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NEWSLETTER: Friday 26th September 2025



Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week has been another week full of learning and fun in school with a couple of classrooms overrun by woolly mammoths! I have seen a lot of fantastic maths lessons across the school as well this week and have been impressed with the children's improving mental arithmetic.

Also this week, I have spent quite a bit of time talking to the children in Years 2-6 in assemblies about our new relational behaviour policy. In the assemblies, we talk about natural, logical and protective consequences and consider what these might look like in different situations. One example consider was the consequences if food is thrown in the hall at lunchtime. These are the possible consequences we discussed:

We agreed the **natural** consequences of this would be:

- The child throwing food would have less food to eat.
- Other children might not want to sit next to them anymore.

The **logical** consequences might be:

- The child is asked to help clean the food up.

The **protective** consequence might be:

- If this behaviour is repeated, the child cannot eat their lunch with their friends for a while.

These consquences mean that rather than just giving the child a card (which means losing a break) we help them to understand their behaviour and change it. The more we go through different scenarios like this, the more the children will understand the policy and I am pleased to say that from the conversations I overhear the children having, it is already having a positive impact on them.

Now some important messages – you have already had these but they are that important that I am sharing them again.

EPSA

The EPSA AGM is on Tuesday 30th September at 6pm. As you will know, EPSA need key positions to be filled at this AGM, such as the chair and treasurer, otherwise they will cease to exist. This would be devastating for the school community, and in particular for the children, as it would likely mean no more discos, Christmas market day, tombolas or summer fair. We don't want to think about a school without EPSA so if any parents have any capacity (or know anyone who might) please come along on the 30th to help keep EPSA alive. **It is important to add, that coming along to the AGM doesn't mean you have any obiligation to take on a huge role (or indeed any role). We need people to help out in whatever capacity they can, so please just come along and see if there is anything you can help with!**

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Parking at the front of the school

Despite several pleas for parents to not stop or park on the raised table outside the school, multiple parents and carers are still doing this, putting the children at risk. I have again complained to the council and asked them to introduce other measures outside the school to make this area safer but my complaint would be more effective if other parents could add their voice. If you would be willing to do this, please use the link here to report your concerns to the council. Thank you to those parents that have already done this!

Report a problem to Hampshire County Council Highways | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. 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	George Crockford	George, you have embraced our school values and set a good example for your peers. Well done!
Hedgehogs	Elena Scott-Stone	Elena, you have truly embraced school life and our school values. You are a star and we are proud of you!
Squirrels	Arthur Heywood	Arthur, you work hard and approach every task with such enthusiasm. Well done!
Rabbits	Curtis Gallier	Curtis, you always work hard to reach your goals while keeping a positive attitude and encouraging others along the way. Well done superstar!
Puffins	Jacob Simpson	Jacob, you have an amazing maths brain! You demonstrate great participation and clear explanations of your ideas using mathematical reasoning. Well done!
Penguins	Zara Pascoe	Zara - what an excellent start to the year! You are a fantastic role model, a superstar helper and you always try your best with your work. Well done!
Lions	Jude Heslin	Jude, you always try your best and embody all of our school values with a kind and caring manner. Well done!
Tigers	Jeffrey Dridge	Jeffrey, you have made a fantastic start to the year – consistently demonstrating our school values and always trying your best. Well done!
Kangaroos	Alfie Hammond	Alfie, we have been so impressed by your determination and how hard you are working. You are so resilient and have a brilliant attitude towards all your learning, well done!
Koalas	Romy Dear	Romy, you have shown enormous perseverance in your learning since being back. Your determination is inspiring!
Owls	Ava Allen	Ava, you are a shining star in our classroom. You show enjoyment in everything you do and you are an excellent role model to others!
Otters	Elliot Dallen	Elliot, you are an excellent role model to the class by always challenging yourself to do your best – well done!

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Flamingos	Isla Rayner	Isla, you are a brilliant role model in class and around the school. We are so lucky to have you in our class, thank you!
Toucans	Helena Denney	Helena, you demonstrate an excellent attitude in maths. You always listen well and work hard, thank you!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Penguins	99.6% attendance
Headteacher's Award	Ella Comelli	Ella is receiving the headteacher's award this week because she consistently demonstrates the school values. Ella clearly enjoys every aspect of school life and brings much joy around the school with her happy and positive energy. She perseveres with her learning and we are very proud of all she is achieving. Well done Ella.



Early Years (EYFS)

It was lovely to see so many parents this week for our drop-in. We hope you enjoyed seeing the learning environment.

We have been exploring our faces with mirrors and then we drew ourselves to put in frames. On the next page are the finished pictures!

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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

Year 1 have had a fantastic week of learning! In English, we have been focusing on sentence structure and investigating verbs through the playful book Ketchup on Your Cornflakes. The children have shown great enthusiasm and we are very impressed with their efforts. In Maths, they have been representing objects as numbers and recognising numbers in their written form. Geography has taken us on an exciting exploration of our local area, learning about the differences between cities, towns and villages, as well as the human and physical features of Emsworth and our school. In PE, their expressive dancing was outstanding! Overall, we are incredibly proud of Year 1's hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitude this week. They continue to impress us every day!

It's been another exciting week in Year 2! In maths, we've been exploring flexible partitioning of tens and ones using practical equipment like base ten blocks and counters. This has helped deepen the children's understanding of place value.
In English, a pirate named Jim Lad is on the loose! The children created fantastic Wanted posters, using expanded noun phrases and descriptive language. We've also been developing sentence structure, focusing on using correct punctuation.
In design and technology, the children had great fun tasting a variety of milks and cheeses. It was a brilliant sensory experience and sparked lots of discussion!
The children continue to enjoy choosing books from our school library. Don't forget, they also have access to Bug Club online, where they can read and listen to a wide range of stories at home.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We have had another exciting week of learning in Year 3!

In English, the children enjoyed building their very own woolly mammoths by following a set of instructions. This hands-on activity helped them to understand the importance of clear, precise steps, which supported them later in the week when they came to planning their own instructions.

In science, we explored the fascinating properties of rocks. The children learnt some new and rather tricky scientific words—permeable and impermeable—and used them to investigate a range of rocks. They tested whether different rocks were hard or soft, as well as whether they were permeable or impermeable, showing great curiosity and scientific thinking.

In art, we travelled back to the Stone Age for inspiration. The children created their own pieces of cave art, taking ideas from illustrations of megafauna from that time period. The results were both creative and imaginative, and the children really enjoyed having the freedom to produce something completely unique.

It has been a fantastic week of practical learning, and we are very proud of the children for their effort and enthusiasm.

In Year 4 geography this week, we have been using atlases to locate the countries that make up South America and have enjoyed discovering more about this diverse continent. In science, we continued to build on our knowledge of vertebrates by learning about fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The children worked hard to group them according to their physical features, such as whether they are warm or cold blooded, or whether they have wings, beaks or fur. In computing, we explored how network systems connect and learnt the difference between a website and a webpage. In PE, the children built upon their skills with throwing and catching by playing some team games in tag rugby. We would also like to remind parents that our new spelling homework is now set on Bug Club. If your child has misplaced their login details, please speak to their class teacher.






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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week, Year 5 have been diving deep into numbers in Maths, focusing on rounding and comparing values all the way up to 1,000,000! In English, the children have been exploring descriptive writing, culminating in their first independent piece—a vivid character description of a circus performer inspired by our class text *Wild Boy*. In art, they are continuing to develop their illustration skills, bringing creativity and detail to their work. Meanwhile, in Computing, pupils have been learning how to use search engines safely and efficiently, building essential digital literacy skills.
Reminders: Please encourage your child to log in to Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly to practise their times tables, and to Bug Club to play the spelling games we've been using in class.

This week in Year 6, the children have been revising the column method for both addition and subtraction. They also consolidated their understanding of rounding, building on the work they completed last week. Next week, we will be moving on to efficient methods for multiplication. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables over the weekend to support this learning. In English, the children wrote dialogues, which they then edited and improved. They also began planning their narratives, which they will write next week.
In computing today, we introduced the children to Google Classroom, showing them how to log in and navigate the platform. All homework will now be set via Google Classroom, giving the children valuable experience with an online learning tool widely used in secondary schools. Thank you to all the parents who have already returned the permission slip. Our aim is to issue login details on Monday so the children can begin exploring the site and accessing their homework. If you haven't yet returned the slip, a paper copy should have come home with your child today. It's completely normal for there to be a few teething problems as the children get used to this new way of working, so please don't hesitate to contact the Year 6 team if you need any support.





And finally…

As you will know, Miss Goldsmith celebrated her wedding during the summer holidays and I'm sure you will join us in congratulating the new… Mr & Mrs Spencer!




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