

20th October, 2023

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn and Thrive Together



It has been a busy couple of weeks in school with extra things for the children to enjoy. Last week, some of our Year 6 girls took part in a football festival at Wallop Primary School. They had a fantastic time and played really well. Thank you to Mrs Hill and the kind parents who transported the children.

To support their learning about the Stone Age, Kingfisher's Class enjoyed a visit from Salisbury Museum. The workshop was called "Surviving the Stone Age". Using the museum's unique Stone Age handling collection, children discovered how people did survive, and thrive. The session finished with a giant floor game dressed in costume. Salisbury museum is definitely worth a visit if you have time over the half term break.

Also this week, Year 2 and Year 6 had a visit from the fire service. They learnt about keeping themselves safe at home including the main causes of fire. They also learnt about smoke alarms and making a 999 call.

As part of our new curriculum, we decided that each half term, children would share with you what they had been learning. It has been fantastic to see so many of you in school for these informal outcomes. We have some exciting themes for our learning units planned for Autumn 2.

Robins – Autumn

Puffins – Toys

Kingfishers – Frozen Worlds

Sparrowhawks – Did you hear that?

House Martins – Magic and Mystery

You will find more details about Autumn 2 content on the curriculum map which will be sent out during the first week back. Here you will also find the date for the outcome to parents.

I hope you have a lovely half term break. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

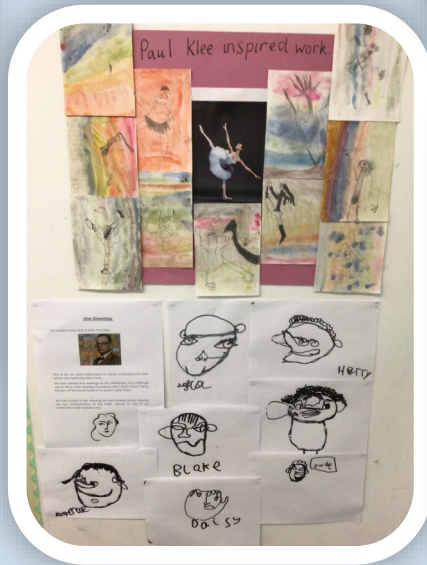
Mandy Ovenden– Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ 23rd to 27th October
HALF TERM
- ◆ October 30th
Drama4Schools visit Robins
- ◆ November 1st
OPEN MORNING FOR NEW INTAKE FROM 9:30
- ◆ November 2nd
Puffins to Milestones Museum
- ◆ November 7th
Flu Immunisations—Whole School (School Nursing Team)
- ◆ November 10th
Walk to Wherwell War Memorial 11am
- ◆ November 13th
INSET DAY
- ◆ November 17th
Individual Photo Day (Please note this is a change of date)
- ◆ November 14th
Parent Appointments 3.30 - 5.30pm
- ◆ November 15th
Parent Appointments 3.30 - 6.30pm
- ◆ November 29th
Sparrowhawks Tree Planting (Details to follow)
- ◆ December 1st
Parents and community event in the hall (Details to follow)
- ◆ December 4th
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity at 6pm
- ◆ December 5th
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity at 2pm
- ◆ December 4th to 7th
Year R, Balance Bike Training
- ◆ December 13th
Robins Nativity at 2pm
- ◆ December 14th
6pm Carol Service, Wherwell Church
- ◆ December 15th
Last Day of Term Christmas Dinner
- ◆ February 12th to 16th
HALF TERM
- ◆ February 19th
INSET DAY
- ◆ March 29th - April 12th
EASTER BREAK
- ◆ May 27th - 31st
HALF TERM
- ◆ June 3rd
INSET DAY
- ◆ June 7th
SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VISIT
- ◆ June 19th
Class photographs
- ◆ July 15th
INSET DAY
- ◆ July 23rd
Last Day of Term

We are Artists

Puffins— A study of portraits



Kingfishers—Cave paintings



Another mystery book benefactor!

We had another wonderful surprise when these books arrived in the post. As tempted as I was to shut the door to my office and snuggle up to read them, I resisted and put them in the library for the children who will snap them up. Thank you so much!

This week Mrs Abbott and I looked through all children's reading records and were pleased to see that so many of the children were reading at least 3 times a week. Keep this going and don't forget that we would like parents to sign these each week or write a comment if you would like to.



Kingfishers' visit from Salisbury Museum

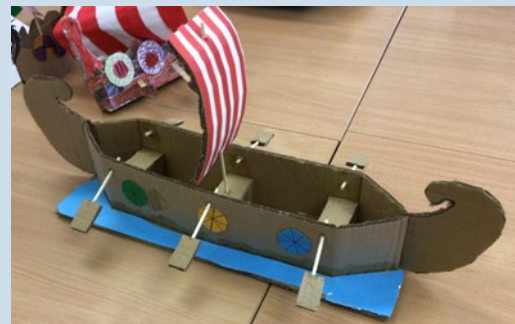
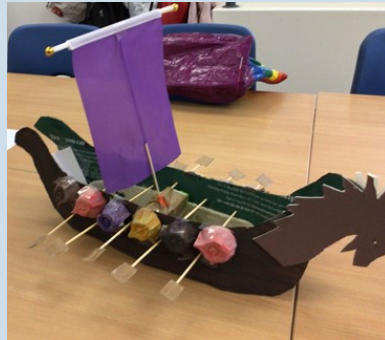
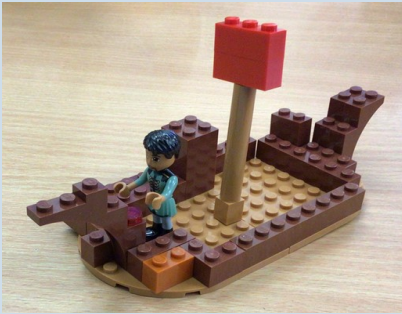
"Surviving the Stone Age"



Sparrowhawks' homework projects

Viking Longships





Harvest

Thank you for your generous donations for the food bank. Mrs Toombs kindly delivered our collection and they were delighted with our efforts. Well done to the children who performed so well at the church to celebrate Harvest which was a really well attended event.



A few reminders:

PE KIT

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about what is needed for PE kit which can be purchased at most supermarkets.

- ◇ White t– shirt (our logo shirts are available to buy on line)
- ◇ Navy or black shorts
- ◇ Plimsolls or trainers
- ◇ A black or navy tracksuit for outdoor PE in colder weather would be a good idea



PE kit which

BUS BAY

The school bus arrives shortly after 8:30 and struggles to park if there are other cars there. Please may I politely ask that you do not park in the bus area. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns regarding a child at our school please contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Ovenden at m.ovenden@wherwell.hants.sch.uk or

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Abbott at s.abbott@wherwell.hants.sch.uk

You can also call Children's Services on: **0300 555 1384**

