope that you can encourage children to read by providing them with great books. There will be a book fair later this month, an opportunity to buy a book and re-ignite a love of reading.

Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On?

First Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th October -9.00 am - parents of children who have been chosen to be Pupil of the Term and any Bronze Award Children will be invited to this very special assembly. We will be collecting donations for Harvest for the Corby Food Bank on the 18th and 19th of October.

Friday 10th November - 9.00am - Year 1 Class Performance Assembly, parents of Year 1 are invited to this assembly. Parents of Bronze, Silver or Gold Award children will also be invited.

Friday 17th November - 9.00am -Year 6 Class Performance Assembly, parents of Year 6 are invited to this assembly. Parents of Bronze, Silver or Gold Award children will also be invited.

Friday 24th November - 9.00am -Year 3 Class Performance Assembly, parents of Year 3 are invited to this assembly. Parents of Bronze, Silver or Gold Award children will also be invited.

Friday 1st December—9.00am - Year 5 Class Performance Assembly, parents of Year 5 are invited to this assembly. Parents of Bronze, Silver or Gold Award children will also be invited.

Friday 8th December—9.00am - Year 2 Class Performance Assembly, parents of Year 2 are invited to this assembly. Parents of Bronze, Silver or Gold Award children will also be invited.

Friday 15th December - 9.00am -parents of children who have been chosen to be Pupil of the Term and any Bronze, Silver Award Children will be invited to this very special assembly.

Monday 18th December Carol Concert

Enriching the Curriculum - some of the exciting opportunities organised for children

African Drumming - Year 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to experience African Drumming and play African music.



Diwali - Children in Reception, Years 1 2 and 3 will be learning about the Diwali and how this is celebrated.

Irchester Country Park - Year 3 children will have a day at Irchester Country Park discovering rocks and different soil types. Ironstone was once mined on the 200 acre site and the rutted landscape now provides woodland walks and activity trails for visitors.



KidZania Year 6, opportunities to try a range of jobs and earn 'money' to open a bank account, buy goodies and get a taste of the world of work.

Year 6 Parents

Now is the time to apply for secondary school places.

Closing date for applications is 5pm on the 31st October 2017.

If you need help please do drop into the Academy Office.

We can support you in the online application process.

Apply online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions