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NEWSLETTER: Friday 24th October 2025



Welcome to this week's newsletter! It's hard to believe that the first half term is already over - the time has flown by! It has been such a pleasure to see so much fantastic learning, growth, and enthusiasm across Emsworth Primary School this half term.

This week has been another busy and exciting one, with the Year 6 residential, our Halloween Day celebrations, and the Halloween cake sale and competition after school today - to name just a few highlights!

Our Year 6 pupils were an absolute credit to both their families and the school during their residential. Their excellent manners, teamwork, and kindness towards one another made us all incredibly proud. One of the great joys of being a headteacher is spending time with the children, so joining them for much of the trip was a real privilege.

A huge thank you to the members of staff who made the residential possible; Mrs Talley, Mr Payne, Mrs Robbins, Mrs Toghill, and Miss Watson. Staff volunteer their time for these trips because they know how valuable these experiences are for the children, and we are so grateful for their commitment and care.

Thank you also to all the parents and families who baked, decorated, and donated cakes for our Halloween competition and sale today - what an amazing turnout!

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, bright and early, on **Monday 3rd November**.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Mitchell

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Early Years (EYFS)

This week has been a busy one! We started the week by having our photo taken for the newspaper-smiles all round ! We then found out about Diwali-the Hindu Festival of Light . The children loved dancing, making clay divas, tasting food and drawing Mehndi patterns.

For the rest of the week we looked at the story of Pumpkin Soup and explored all kinds of pumpkins. This led very nicely in to our Halloween dress up for the last day.

Well done Hedgehogs and Badgers for settling in to school life this half term - have a lovely half term break.



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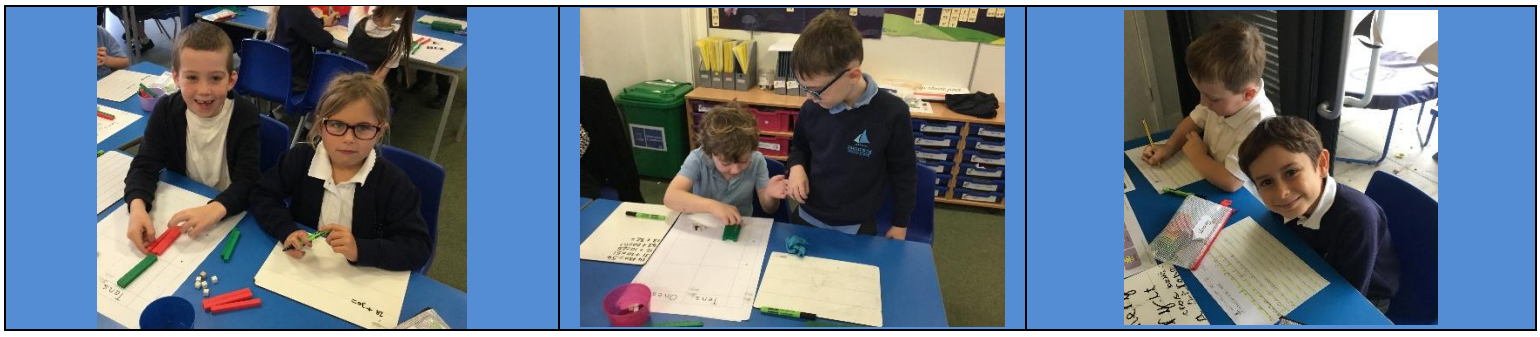
Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1 has been full of fun and learning! The children enjoyed reading *The Rainbow Fish* and talked about the importance of sharing and kindness. In design and technology, they explored the differences between fruits and vegetables, sorting and naming lots of examples. They also practised their cutting skills carefully, showing great concentration. To finish the week, the class worked together to make a tasty butter bean and mustard and honey dip — and everyone was very proud to try what they had made!

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting week full of hands-on learning and new experiences! In English, the children have been writing recounts of our recent trip to Arundel Castle, using time connectives such as *First*, *Next*, *Then*, and *Finally*. They sequenced the day's events clearly and confidently. We were particularly impressed with their use of expanded noun phrases to describe the castle's ancient, stone walls and beautiful, impressive gardens. The children are also developing their editing skills to ensure their punctuation is accurate.

In maths, we have continued to consolidate our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100. The children have been using number lines and Dienes equipment to help them add a 2-digit number and a 1-digit number and 2 2-digit numbers. Their growing confidence and use of practical strategies have been wonderful to see.

In design and technology, the children completed their evaluations of the fruit salads they created last week. They used some fantastic descriptive language to explain the taste and texture, including words such as *crunchy*, *juicy*, *sweet*, and *zesty*. Well done, Year 2! Have a fantastic and well-earned break!



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

What a fantastic end to our first half term in Year 3! The children have settled in brilliantly and should be so proud of all they have achieved already. This week, we rounded off our current units, ready to begin our exciting new topic after the break. In science, we've been learning all about rocks and the process of fossilisation. The children particularly enjoyed making their own fossils using dinosaur skeletons and clay—it was a brilliant way to bring their learning to life! In Spanish, we put all the vocabulary we've learned into practice by holding short conversations, even using puppets to do some of the talking! Friday afternoon was definitely a highlight, with everyone dressed up and enjoying some Halloween fun in the classroom. We hope the children have a wonderful half term and can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return. Well done, Year 3—you've made a fantastic start to the year!

This week in Year 4, the children have shown fantastic focus and enthusiasm across all their lessons. In maths, we have been working hard on addition and subtraction, developing efficient strategies for subtraction before moving on to our new measurement unit on area. In this topic, the children are beginning to apply their addition skills to calculate the area of rectilinear shapes.
In English, we have continued to dive deeper into our class text *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, focusing on using adverbs of time, prepositions of place, and writing confidently in the past tense. In geography, we have been exploring the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro and learning about what life is like for the people who live there. In science, we discussed the importance of biodiversity and the different factors that can threaten it. In computing, we have been learning about the internet and who actually owns and maintains it. Finally, in PSHE, we have reflected on how our actions can have an impact on others and why it is important to make kind and thoughtful choices.





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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

Year 5 wrapped up the half term on a high note! This week, the classes celebrated their fantastic progress in their writing, taking real ownership of their learning by meeting targets and engaging in more positive thoughtful conversations during lessons. To celebrate all the hardwork and dedication since September, we ended this week with fun-filled Halloween parties, complete with game, sweets, dancing and laughter. Wishing everyone a well deserved and restful week off!

Year 6 have had a fantastic time at PGL this week. When we arrived we dropped off our bags, ate our lunches and headed straight to our first activities: laser tag and zip wire for some, and zip wire and archery for the others. The children then enjoyed their first cooked meal before heading to their rooms to unpack and settle in. There was a lot of excitement and some competition for the tidiest room award! After that we headed out in the wind and rain for our evening session of PGL games. It was a very competitive and slippery time due to the heavy rain so a few of the children may be bringing home some soggy, muddy clothes - but lots of funny memories.

The next morning, we enjoyed a cooked breakfast before heading off for another fun-packed day. The giant swing was a highlight along with the raft building. Some of the children didn't manage to stay on their rafts for long and spent some of their time swimming round the lake! Our evening activity was campfire and the children braved the rain yet again to sing and eat toasted marshmallows with their friends. The children were shattered after such a long and action-packed day so slept very soundly on the second night and needed lots of wake up calls on the final morning.

Today we ate another hearty breakfast before packing up. The children did a great job of tidying their rooms and gave packing their bags a good try - although some of may have had to sit on their suitcases and they definitely aren't as well organised as they were when they arrived! After storing our bags, we headed to our final activities: survivor, archery and climbing.

The Year 6 team have been so impressed with all of the children and were pleased to hear from lots of the PGL instructors that our children were incredibly kind, supportive and polite. We certainly feel they demonstrated our school values wonderfully and have loved getting to know them all even better while we have been away. We are all very proud of them and hope that they come home full of stories about all of the fun they have had this week.







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🎃 Halloween Cake Sale – A Sweet Success!

A huge thank-you to everyone who took part in this year's Halloween Cake Sale! The support from pupils, parents, grandparents, and staff has been absolutely fantastic.

We were blown away by the incredible variety and creativity of the cake entries. Choosing the winners for first, second, and third place was no easy task. The quality and passion behind each creation were truly impressive. We're so proud of the effort and imagination shown by everyone who participated.

A special thank you goes to our amazing volunteers and organisers. Your hard work and dedication made this event such a success, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We're already looking forward to hosting more exciting events in the future, with plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved and celebrate our wonderful school community.

All proceeds from the cake sale will go towards providing additional resources for our children and the school.

Thank you all so much — EPSA

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