

# Headteacher's blog



## This Week...

On Monday we all had a wonderful training experience with Amandine Mouriere. The focus was Intensive Interaction ... an approach to help people at the early levels of development learn the fundamentals of communication. We all got to watch videos of children over a period of time making lots of progress towards better communication. It was magical. Check this out on You Tube.

Each year you are asked to consent to the making of short videos and the taking of photographs – this is for our own assessment and moderation of progress. It does us all good to witness how far the children have progressed and to share effective strategies with each other.

I have just walked past a classroom where a staff member was 'tuning in' and 'reaching out' to one of our pupils. My heart soared. Unfortunately it wasn't being recorded but I could see the intensity of the interaction and I made a mental note to discuss this pupil's progress with class staff before the next assessment date.

## And another thing! ....

I went outside to share a few minutes with Elm Class as they explored our willow classroom and did a natural scavenger hunt. The pupils were in wellies and wet weather gear and were enjoying being out of doors and moving around freely. Alfie W was particularly excited about the experience and Noah's smile said it all. Our outdoor experiences are so important and there are so many different learning opportunities, dressing, messy play (mud), sensory experiences (wind, rain etc), the changing seasons, how sound travels differently, freedom to move, skills of observation, handling natural textures – the list goes on and that's before a den is built or a stick sculpture is created!

## Reminders

Harvest assembly is only two weeks away – tins, dried goods, cereals are all gratefully accepted by the food bank.

Harvest Assembly - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October

## And Finally...

**If parents cannot attend the annual review – please tell us, we can do a number of things** – have a long telephone call to discuss things at a time when it is convenient, try and rearrange it (it depends on who else has agreed to attend) or hold the review and have an additional brief face to face meeting at another convenient time just to iron out small issues. Best wishes to all from Mrs B.