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**Important Date :** Christmas Concert  
Friday 8th December - Afternoon or  
Evening performance.

## PLLUSS Curriculum expands

Our specially designed curriculum has always been of great interest to many schools and service providers. We have in the past worked with other special schools to help them design curriculums similar to ours. Last year we trademarked our curriculum ready for the launch of some special training for schools, home educators, Children's Homes and any other providers, to be able to run our PLLUSS curriculum. We have just completed a manual to accompany the training. Ruth and Sharon are flying out to Dublin to train staff at an ASD school to run our PLLUSS curriculum. We are delighted by this expansion as we know how valuable the curriculum is to meeting the needs of so many children. We continue to develop the curriculum with new themes and recently added a phonics programme supporting speech and writing skills, fully creatively as we always do.



*Rainforest Themed Curriculum work - Art and music sessions together with a sensory music workshop*

## More trips and workshops



In September some of the children went on a wonderful river boat trip on the Thames. They all enjoyed a one and half hour cruise followed by a picnic and a tour of the river life museum.



Once again the children are taking part in the Schools Shakespeare Festival. In October, they prepared for the final performance by taking part in a workshop at The Haymarket Theatre. Our partner school, Cove Comprehensive was present and all our students were amazing. On November 7th we will be performing our 20 minute presentation of The Tempest, and I am pleased a few parents will be able to attend.



## Saying Goodbye

At the start of October we said goodbye to two long serving members of staff. Joy Wake, Vice Principal and Registered Manager has retired. She remains living locally and will be a regular visitor for the school as a new trustee, attending the monthly safeguarding team meeting. Last Friday (20th October) we said our farewells to Tiena Eccles who has lead the Paddocks team for many years. Our animals and outdoor education is a very important part of our school life and Tiena has played an important role in building this up. Tiena has moved to the Isle of Wight and is retiring there surrounded by members of her family. She will be a regular visitor to Ryde House where many of our past students have an adult placement.





Learning about the Romans

## Weekend Fun

Our weekend programme nestles firmly within our waking day / PLLUSS curriculum with leisure and recreation being a vital part of the learning objectives. The themes as usual are varied and aim to engage wide interest in our world as well as linking the the calendar of seasonal events and festivals. This term the children have explored the themes of Castles, Minibeasts, The Romans, United States of America (linking with Thanksgiving) Harvest Festival, Safari, Trains (our own Loddon Station) and Autumn. Each weekend ending with the creation of a 'show and tell' board.

**"Achievement in personal development is outstanding and lies at the heart of the school."**

**"Equality of opportunity lies at the heart of the school's work, relationships are excellent, and the school has created a family atmosphere where each student and adult is valued."**

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Harvest Festival weekend



Exploring Autumn

The Roman weekend was a lovely reason to visit the Roman Town of Silchester and to walk long part of the ruins of the Roman wall. There was plenty of dressing up this weekend as well with some very fine Roman Helmets and shields being created.

Obviously September and October have the Harvest Festival and the onset of Autumn to focus activities around. The Harvest Festival weekend was a great time for plenty of cooking. The Great Loddon 'Bake off' was in full swing with many apple pies being made and enjoyed once cooked! The Autumn weekend included a wonderfully messy sensory experience preparing our pumpkins, as the children drizzled paint all over them and had hours of fun massaging the colour streams. The end results look great. We have some lovely nature collages now on display as well. The Autumn weekend was also blessed with fine sunny weather, so plenty of countryside walks were able to be enjoyed.





Outdoor Day Sept 2017

## Joining in with National learning days

In September we took part in another Outdoor learning day. This is a national event which encourages children to explore learning beyond the classroom. This experience is nothing particularly new for us, however we join in with the fun. We made this an extra special day with our partners Rotary International who sponsored the purchase of many trees that we planted during the day. It was a lovely day which included making craft animals, music workshop in our story circle, hand print collages to hang on a trees, outdoor sculptures, forest school games, orienteering, planting saplings and trees, and roasting popcorn on a open fire.

It was a pleasure and a real bonus to have a set of trees donated to us as part of the international project for the Rotarians to plant one tree for every member of each club. We are well supported by the Basingstoke and Deane Rotary International club throughout the year in so many ways and our grateful thanks go to them for their continued support.



## Important notice for Parents

Please could parents and family members remember when taking your child home or off site for a period of time during the day, to sign the 'Family Outing' form which is kept in the main porch. (Falcons have their own copies of the Family Outing form). Unfortunately paperwork must be done and although we know where the young people are we have to have the official paperwork completed.

It is lovely to have the amazing strong relationships between home and school, and this is something we strive to ensure runs smoothly. To aid this process could parents make sure that a phone call has been made direct to the main school office informing of your visit. This will make sure that your son or daughter's house have it recorded in the diary. Some emails especially during holiday time do not get answered and information is therefore not reaching the team or booked into the diary. *Thank you all for your cooperation with these matters.*



Children experiencing orienteering, tree planting and cooking over an fire.

**We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert on Friday 8th December.**



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