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NEWSLETTER: Friday 6th February 2026



Welcome to this week's newsletter.

We did not have Stars of the Week this week due to the Rainbow Disco and the preparations involved. This will return as normal next week. However, you can still read all about what each year group has been learning in the year group updates below.

The highlight of the week was, of course, the Rainbow Disco this evening. The children had a wonderful time, and it was lovely to see the glitter, colourful hairstyles and bright outfits on display! We would like to extend a huge thank you to the EPSA team for all their hard work in making this event possible. A great deal of planning and preparation takes place behind the scenes, and it is much appreciated.

Thank you also to the teachers and support staff who stayed this evening to help - we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team.

Working Party - This Sunday

As you will be aware, Project 1 - developing our outdoor areas for children to use during breaktimes and lessons - launches this Sunday, 8th February, from 12pm to 4pm. We will be starting with the pond area, working to clear and improve it so it can be safely used by the children.

If you are able to help, please do come along for as long as you can, and feel free to bring any tools or equipment you may have.

Unfortunately, **children will not be able to attend this event**, as the area is currently very overgrown and unsafe. The weather forecast is currently dry; however, should this change and the event need to be cancelled, an email will be sent on Sunday morning. Fingers crossed the weather holds - we hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

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Early Years (EYFS)

The Dinosaurs Have Arrived! 🦕

This has been a very popular theme in Early Years, and the children have had a busy and exciting week exploring some big questions. We have been finding out: *What is a dinosaur? How do we know what dinosaurs looked like? What did dinosaurs eat? Were all dinosaurs big?*

The children have looked at information books, listened to stories, and shared their own ideas and knowledge to help answer these questions. They have also made their own dinosaur fact books, which they are very proud of and will be sharing with you next week.

During Explore Time, the children became palaeontologists, spotting and identifying different dinosaurs, making dinosaur footprints, enjoying dino veggie wraps, and taking part in lots of other dinosaur-themed activities.

Thank you to all of our Monday Mystery Readers so far! 📚

We have some spaces from May if you would like to sign up again, for the first time, or even sign up a grandparent - everyone is welcome!



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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1, we have begun a new learning journey in English by reading *I Care About My Planet* by Liz Lennon. The children have been learning about imperative (bossy) verbs and have used them to write simple command sentences about how to look after planet Earth. We're excited to see how their writing continues to develop next week. In maths, the children have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20, using the vocabulary greater than and less than to explain their thinking. In science, the children have been learning about everyday objects, their purposes, the materials they are made from, and the physical properties of those materials. They asked some brilliant questions and enjoyed exploring how different materials feel.
It has been wonderful to see so many creative and thoughtful home learning projects brought in over the past few weeks- the children were so proud to share them in class!

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 2 and the children have been working really hard across the curriculum.
In maths, we have started learning about arrays. The children explored this in a very practical way using counters to make equal rows and columns. They really enjoyed the hands-on activities and showed great enthusiasm and understanding.
In English, we have begun looking at report writing. The children are learning how to organise information using a title, sub-headings and paragraphs, and how to include clear facts. They have been very engaged and are enjoying becoming "fact experts."
In music, the children have been busy creating their own percussion sounds. They used these sounds to help tell a story, working creatively and listening carefully to each other's ideas.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

Our highlight of the week in Year 3 was definitely our amazing Circus Day! We were lucky enough to have a circus professional come into school - who had the children in stitches with lots of laughter and excitement. Each class then took part in their own workshop, where the children had a go at balancing feathers, spinning plates, tightrope-walking, riding stepper pedals, using diabolos and ribbons, and much more.
Whilst they were not in the workshop, the children enjoyed circus-themed crafts and even learnt a magic trick or two! It was wonderful to see everyone's costumes as well as confidence, perseverance and teamwork as they tried new skills. A truly memorable and fun-filled day for Year 3!

Year 4 have been busy combining their Narrating Documentaries unit across English, geography and computing. Working with a partner, the children have been collating information about their chosen animal, including its habitat, diet, appearance, behaviours and social or group habits. They have explored how short sentences can be used for dramatic effect, while longer sentences add detail and explanation. We have been very impressed with their work so far and can't wait to see the final products.
In PE, the children have been using mirroring, canon and synchronisation in Dance to create Amazonian-themed routines inspired by weather, animals and key features of the rainforest.
In PSHE, we concluded our unit on community by designing informative posters about our local area, Emsworth, celebrating landmarks such as the mill pond, sailing clubs, churches, shops, local restaurants, pubs, cafés and parks.
Well done Kangaroos and Koalas on another week of excellent team work, determination and resilience - we hope you enjoy the Rainbow Disco tonight!





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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

Year 5 have had a wonderfully productive and creative week! In maths, the children have shown great determination as they tackled multiplying fractions by whole numbers, building both confidence and fluency. They also proudly completed their *Shackleton's Journey* newspaper reports, showcasing impressive journalistic writing and a deep understanding of the explorer's incredible expedition. To celebrate Chinese New Year, the pupils enjoyed crafting vibrant lanterns, adding a splash of colour and cultural learning to the classroom. Otters class had an extra exciting opportunity this week as they took part in a workshop led by Bourne Community College, where they programmed Micro bits to flash LEDs and create music - an inspiring introduction to coding and digital creativity. Owls have their workshop next week!

Year 6 have had a busy week. In science we have been learning about light and this week spent time finding out about reflection. The children investigated two different types of reflection - specular and diffuse - and had a go at drawing diagrams to show how the light rays behave differently. In geography, we have been learning about migration. The children have now done two case studies about voluntary migration and this week began talking about forced migration. The children have really enjoyed this topic and have been great at sharing their ideas.

In English, the children have been planning and then creating the first drafts of their 'Beyond the Lines' narratives. Next week they will have time to evaluate and edit their writing before publishing for a display. We will look forward to sharing some of their writing with you next week.







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