



# BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a first Monday back in school with all children dressed up in Halloween costumes. Spooktacular! The children have quickly settled back down to learning and having been working hard. This half term is always a busy one with so much fun and festivity. I heard my first Christmas song drifting down the corridor earlier in the week as preparations begin for Christmas performances. I can't wait!

The week started in Willow Class with the children enjoying the fun and scary delights of Halloween. They made some scary ghost biscuits which even had spooky eyes. The children have learnt about Bonfire Night in their literacy work and Understanding of the World session. They have made their own firework pictures using paint and have thought and written about what fireworks sound and look like. The children had great fun making leaf necklaces at Forest school, punching holes into leaves and adding them to string.

Willow class children have also been learning the nursery rhyme 'Hickory dickory dock' and the Makaton sign for sweet. They thought this sign was helpful to know, they already know the sign for chocolate, and so they are now fully prepared for 'Trick or treating' 😊

Next week children in Willow will be looking at Remembrance learning about its significance and importance.

This week in Beech, the children have finished their 'habitat' writing and got to watch an exciting video about animals that hibernate. Beech class have enjoyed looking at life cycles of frogs and humans and completed a life cycle chart. To finish off the week, we have been talking about bonfire night, discussing what we know and sharing personal experiences. The children have completed their own firework pictures using paper, pipe cleaners, and glitter.

Oak class had a ghostly PE lesson on Monday with the children throwing bean bags into ghosts' mouths and searching for Halloween shapes. The children have begun studying a new class, enjoying using their vipers skills to learn new vocabulary and to infer, predict, explain and retrieve information from "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. They should be able to tell you what they can do to demonstrate all of these skills, if you ask them! What will happen to the Iron man and the fisher boy Hogarth next week?

This week Holly class have been learning about square and cube numbers - they have all enjoyed applying our growing mathematical knowledge to solve challenging problems. They have also started their new computing topic - databases and graphs! What a challenge, which the children have willfully accepted!

Across school children have had a Guy Fawkes assembly linking to the British value of democracy and we held our Value of the Term assembly too. This half term's value is **Enabling** with a focus on **Independence**. This is one of our five school values: **Happiness**, **Enabling**, **Aspire**, **Resilience** and **Trust**. We will focus on these over the year.





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This week our class attendance is:

Willow	99%
Beech	96%
Oak	95%
Holly	90%

Next week we are looking forward to our special Bonfire menu on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to book your school dinners on MCAS. Selected children from Holly and Oak will also be going to cross country on Wednesday.

Have a lovely, safe Bonfire night weekend. We will see you at 8.45am on Monday for another fun packed week!

Kind regard

Mrs White  
Head of School

