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NEWSLETTER: Friday 28th February 2025



Welcome back this week! It has been lovely having all of the children back at school and there has been lots on.

On Monday and Wednesday, our Year 1s went to Tuppenny Barn and had an enjoyable time, despite the changeable weather! Please remember that we often share photos of the children (both in school and out on trips) on our Facebook page so you can see them. If you don't follow us already, you can do by visiting the Emsworth Primary School Facebook Page

I have had the pleasure of spending two days this week teaching Otters Class and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. They are a wonderful class and a real credit to the school.

Please remember that for the next six weeks, Otters Class will be my priority during a Thursday and Friday so this will impact on the time it takes for me to respond to emails. If you send me an email and need a prompt response, please send the email to Kim Baldwin, my PA at pa@emsworth.hants.sch.uk

Next week is parents' evening and we look forward to meeting with you and showing your child's successes and next steps. Don't forget next Thursday is World Book Day and this year you have more options to try make it more manageable for families. A reminder of these can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

We are delighted to be supporting the Broomfield Photographic Competition again this year. Over the year, our pupils have been very successful and have produced some wonderful images! The competition is open to Year 3-6; more details can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Mitchell

Headteacher

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Bodhi Slade	Bodhi, you really persevered and now write with confidence and growing independence. You have made great progress in your writing. Well done!
Hedgehogs	Hallie Gray	Hallie, you persevere and try your very best at everything. Your positive attitude towards learning is always evident. I am proud of you!
Squirrels	Stanley Barrable	Stanley, we are really proud of you for being so amazing on our school trip and trying lots of new things including the spicy herbs!
Rabbits	Harry Mosley	Harry, it was such a pleasure watching your enjoyment and love of learning shine through on our trip. Your sensible attitude was complimented by everyone, well done!
Puffins	Evelyn Dorey	Evelyn, you have wowed us all with your amazing reading achievements this week! We are so proud of the progress you have made - keep it up superstar!
Penguins	Raffi Lafferty	Raffi, you have shown true determination and hard-work in your learning this week, especially in your maths lessons.
Lions	Evie Seager	Evie, you are making excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum; you are so focussed and resilient in class. We were very impressed with your circus home learning project too. Well done!
Tigers	Oscar Menzies	Oscar, you have worked really hard this week, and have persevered with your learning even when it was difficult. Well done!
Kangaroos	Amaryllis Eaton	Amaryllis, we are so proud of you as you showed great determination to overcome your fears this week. Well done!
Koalas	Chloe Brown	Chloe, you have showed amazing perseverance in all your learning and great success in your swimming!
Owls	Olivia Pinhorne	Olivia, it has been lovely to watch your confidence and independence grow when tackling trickier tasks. Your sense of pride and achievement shines through.
Otters	Kasjan Smith	Kasjan, you have been attentive and consistent in our lessons. You are a good role model for others - well done!
Flamingos	William Sowerby	William, you consistently persevere, work hard in every subject and you always take pride in your work - which is great to see!
Toucans	Tyler Hammond	Tyler, you have worked hard in both maths and English this week. You persevere with trickier tasks and always remain positive, which is wonderful to see. Thank you for your ongoing effort and your determination to succeed.

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	This will return next week!	
Attendance Award	Lions Class	98.67% attendance
Winning House	Prinsted	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)

Welcome back - we hope you had an enjoyable half term.

All of the children have settled well this week and we started our half term theme of 'Growing'. We have explored all kinds of seeds, designed seed packets, made healthy oaty bites in cooking and created our own seedy playdough.

Our inspiration for writing this week has come from the book "The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle. The children drew the journey of the seed and have then created their own stories based on the original. Some of their fantastic illustrations and writing can be seen below.

We look forward to opening our florist and farm shop role play next week.

The Early Years Team



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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1 has been filled with exciting activities and new discoveries! On Monday and Wednesday, we had the opportunity to go on a science trip to Tuppenny Barn, where we explored the wonders of pond life and plants. The children were particularly fascinated by the insects and tiny organisms that can be found in a pond ecosystem. It was a hands-on experience that helped bring our science lessons to life! In English, the children have begun reading their new book, *Oliver's Vegetables*. It has been wonderful to see them engage with the text and share their thoughts about the characters and what is happening in the story. We also had a creative 'Art Day' where we explored the use of primary colours to create secondary colours. The children enjoyed experimenting with mixing red, blue, and yellow to make green, orange, and purple. It was a great way for them to get hands-on with colour theory and express their creativity. We cannot wait for next week's adventures!

On another note, Year 1 would like to create a garden space in our outside area. If you have any old pots, small gardening tools, soil, seeds or bulbs then we would be very grateful if you would donate them to us. We will share the garden updates regularly with you, once we are up and running.

Welcome back Year 2! The children have had a great start to their work on division. They are making links with their multiplication facts and using practical equipment to share and group. We will hand out their TTRS log-ins at parents' evening, although these should be on the bookmarks we gave you at the last parents evening. The children will be working on these each week on the iPads.

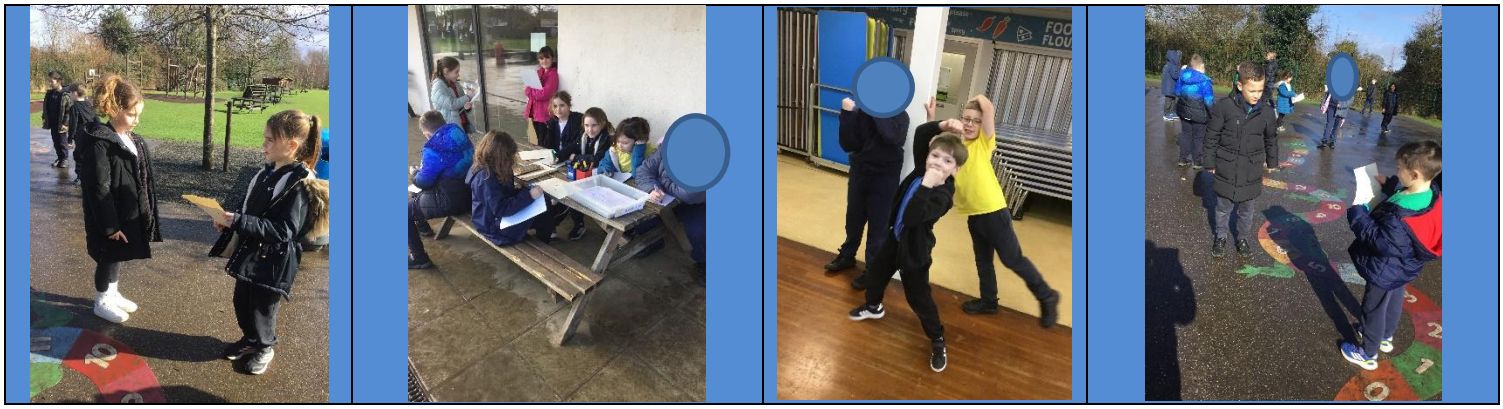





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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 3, we enjoyed starting the week with 'Growing' in dance. The children created excellent unison, canons and freezes around the concept of 'digging' and their performances were already very engaging to watch. In maths, we started looking at turns and angles. Lions class enjoyed making the most a small ray of sunshine and got outside to practise directing their partners with their instructions for turns. In PSHE, we began our topic of 'Don't hold on to what is wrong.' The children had some excellent discussions around the topic of forgiveness and began to think about how saying 'sorry' is a good thing but showing that you are sorry through actions is more powerful. We also continued our reflective thinking in 'My Happy Minds' with our new topic of 'Relate.' The children began thinking about their relationships with others. We thought about how we differ but how that is what makes our friendships great!

It was lovely to welcome the children back after, what was hopefully, a lovely break. This week we started a new learning journey in English based on the book - 'So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life as A Viking' (this had quite a few children giggling). By the end of the first journey, the Year 4 children will be writing their own fact file based on the Vikings but written in a similar style to that of the book. In maths, we have just completed the unit on length and perimeter and will be moving onto fractions. This week also saw Year 4 start their 6-week block of swimming lessons. They all did brilliantly and gave their very best in the pool. We were also very impressed with the speed in which they managed to get changed and ready to return to school. On our departure, a member of staff at the Leisure Centre commented on how well behaved the children were, making us very proud!



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

What an action-packed start to Spring 2! Firstly, a huge well done and thank you to Otters class who have adapted so well to the changes in Year 5. Mrs Whitcher and Mrs Mitchell have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and are looking forward to getting to know and teach you more.
The children have been captivated by our new text, 'The Viewer'. We have been discussing predictions and story endings, we will then be moving onto complex sentence structure next week. In science, our new unit is geology. This week, we learnt about rock-dating, the age of planet Earth and different rock types and phases.
I apologise for not letting you all know about our PE day change. The children will now be doing dance (indoor) on a Wednesday morning and tennis and net games (outdoor) on a Friday.
The children will be given their home learning sheet next week, our webpage has also been updated.

It has been wonderful to welcome the Year 6 children back this week and it has been great to see them jump straight into their learning with such enthusiasm.
In English, we have begun our new learning journey – this time based around a graphic novel called The Hero Twins. Over the next few weeks, the children will write setting descriptions and dialogues before combining these to create their own narratives linked to the story. This is always a popular text and we are looking forward to seeing what the children create.
In mathematics, we have been continuing our work on geometry this week before we move on to algebra and ratio. The new home learning has been set and there are tasks on My Maths that cover aspects of the learning we will be doing in class. Please remind the children to try to complete their home learning little and often. As always, we will make sure the ICT suite is available at least once a week for any children who may require some help or who are having difficulties logging on at home.
This week we also began using Bug Club for our spelling lessons. The children were introduced to some of the Bug Club characters and have been learning the spelling rule for the -cious/-tious suffix. Each week, they will have new games added to their Bug Club app which link to the spelling we have been learning in class. All of the children have been given their logins again this week and were also given a chance to practise logging on in class. We hope the children will enjoy this new interactive way of learning their spellings and look forward to hearing some feedback about this as the term progresses.

How to keep your child safe online

The NSPCC are offering a free online webinar which can be found here Online Safety Webinar. This is a forty-minute webinar providing information and advice about how to support your child in their online world.

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Choice 1. Children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character for the day. In the past we have had Where's Wally, Princesses, Pirates, Horrid Henry, various animals and Harry Potters! Please do not spend money on expensive outfits – we value homemade creations and if your child has a plain white t-shirt they could even decorate it with something from their favourite book or simply write the title on it!	Choice 2. One of the World Book Day texts this year is Barbara's very useful guides to moods. This story by Nadia Shireen takes us through a day full of big emotions in this hilarious guide to what we feel. Linking to our learning around My Happy Minds, children can represent a mood or feeling through colourful clothing. Or you could check out these dress up ideas at https://www.worldbookday.com/book/barbaras-very-useful-guide-to-moods/  Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods - World Book Day Fans of Barbara Throws a Wobbler will love this title for beginner readers! Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods www.worldbookday.com
Choice 3. Children are welcome to come to school in their cosiest pyjamas! We will be sharing books throughout the day and we want to celebrate the feeling of being warm and snug with a good book! They may want to bring a soft teddy to accentuate the outfit but please know that they bring this cuddly toy in at their own risk. We advise not to bring in anything very special!	Choice 4. Our final choice, if the children do not want to dress up themselves... they can dress up a potato! Those children that may struggle being in different clothes at school may prefer this option. Children can decorate the potato and bring this into school, alongside plain clothes or even school uniform if they wish.

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If you are interested in teaching and want to find out more about our Post Graduate teacher training programmes, then please join us at our next virtual post graduate open event which is being held on the 26th of March. You can register by contacting studyhere@chi.ac.uk.

You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary routes.

Have YOU entered your photos yet?



Broomfield 2025

closing date Saturday 12th April

Photographic Competition for 6 Local Schools

Open to school years 3, 4, 5, & 6 at:
Emsworth Primary, Funtington Primary, Southbourne Juniors, St James' Primary Emsworth, Thorney Island Primary, Westbourne Primary

Photo subjects:
Local Nature & Any Subject
(enter ONE picture for each subject)

Entry details are online at
www.smppa.org.uk/broomfield-entry-form

Prizes: £30 prize for the 2 overall winning pictures and **£25** for their school
£15 prizes for the 6 winners in each other school year (1 per subject)
Certificates of Merit also awarded to highly commended photos

Closing Date for Entries is Saturday 12th April 2025

Prize Giving 4.00pm Friday 2nd May 2025 at Emsworth Community Centre as part of the Emsworth Arts Trail – EVERYONE INVITED

Sponsored by the Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association
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