

The weather has been very kind to our Bikeability groups this week. The children were working at a range of levels, from those not having much experience of riding on the road at all, to those with experience but needing to appreciate the dangers and ride more safely. I hope that what they've learnt over the past couple of days will stand them in good stead for future cycling.

Our school council met and is now being run by Mrs Stevenson. The children discussed how the school could best spend the money raised by the Woodhouse Association. A number of ideas were suggested, including a school pet, equipment to play with at lunchtime such as skipping ropes, hoops etc, renovating the fish pond, new lockers and fruit smoothies. Forms will prioritise a shortlist of options.

Mr Reynolds and Mrs Farr attended the National Middle Schools' conference at the beginning of the week – a fantastic opportunity to swap ideas with the other 100 or so Middle Schools in the country. The presentations about wellbeing, the curriculum, assessment and the new Ofsted Framework have provided us with very useful information for school improvement.

We've hardly started the school year, but already transition meetings have taken place to prepare Year 4s and Year 8s for moving on in July! Sharing information this early means that we can plan supportive visits and activities all through the year for pupils needing more reassurance.

Have a good weekend!

#### **Clubs w/c 21<sup>st</sup> October**

##### **MONDAY**

*12.50 – Cross-Country all years*

*12.55 – Horrible Histories club in room 35*

*3.35-4.15 – After school homework club*

*3.35 – Table tennis club selected pupils*

##### **TUESDAY**

*12.50 – Y5 & 6 Dodgeball*

*1-3 – Y7 & 8 trip to Siemens with Dr K*

*3.35 – Cross Country at Biddulph Grange, returning at 5.10 p.m.*

*3.35-4.15 – After school homework club*

*3.45-5 – Robots with Mr Sumner*

##### **WEDNESDAY**

*12.50 – Identity in the art room*

*1.00 – Y6, 7 & 8 Cool Carers Club*

*3.35 – L & V Gymnastics*

*3.35 – Y7 & 8 boys rugby practice*

*3.35 – Choir*

##### **THURSDAY**

*12.50 – American Football*

*12.55 – Horrible Histories Club*

*3.35 – African drums*

##### **FRIDAY**

*Lunchtime cooking club*

*12.50 – Y5 & 6 Gymnastics*