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NEWSLETTER: Friday 22nd November 2024



Welcome to this week's newsletter. We kick this week off with Greek Day in Year 6 which saw the children learning more about this period in history through stories and role play – we were impressed with the efforts the children went to with their outfits so thank you for your support with this.
Also on Monday, some of our Year 4 children took part in 'Aqua Splash' a fun swimming session to get the children enjoying being in the water. Then yesterday some of our Year 6s went to a basketball tournament at Southdown's College, they had a great time – and they won! Well done to all of the children taking part in these events and representing the school so well. Thank you also to Ms Jones, our PE lead, who has spent a lot of time organising these additional sporting events for the children through the Hampshire School Games – it is so important that they get to experience events like these. Please not do worry if your child has not been chosen for an event yet, there are many more coming up.

Yesterday was the Rock Steady Concert in the afternoon and I was lucky enough to be able to attend this. The different bands performed the songs they have been learning and demonstrated their skills very well, it was a very impressive event, well done to all the children who took part.

We then ended this week today with whole school Flu Vaccinations and Owls About Town in visiting our Year Rs. What a lovely opportunity for the children – Hazel the eagle owl is particularly beautiful and powerful and being able to see her up close and touch her, is a great experience for the children.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to Children in Need last Friday, we raised £580 in total, which is a fantastic amount for such a worthwhile charity.

Next week, we have the Year 6 NHS height and weight check on Tuesday – please make sure you have let us know if you do **not** want your child to take part. Then on Thursday we have the Year 4 trip to the dockyard and on the Friday, the school's Christmas Tree is going up and then we have the Emsworth Christmas Light turn-on in the evening so lots to look forward to!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Mitchell
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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Belle Clift	Belle, your confidence and participation has increased in all areas of learning. It has been a delight to see you approach new experiences with a smile on your face, well done!
Hedgehogs	Robyn Gordon	Robyn, you are so knowledgeable about the natural world and have contributed some brilliant facts to our week on owls, well done!
Squirrels	Jack White	Jack, you have had a fantastic week. You show such enthusiasm towards your learning; you wrote a brilliant wanted poster about the wolf!
Rabbits	Everley Merry	Everley, thank you for bringing such a positive, kind attitude to our class. You always go above and beyond for others, try your best with your learning and demonstrate our school values beautifully. You are amazing!
Puffins	Alana Williams	Alana, you have been working hard in your English lessons, applying all of your writing skills. Keep it up!
Penguins	Florence Trafford	Florrie, we are so impressed with the effort and energy you put into all your work - you always strive to do your best and we're very proud of you, well done!
Lions	Sam Waite	Sam, you have demonstrated excellent effort in your writing this week and this has shown in the outcomes, well done!
Tigers	George Montgomery	George, you have produced some outstanding pieces of writing this week and we have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. Well done!
Kangaroos	Finn Larkin	Finn, you are a wonderfully hard-working and kind member of the class. The lovely descriptive vocabulary you have shared with us all has really impressed us this week, well done!
Koalas	Josephine Coakley	Josephine, your enthusiasm for learning shines brightly every single day. Your joyful approach to every task inspires not only your own growth but also motivates everyone around you, well done!
Owls	Archie Fogden	Archie, we are so impressed with the mature and responsible attitude that you have been demonstrating in Year 5. You make great choices and have become more resilient. Well done you superstar!
Otters	Ben Perryer	Ben, you consistently tackle every task in class with all your effort! You have shown brilliant perseverance. Well done!
Flamingos	Lorenzo Comelli	Lorenzo, you have had a great attitude to your learning and always give everything excellent effort! Well done!
Toucans	Freya Edwards	Freya, we are so impressed by the positive attitude you show in your learning. You always try your best and set an excellent example to others in the year group. Well done!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Thomas (Teddy) Babb	Teddy, you are always demonstrating our school values, particularly enjoyment and always have a lovely, big smile on your face. You always try hard and you are kind to others. I was very proud of you for giving your own £5 to Children in Need – this was your choice and something you wanted to do for others. What a lovely human being you are!
Attendance Award	Toucans	100%
Winning House	Hayling	All the children in this house worked hard with their learning and following the school rules this week and earnt more house points than any other house, well done everyone!

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Early Years (EYFS)

We had the most fantastic visit from Andy and his owls Hazel, Meg and Paddy today. The children found out lots of information and got to stroke the owls. We felt the breeze as Hazel, the Eagle Owl, flew above our heads.

Well done Hedgehogs and Badgers for behaving so quietly and respectfully.

Here are just some of the many photos that we took.

The Early Years Team



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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

We have had our police hats on this week in Year 1! The children received a letter on Monday morning telling them that a huge, grey wolf had been spotted in Emsworth. We went out and looked for clues around the playground, we found paw prints, claw marks and a red cape – it must be the wolf from the Little Red Riding Hood story! The children came up with brilliant descriptions for the wolf, and wrote amazing noun phrases in their wanted posters. They also demonstrated brilliant number knowledge in their maths this week as we started looking at 'addition sentences'. They had speedy recall and were able to use part-whole models to help them work out the answer. A big well done to the huge number of children who have been changing their books this week – we love to see it! Thank you for an exciting week, Year 1 and we will see you next week for more fun!

Also, just in case you missed the email, the Fairy-tale Workshop has had to be postponed until Tuesday 10th December. Thank you!

In Year 2 English, the children have concluded their learning journey around Alexis Deacon's story 'Beegu' by writing a recount. We have been impressed with their use of apostrophes for contraction, present continuous tense and exciting verbs. The children are thrilled with the space theme and aliens! In maths, the children have been completing their work on addition and subtraction. This week's focus has been adding on a number line, demonstrating how they cross the 10s boundary. Nativity rehearsals are now in full swing and we are excited to see how the performance comes together in the coming weeks.

Reminder: If you have not already handed in your permission slip for the 'Wonder Dome' please hand it in to the office or your class teacher as soon as possible. Payment can be made through Scopay.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We just had another fantastic and busy week in Year 3. In English we have created our own setting for the Dream Giver, writing descriptive sentences about a jungle. We have finished off the week creating our own scary monster, using salt dough to inspire our writing next week. In maths, we have started multiplication using arrays with a view to support our learning of the Year 3 times tables. Please continue accessing TTRockstars, as by the end of Year 3 children should be fluent in their 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables. In music, we have been learning about ballads and came up with our own performance of 'Space Oddity' using a range of actions.

This week in science, the Year 4 children have been planning and carrying out an investigation into the viscosity of different liquids and, out of a choice of 4, which was the most viscous and which was the least. It got a bit messy at times, but the children thoroughly enjoyed this task! In dance this week, the children in Kangaroo class, used ribbons to enhance their dance based on the water cycle. Koala's will have the opportunity to use them soon, so don't worry! The children loved using them and they proved very effective as they worked in pairs to create a short phrase depicting the water cycle. In maths, the focus is multiplication and division with the emphasis being on the times tables this half term. It is evident that many children have been practising these at home so well done! Please keep it up!!

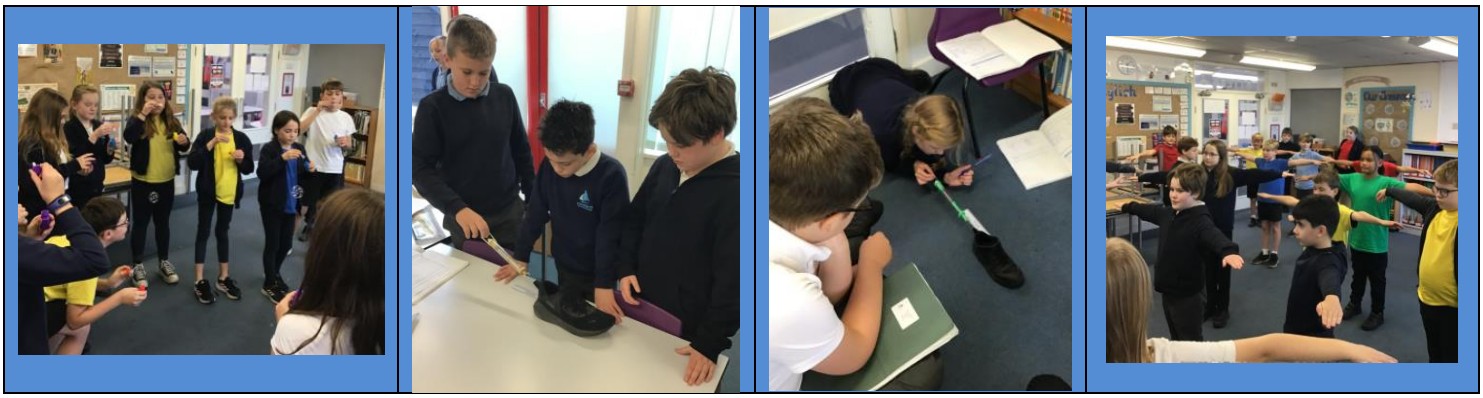
Just a reminder – next week is our visit to the Portsmouth Dockyard. It might be a chilly, wet day so please ensure the children have coats. They will need to carry their lunch around with them, so a small rucksack would be very helpful.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 5, the children have been showing off their impressive dialogue writing skills. We were impressed with the characters, and motivations, that the children created and by their recall of technical speech writing. In maths, the children have consolidated their understanding of squared, cubed and prime numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. In science this week, the children have been continuing to investigate forces that oppose motion. This week, they tested out which surfaces, around the school, generated the most friction by measuring the friction and force using a Newton meter.

This half term we are welcoming the MHST team. The children completed their second session, learning about the value of mental health and emotional resilience. This week, the children learnt a number of strategies that they can use when they are feeling stressed, sad or angry. It has been wonderful to see how the children have engaged the sessions.

Year 6 had an eventful start to the week. On Monday, we had a visit from Martin from Portals to the Past who ran a full day workshop all about the ancient Greeks. It was lovely to see some of the children dressed up and we have now uploaded lots of pictures of the day to the Year 6 page on the website.

The day began with some fantastic story telling that set the scene and introduced the children to the people of Athens and of Sparta. Next, they investigated a range of sources to find answers to quiz questions about different aspects of ancient Greece such as sport and theatre. Throughout the day the children also learnt about Archimedes, solved some mathematical puzzles involving shapes, played a strategic game called Petteia and even had their own mini-Olympics in the hall.

One particular highlight was when the children had the chance to throw (foam) javelins at the Year 6 teachers who thankfully were given very large shields to try to defend themselves. Needless to say, the children tried very hard to hit their targets!

The children had a fantastic day and the workshop was a great way to immerse them in our new history topic.

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Hampshire Games Events - Basketball

This week, a group of Year 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to represent Emsworth Primary School at a Hampshire Schools Games basketball tournament held at South Downs College. The afternoon started with the children developing some basketball skills under the guidance of Alex Byrne - a local basketball coach. The children were then split into 2 teams and each team placed in a separate competing pool where they played 5 matches of 3 v 3. For most, this was the first time they had played basketball competitively and I have to say, they were a credit to our school and displayed our school values admirably! Both teams did extremely well in their pools. One of our teams however, came top of their pool and so went on to compete in a semi-final match. With one amazing hoop shot by Ellis Northover-Jones, we won 1-0 and were into the final. It was a well fought contest, but in the end, Sam Nicholas, assisted by Freya Edwards, went on to score a winning hoop in the dying seconds to win the tournament overall. The team will now have the chance to go on to represent Havant in the county finals next year!

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