

28th March, 2024

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and fun half term for everyone. Robins have enjoyed exploring the topic of *Spring time* and had a fantastic trip to Hillier Gardens on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who supported us with this trip. In Puffins, the children have been learning about the History of Wherwell and were supported with this by weekly visits from Andrew Flanagan from the Wherwell History group. It was great to have someone with so much knowledge and the children enjoyed their walk to see some of the areas of interest Andrew spoke about. Kingfishers have been busy trying to answer the question, What the Romans did for us. We were all so impressed with their Roman shields made at home! Sparrowhawk's learning unit was called, *Food Glorious Food* and was an exploration of where our food comes from. Part of the learning was a DT project to design and make a cereal bar and its packaging which resulted in delicious smells wafting throughout the school. In House Martins, children will be able to tell you about oceans and why they matter. They also had a lot of fun linking their English study of Macbeth to their Art in which they learnt how to draw comics in the style of artists such as Jill Thompson and

I would like to wish you all a relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April.

Mandy Ovenden

Head Teacher

***** 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, Miss Gilbody at p.gilbody@wherwell.hants.sch.uk

You can also call Children's Services on

0300 555 1384

SCHOOL HELP OUT AFTERNOON

On Sunday 17th March, this amazing team of parents and our Chair of Governors, Sean Hutton, set about clearing our school grounds. Our main aims were to clear a shed for the use of our Green Team and to uncover a once loved pond as well as having a general tidy up. What an amazing example of team work and resilience this was! It was the refreshments that kept us going!

Our next step will be to install some dipping platforms and we will soon be able to explore the wildlife in and around the pond. Thank you so much to all the people who generously gave up their time. We could not have done it without you!



We will look forward to using the pond area in the Summer Term.

Thank you to everyone for your help!

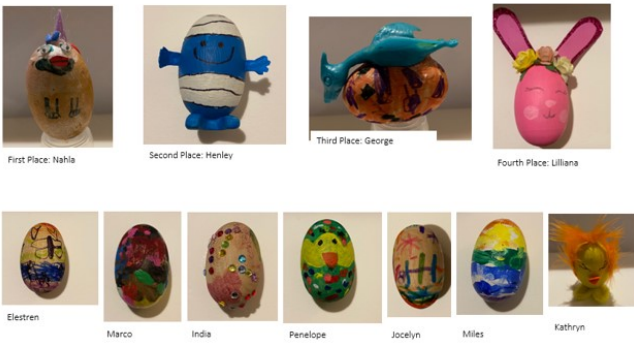


EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Thank you to the PTA for organising this popular competition. I would like to say a special thank you to Sam Robbins as she has gone to a huge amount of effort to organise this competition, from collating the eggs, organising the scoring for the judging, co-ordinating the judging panel and prizes, making the rosettes and everything in between. The children have really enjoyed doing this and I'm sure this will be a fond memory in the future. All entries were so creative. Congratulations Finley from Sparrowhawks, for being our overall winner. Well done everyone, they are egg-ceptional!



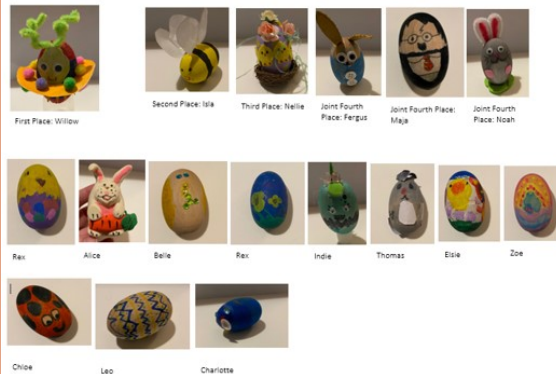
Robbins Class



Puffins



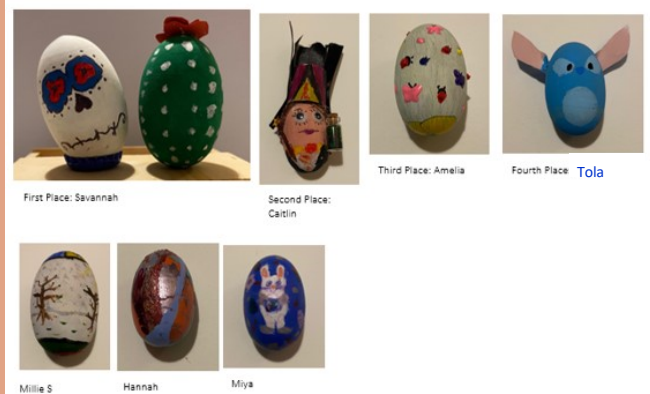
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Sparrowhawks



Housemartins





ROBINS

Robins had a wonderful day at Hillier Gardens this week! We enjoyed looking for minibeasts under logs, creating sticky, smelly caterpillars in the herb garden, searching along a trail for objects that didn't grow in the gardens (we even found a dinosaur, a panda and a squeaky dog) and hunting for different coloured plants and flowers. We also enjoyed the wobbly bridge and the bamboo tunnel too!



PUFFINS

Puffins last couple of weeks have been filled full of fun activities! Last Wednesday following several visits from local historian, Mr Flanagan, we went on our walk around Wherwell and were able to see and discuss all of the places that we have been finding out about this half term. The weather was very kind to us and the children were extremely sensible whilst they were out and about.

In DT the children finally got to make the fruit kebabs that they had designed. Everyone used the equipment sensibly and there was no fruit left to be seen at the end of the session!





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers had a wonderful time out in the woodland for their English lesson this week investigating signs of spring. For some of them, it was their first time ever in our woodland and they were also very excited to see our newly cleared pond. They even spotted a swan's nest! When they returned to class, they used their inspiration to write some wonderful acrostic poems about spring.



SPARROWHAWKS

As part of our home learning task, Sparrowhawks had to think of a meal with food from three different countries. The children created a variety of food and drinks from all around the world.



As part of our DT, we created iron rich granola. The children got to decide what extra ingredients they wanted to add and had great fun making them.

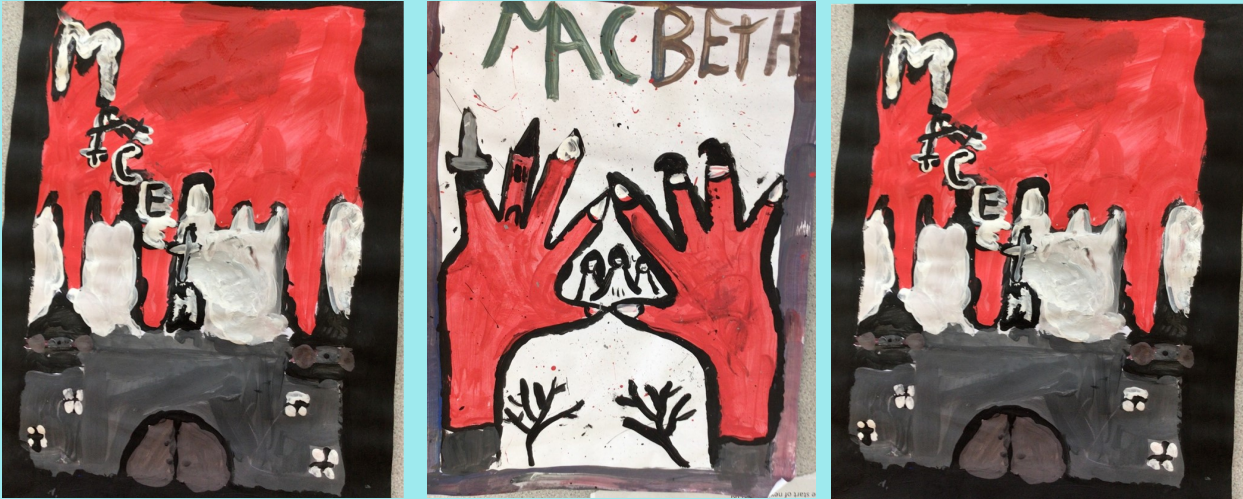
We have also been treated to some musical performances from our pianist and violinists.





HOUSE MARTINS

This week, House Martins have enjoyed painting posters, advertising a production of our English text, William Shakespeare's Macbeth.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the 7 House Martins who played in a netball Hi-Five tournament. They played amazingly despite the wet weather and showed great resilience, which led them to come 3rd out of the 7 schools they played against.



HAREWOOD FOREST RUN

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& PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION



TIMED RESULTS
FREE PARKING
REFRESHMENTS
FINISHERS SOUVENIR
DOG FRIENDLY!

10 KM / 5 KM / KIDS 2 KM

MONDAY 6th MAY 2024

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POWERED BY MUDDY RUNNERS

Runners need to sign-up online before Sunday 5th. Only entries for children to run will be accepted on the day.

We also need marshals. If anyone can help please email wherwellprimarypta@gmail.com.



**WHERWELL
SCHOOL**

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

SUMMER

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**SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
12PM-3.30PM**

£1 ADULTS | KIDS FREE

Bouncy Castle, Games, BBQ & Live Music

**Support Wherwell Primary School
Longparish Road, Wherwell**

No dogs allowed

Diary Dates

Activity	Date (New Dates)
Last day of school	Thursday 28th March
Easter Holiday	First day -Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April
Year 4 Swimming starts	Wednesday 17th April (am)
Year 4/5 Information presentation about Liddington	Friday 19th April 2:30
Sparrowhawks visit to Winchester Cathedral -details to follow	Monday 29th April
Harewood Run	Monday 6th May
Year 3 visit to Tile Barn - details to follow	Tuesday 7th May
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13th—16th May
Year 4/5 residential to Liddington	Monday 13th—Friday 17th May
Walk to School Week - details to follow	Monday 20th May—Friday 24th May
Last day of school	Friday 24th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May—31st May
INSET DAY	Monday 3rd June
Sports for Schools visitor	Friday 7th June
School Fete	Sunday 9th June
Year 6 residential to Runways End	Monday 10th—14th June
Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June
Parents evening	Tuesday 2nd July 3:30 - 5:30
Parents evening (including SENDCo Appointments)	Wednesday 3rd July 3:30 - 7:00
Sports Day	Thursday 11th July
INSET DAY	Monday 15th July
KS2 Performance	Tuesday 16th July 6pm
KS2 Performance	Wednesday 17th July 6pm
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 18th July
Year 6 Leavers assembly	Monday 22nd July 2:15
Year 6 Rounder's with Parents	Tuesday 23rd July 1:30
Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd July