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NEWSLETTER: Friday 18th October 2024







What a fantastic effort the children made today for 'Show Racism the Red Card!' The children I spoke to understood the importance of this day and could link it to their learning on Black History Month. On Monday, the Maroon Town Band will be in school providing each year group with a musical workshop to reinforce this important topic. More information about other events the band is running locally can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Our Harvest Festival is this coming Tuesday, thank you to those families who have already brought donations of tinned or packet food into school, these will be given to local food banks and will help to support local families, so thank you for supporting this. Any other donations early next week would be gratefully received into the school office.

Parent Governor

As you will be aware, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at the school. So far eight parents have contacted the clerk to governors to ask for an application which is really exciting. If all eight do apply, we will need to hold a ballot for parents and we will let you know the details for this as soon as we can after half term. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, you have until the deadline on the 25th October at 12pm to apply and application forms can be requested from the clerk at clerk@emsworth.hants.sch.uk

INSET Days for 2025-2026

At the recent Governors' Meeting, the INSET days for next academic year (2025-2026) were agreed. We are trying to agree these as early as possible so that parents can use them to decide their holiday dates if needed. The INSET days for next academic year will be:

Inset Days 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET DAY (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)

Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)

Summer Term 2026	
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	INSET DAY (NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL)

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PGL

Next week is our Year 6 residential trip to PGL. The children are very excited about this trip and somehow I have managed to be roped into going as well! This does mean I won't be around and in school next Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, however Mrs Higson and the rest of the team will be on hand as normal to help with any queries you have.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Mitchell

Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Lexi Hancox	Lexi, you demonstrate such consideration and kindness towards others. You are a star!
Hedgehogs	Ayla Patten	Ayla you have shown increased confidence in school. We love hearing you talk to others and seeing you smile!
Squirrels	Lyla Law	Lyla, you are such a positive person to have around. You always try your best with a smile on your face, Well done!
Rabbits	Raisi Serafin	Raisi, you have such a wonderful attitude towards learning and your class mates. You demonstrate all of our school values beautifully. Thank you!
Puffins	Imogen Ingram	Imogen, you are a happy, positive member of Puffins. You work hard, help others and should be very proud, well done!
Penguins	Conrad Hoskins-Collier	Conrad, you have persevered so much with your handwriting and we are so proud of your success, well done!
Lions	Francesca Iesse	Francesca, you are always such a helpful superstar in class, as well as an excellent role model and wonderful friend, thank you and well done!
Tigers	Josh Shannon	Josh, you have had a fantastic start to Year 3 - you work incredibly hard and have shown great enthusiasm towards our Stone Age topic, thank you!
Kangaroos	Max Gradidge	Max, you work hard in all lessons and are a great friend to others; what an amazing member of the class you are, well done!
Koalas	Tristan Slatter	Tristan, you have shown a newfound enjoyment in your learning which has produced some amazing success - particularly during Spanish, well done!
Owls	Seth Edmonds	Seth - your determination and resilience towards your learning is exceptional. We were particularly impressed with your Space poem this week - well done Seth!
Otters	Ben Maclean	Ben, you consistently demonstrate an eagerness for learning and you are a valued member of our class for your willingness to help others, well done!
Flamingos	Zara Haskell	Zara, you consistently demonstrate all of our school values immaculately. Thank you for being such a super role model!
Toucans	Molly Glanville	Molly, you have a fantastic attitude to school life. You are an excellent role model and a conscientious member of the class. Thank you for always trying your best in all that you do!

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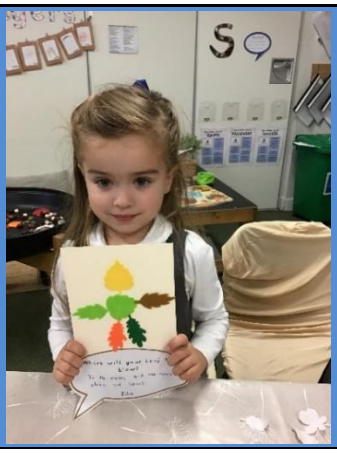
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Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteachers Award	Hermione Thomson	Hermione, I have been really impressed with the effort you have put into your learning since moving up to Year 3. You have been trying really hard to demonstrate our school values and it has been noticed – well done and keep it up!
Attendance Award	Otters	99.26%





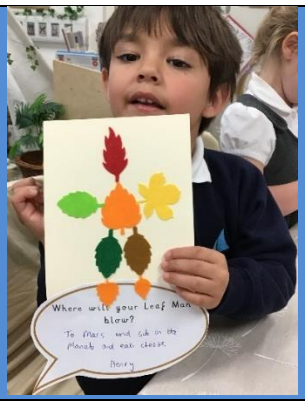


Early Years (EYFS)

Autumn leaves have been our inspiration this week; we have explored their colours, shapes, sizes and textures. Our story title was Leaf Man; we made our own with craft leaves and thought about where he would blow in the wind.

A special well done to all of the children for starting their Bug Club sounds so well - we hope you can join us at our phonic workshop next Thursday after school. Have a great weekend

The Early Years Team







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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week the children in Year 1 have been writing descriptive sentences about Elmer the elephant. In maths, they have been ordering objects and numbers. In art, we made marks on large paper using different materials in response to a piece of music. In outdoor explorers we discussed the changes we could see outside now it is autumn. We explored the school grounds in our scavenger hunt and learnt an autumn song.

In Year 2 this week, we have been very busy working on addition and subtraction. We have been using our knowledge of number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. We have been deepening our understanding of place value for 2-digit numbers and building number sentences using the equipment to help us. We have also been working hard using our new Rekenreks equipment to help with the composition of numbers to 20, even numbers and doubles.

In computing, the children have been learning about the input and output for technological devices. Using supermarket shopping as an example, we have been discovering how to do a stock check and how scanning devices work. The children have found this very interesting!



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 3, we have continued our learning on the book 'Stone Age Boy'. In preparation for writing our diary entries in character as the Stone Age boy, we have begun our planning sessions. We have been impressed by the children's understanding of our new text and they have learned lots of new topic-related vocabulary. In PSHE, we have learned the importance of guarding our hearts and protecting it from things that could hurt it. In history, we have further considered how the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age have impacted clothing, farming and food.

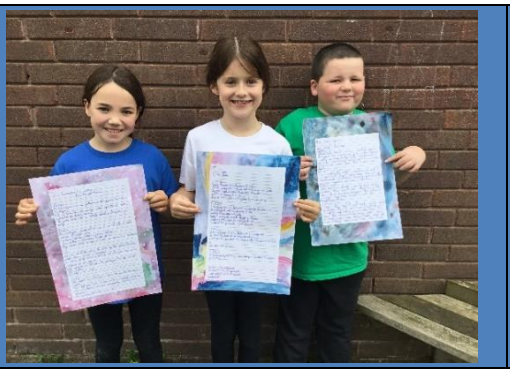
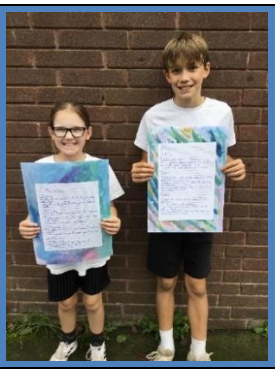
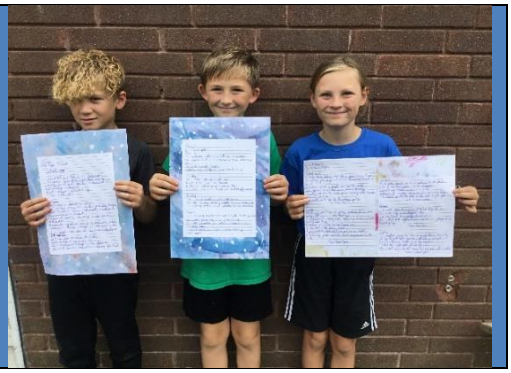
It has been a busy penultimate week in Year 4. In science, the children have built upon their knowledge of conductors by creating switches within their circuits as well as planning and investigating a question of their own. Children discovered that a closed circuit means the electricity is flowing through the wires and that having more than one bulb or battery in a circuit means the brightness of the bulb is affected. In English, the children have begun their simile poems and have generated some lovely descriptive language. We look forward to sharing them at the end of next week! In indoor P.E this week, the focus was on 'fluency' – the linking of movements. The children produced some amazing sequences with great fluency!



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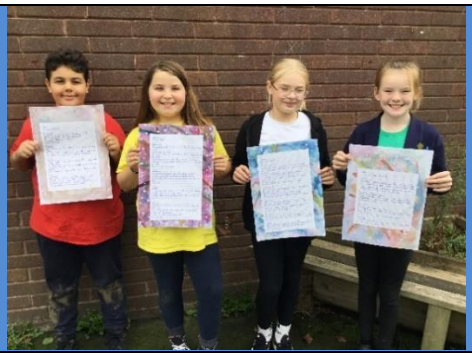
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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week has been packed with perseverance and pride in Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard on their space poems over the last couple of weeks, so it has been wonderful for them to share and publish their final pieces. Both Mrs Talley (our writing lead) and head teacher (the other Mrs Mitchell) expressed their delight at the children's work. You can see the sense of accomplishment in their smiley faces!
In PE this week, the children choreographed and performed gymnastics and dance routines to music, incorporating the many jumps, leaps, rolls and methods of travel they have learnt. They did a brilliant job and demonstrated great teamwork. From Monday, we invite the children to bring in any Home Learning projects that they have created. If you have not returned the swimming consent form yet, please do so next week.

This week in Year 6, during their swimming lesson, the children were assessed by the swimming teachers. They all did a fantastic job and we were very proud of them for embodying our school values. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow week-on-week and seeing them putting the skills they have practised to the test was brilliant. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these lessons to our children and it is clear to see the impact these have had. The children should receive their certificates next week during their final lesson and once we have recorded their results, we will send this home.
This week we have also begun looking at the children's home learning. Dojos and house points have been awarded to the children for each task completed and we have begun sharing some of their projects in class. Some children have had technical difficulties logging on to Google Classroom and so we have taken time to show them how to do this again. If your child does not have access to a tablet, computer or phone to access Google Classroom, please remember to speak to their class teacher who will provide paper copies of each task instead.

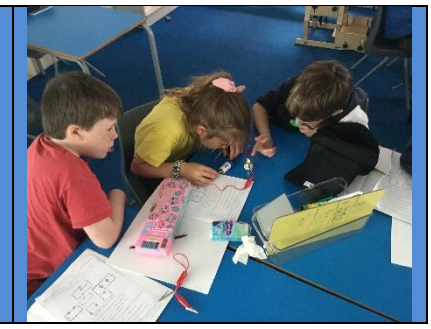




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Sport round-up

On Monday 7th October, the boy's football team had their first match against Copnor Primary School. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, showcasing the resilience and determination of both teams. The first half saw a strong start from our side, with a brilliant goal scored early on by Jamie Walton, giving us a 1-0 lead. The players displayed great teamwork and skill, creating several opportunities in an attempt to extend the lead. However, Copnor Primary School responded well, ramping up their intensity and pressing for an equalizer. Their efforts paid off when they managed to find the back of the net, levelling the score at 1-1. The final minutes were filled with tension as both teams pushed for a winner, but neither could break the deadlock! Unfortunately, EPS lost on penalties and exited the cup, however we are really proud of their performance – well done team!

On Monday 14th October, the girl's football team had their first game of the year against St James Primary School. Myself and the other adults in attendance were really impressed with the girl's teamwork, communication and sportsman ship. It's a joy to see all of your hard work at football club pay off with an impressive 3-1 win! Congratulation girls we are all extremely proud of you!

Mr Stubbs and Mr Butcher
Football coaches





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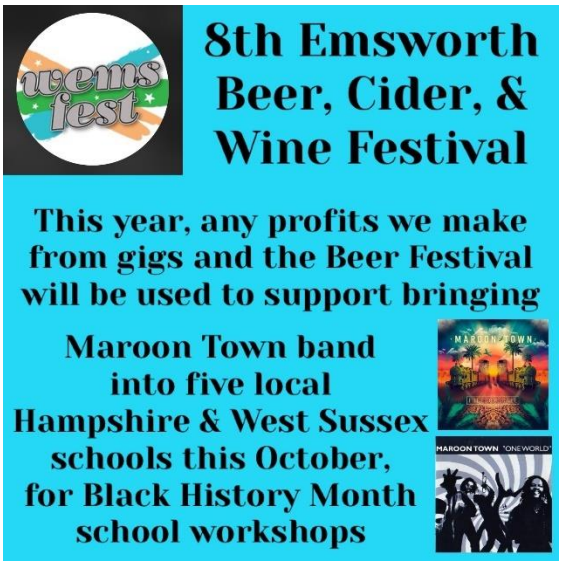
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Maroon Town Band

We are looking forward to our visit from The Maroon town band on Monday 21st October. They will be delivering Black History month music workshops to each year group. Please see the information below of where else you can see them perform and pop along if you can. Any profits they make will be used to support delivering these workshops in schools to help educate our children.





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