



We have made it to the end of the first half-term and I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work. The children have worked incredibly hard and they should feel proud of all of their achievements. I know that this has been a long half-term and everyone has to show resilience. Thank you for supporting the book fair where we raised £660. This money will be spent on buying new books. A reminder that school closes today and reopens on Monday 3rd November. I hope that you all have a lovely holiday. Take care. *Mr. Wilkinson*

VPJS Bakes and Beats!

Thank-you to everyone who came yesterday and made a contribution (either donating/baking cakes or making a donation) - we raised an amazing **£700** and we really appreciate all of your support. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered.

All of the classes performed their song by artists who represent equality and inclusion with lots of enthusiasm.

Well done to all of the children who entered the baking competition - the judges (school councillors) found it a very difficult choice. The winners were: Sadie (3M), Orla (3H), Thomas (4R), Jessica (4G), Sol (5H), Bella (5M), Thea (6B) and Varunika (6H).

Football Update

Well done to everyone who has represented the school by playing football this week. It was the girls' first fixtures of the season and they tried really hard! The boys 'A' team also played well in both their fixtures.

Equality: Celebrating Neurodiversity

This week, our school celebrated our school value 'Equality' with a special focus on neurodiversity - recognising and celebrating that every brain is unique! Inspired by the books *All Brains Are Wonderful* and *Wonderfully Wired Brains*, each year group explored a different area of neurodiversity and learned about a famous neurodiverse person.

Children reflected on what makes their own brains special and created a unique piece of brain-themed art to represent their individuality. We were also joined by a visiting artist who led a fantastic workshop inspired by Yayoi Kusama. The children painted their own personality pumpkins, using patterns, dots and colour to express who they are.

Some of the cakes:



**Our Values: Respect, Equality, Aspiration,
Responsibility, Love, Courage**