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Parent Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

I can't believe we are coming to the end of another term. For our enrichment day on 3rd June, children will be working all day in their House Teams, completing drama, art, sports and music activities. Children will need to **wear their PE kit**. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Acorns



Acorns have had a lovely term learning all about kings and queens. The children particularly enjoyed looking at fierce and feisty Queens throughout history and our Year 1 Acorns wrote amazing persuasive arguments about their favourite queen. We have had some brilliant imaginative play outside and Reception have enjoyed putting on shows and writing stories this term. With the arrival of the warmer weather, Acorns have been enjoying water play and this has led to some great mathematical language involving capacity. Acorns have also really enjoyed their time at forest school and learnt lots about nature and working together as a team.

Bluebells

This term in English we have been focussing on non-fiction genres. One genre in particular was newspaper articles. We decided to write our newspapers on the coronation of King Charles. Since then, we have moved on to persuasive arguments. We have learned all about many queens from history including, brave Boudicca, wise Wu Zetian, our very own Queen Elizabeth and many others. For our persuasive arguments we will choose which queen we think is the best and then we will have a fun and friendly debate.



Conkers



This term Conkers had a very exciting workshop all about planes! We learnt all about what we are allowed to pack when we go on holiday, including the 100ml limit for liquids. Then, we had to check each other with a metal detector to make sure that we were safe to fly! Once we were on the airplane, we were given a quick safety briefing. This was really interesting! Then, the pilot spoke to us about a gyroscope and what it helped her to do when she is flying the plane. Finally, we got to guide the plane back into the airport using coloured and light up sticks. It was a fantastic afternoon! (Dandelions also took part in this workshop).

Dandelions

The Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Hindleap Warren - staying away from home, sharing a room, making a bed ... memories of their first residential will last forever. The children participated in outdoor learning and adventurous activities that boosted their personal development, developed their confidence and resilience, and improved on their ability to build relationship skills.



Elders

Year 6 have had a very busy term! We are amazingly proud of them all for their hard work and resilience in the build up to SATs and they all did their very best! Well done.

Their artistic skills have also been developed, creating some beautiful coastal pictures using water colours or pastels and using their sketch books to experiment with different techniques.



News, Updates and Reminders

National Trust Project

Over the last few months, a group of children from Crockham Hill primary school have been working on a project with the National Trust and design company, Kinetika, to produce flags which represent the changing of seasons for a spring trail in the ground of Chartwell. Working alongside the artists from Kinetika, the children's first task was to produce drawings of what spring time meant to them. These were then placed together in compositions across 3 different flags and painted onto silks, using hot wax (batik method). At the end of February, the children travelled to Kinetika's studios in Purfleet and helped hand paint the silk flags. It was incredible for these young and aspiring artists to experience a professional, working art studio. The final part of this project was a parade of the finished flags around the grounds of Chartwell. It was such a proud moment, for the children who had produced these magnificent pieces of art and for their teachers and parents, who were supporting them.



School Council



Last month, School council organised a Book Sale in aid of the Toilet Twinning project. Toilet Twinning funds global water, sanitation and hygiene programmes run by Tearfund. The book sale went really well and raised £76! School council were amazing, very enthusiastic and polite to everyone that bought a book. They were also great with getting everything set up and organised. We were so proud of them!

Fundraising

You helped raise £153.20 for the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day - thank you.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA and all the parents that helped with the May Fair, it was a huge success raising an amazing £2,543.11.

Uniform

Over half term, please check all items of clothing are named, our lost property box is overflowing with jumpers where the weather is warmer.

Attendance

Our school attendance for the school year so far is 95.9%. Well done to Dandelions Class for the highest attendance percentage.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Higgs