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To all Parents/Carers,

5/10/18

It's been another really busy week at Markeaton this week and I've chosen to pick out a few Twitter highlights which I am sure have caught your attention too.

On Thursday we had a special Assembly where the Y6 children were invited to speak in front of everyone and state their claim for House Captain. We had almost 25 children in total put forward their views which is testament to the confidence the children at Markeaton have. Each speech was different; some had their own slogan, some had their own manifesto, but each one was clear and straight to the point. I'm sure your child is carefully considering their vote over the weekend and the results will be delivered later next week. See below middle for some of the campaign posters which are currently displayed on the corridors.

Y5 and Y6 also had an amazing time in the Forest School area on Wednesday as part of their Stone Age topic (below left). They lit a fire, cooked some bread and learnt more about how people from the stone age survived. I'm sure a few jumpers and cardigans smelt of smoke at the end! It's lessons like these that you remember when you've left school and become a grown up, so well done to everyone for taking part. And in Y1 the children have been learning about the past and one of our former staff, Mrs Fitt, was kind enough to come in and talk about her childhood.



In other news, I would like to draw your attention to Mental Health Day next Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> October). We will be having a special assembly in the morning and talking to the children about how important mental health is and the little things you can do in life to help support yourself and one another. The link below will take you to the short animation I will be using in the assembly and it is well worth watching over the weekend if you get the chance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjev3-Js>

And finally, just a polite reminder to everyone that we are a Healthy School and we would like all children to bring healthy snacks at breaktimes. The teachers have been noticing some children bringing cake bars and tubes of Pringles crisps just recently and, although the children learn about what constitutes a healthy diet, so not banning or excluding and food groups, we would still prefer healthy snacks at these times. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson