

# Newsletter

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your children back to school after the half term break.

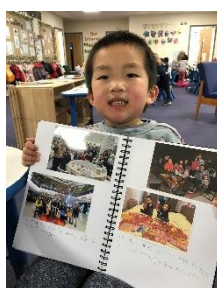
The children have started very much where they left off, working hard and putting in great effort in all that they do.

**Tony Head**  
Headteacher

## Curriculum update.

### Nursery

In Nursery we have enjoyed learning about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated across the world. We watched a video of the dragon and lion dances and the children had fun recreating them with their friends. Our home corner was transformed into a Chinese restaurant, and we made some delicious noodles and dumplings, and had lots of fun trying to use chopsticks to eat them.



One of our families travelled home to Hong Kong to celebrate Lunar New Year with their family and made a journal of their time there to share with all the Nursery children.

We have been continuing with our phonic activities, looking at initial sounds of words, rhyming words, alliteration, and syllables. This work will mean that the children will be ready for reading and writing in Year R.

### Year R

At the beginning of the month, Year R really enjoyed learning about Under the Sea Creatures. They learnt the names of Under the Sea Creatures and learnt interesting facts about them. They produced some fantastic artwork from the topic

This week, we have been learning about Old and New Toys and talking about the differences between them. They enjoyed playing with the old toys. We are working at a fantastic pace at learning our phase 3 phonemes and blending with these.

Our expectation is that all children will be blending using phase 3 phonemes by the summer term. We would like to thank all the parents who read daily with their child, it makes a huge difference to their progress. In Maths, we have been learning about the composition of numbers to 10 and capacity using the words 'full,' 'empty,' 'half full,' 'nearly empty,' 'nearly full.'



## Year 1

Before half term, Year 1 enjoyed creating a Toy Museum for their parents to visit. The children wrote labels to go alongside their cup and ball toys, split pin dolls and examples of their wonderful work in English, Art and History as part of the unit. We would like to thank everyone who dedicated their time and attended the museum.



This week, the children have returned to school and have been focusing on using their adjectives to describe fruit. The children have also explored similes to give extra detail when describing. As a result of describing fruit, the children enjoyed their experience of gathering the adjectives by smelling, touching and eating a piece of fruit to generate the ideas.

## Year 2 - Art

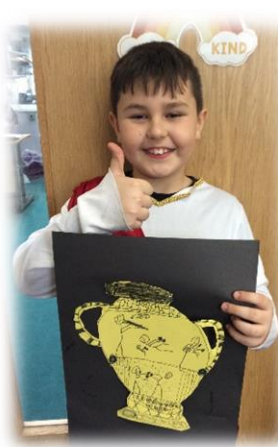
In Year 2 we have been exploring in art using powder paint. It has been incredibly messy but also fantastically fun! Following on from our English – reading the Katie Morag books we looked at Marri Hedderwick's (the author and illustrator of the books) illustrations, where we discussed and copied the mark- making techniques used in her drawings.

We then practised mark marking with paintbrushes using primary and secondary colours. We learnt what tinting (lighter) and shading (darker) means and practised applying this to our work by mixing white and black paint to change the tint and shade of a colour. We watched, observed and discussed markings of an object, looking at a variety of lines, tones and colours of different shells. We first drew shells to practise these skills using different varieties of pencils before applying our knowledge of tint and shade using paint. These are some of our outcomes!



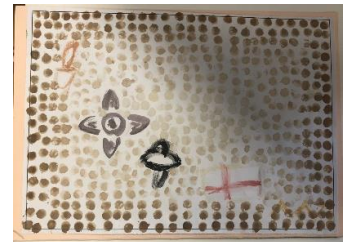
### Year 3

This term the Year 3 children took part in Greek week where they learnt about the history of ancient Greece. They learnt about and created gods and goddesses, took part in the ancient Olympics and found evidence from artefacts to understand what life was like. Year 3 also compared daily life in Athens and Sparta, tasted some Greek food and created their own Greek vase art. The week was a lot of fun and the children developed a wealth of knowledge. Year 3 also performed their music concert playing the Pbuzz and ukeleles. They performed excellently and were able to show off the skills they have learnt!



### Year 4

In Year 4 we have recently completed our study of Aboriginal art. We enjoyed exploring the work of artists. In our final piece of artwork, we used symbols to represent a journey. This required some amazing resilience as we used a dowel to recreate the work of Aboriginal artists.



Another recent highlight has been our In2Music concert in which we loved having the opportunity to showcase our hard work learning the violin (4B) or trumpet (4IL). Our weekly music lessons are always brilliant, thanks to the hard work of Mr Hart and Mr Nicholls, and we look forward to them each Friday. It was lovely to be able to share our achievements and see how proud the adults were of us performing. A big thank you to the adults who were able to come and watch our concert.

Miss Bryant and Mrs Iszatt are also really pleased to see some of us continuing to read regularly at home. Another big thank you to all the adults who are supporting with this, it really does make a huge difference.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant first week back. Continuing with our learning about Italy, this half term we are studying volcanoes in geography. So far, the children have learnt about the layers of the Earth, underpinning their work to come on the parts of a volcano. In English, they have learnt about the eruption of the Italian volcano, Mount Vesuvius, and the devastating consequences it had for the people of Pompeii. They have been imagining what it would have been like and felt like to witness the eruption first hand. In response to this, they will be writing a diary entry recalling the events!

We would like to thank all the children (and any adults at home that may have helped) for their wonderful efforts in creating a piece of work to do with volcanoes. We have had some amazing 3D volcanoes, PowerPoints, videos, quizzes and much more!



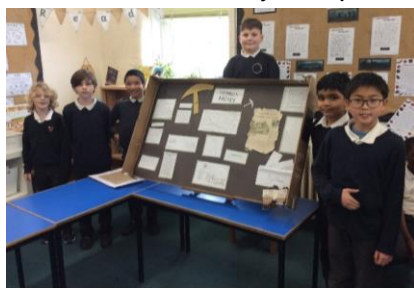
*Inside a volcano!*  
A volcano consists of  
1- A magma chamber, where the magma is stored.  
2- A conduit, the pipe where the magma is channeled.  
3- The crater, which is the mouth of the volcano.  
4- The vent is surrounded by the volcano's crater is where the magma is sent out and turn into lava.



## Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard researching our Victorians at work topic. They learned all about the jobs undertaken by children during the Victorian era and researched the laws that were written to change the situation for them.

To celebrate their learning, the children worked exceptionally hard in teams to create a presentation for the History Fair. Pupils worked hard at home as well as at school to create clay sculptures, artwork, diary entries, mining carts and many more interactive resources for their display. We were thrilled to see so many adults and other pupils in the school attending to see the wonderful work they had produced.



## Reminders.



### P.E. kit – trainers

A polite reminder that on your child's P.E. day, they should come to school dressed for sports. Recently we have noticed many children wearing incorrect footwear – particularly girls wearing heeled boots. This will result in injuries so please ensure that your child is wearing either trainers or plimsols.

Long hair must also be tied back, and earrings removed or covered on P.E. days. Tape must be supplied from home for children to use in school – this can be kept in your child's tray for them to use.

For further information, please see the uniform tab on our school website.

## Local sporting opportunities.

Each month we will showcase a local sports club that your child may want to try. Has your child expressed an interest in tennis? Our local club is situated at Bassett Lawn Tennis Club and is attended by many pupils at our school already.



## Bassett Lawn Tennis Club

### Juniors

Our coaching programme is run by David Ison of [Elite Tennis](#).

The club has a thriving junior section of over 60 members. The nature of the junior section is such that there is a continuing change of membership. Youngsters go away to university, college or work and take with them the knowledge and enjoyment gained from tennis at our club. Many youngsters represent the club in Juniors matches and several have recently progressed to play in senior matches.

Each year the percentage of new members can be as high as 30% or more. We run an introduction to tennis and a performance programme, from ages starting at just 5 years old.

Various junior coaching sessions are available for a variety of ages and playing ability between 4 and 7.30pm during weekdays.

Please contact Elite Tennis coaching at [admin@elite-tennis.net](mailto:admin@elite-tennis.net) for more information.

If your child attends a local sports club and would like to share their experiences, photos of them in uniform or with a medal/trophy/award, then please email me at [6UW@portswoodpri.org.uk](mailto:6UW@portswoodpri.org.uk).

## Upcoming events.

### Red Nose Day

**Friday 15 March 2024 - Dress up for Joy**

It is this time of year again when we would like to come together on Friday 15 March 2024 and celebrate our superheroes, for Red Nose Day.

If your child would like to participate, they can come to school dressed as a superhero or something funny. Anything to raise a smile.



We understand that times are difficult, so please do not go out and buy something new. Please feel free to just dress in the colour of your chosen superhero.

Any donation, however small is welcome, however our suggested donation is £1 which can be placed in buckets on the gate.

The money raised by Red Nose Day will help support people in the UK and around the world, and help tackle homelessness, abuse and mental health stigma.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

## University of Southampton's Science and Engineering Day

**Saturday 16 March 2024**

Science and Engineering Day is a completely free fun-filled event, celebrating all things science and engineering! Giving young people a chance to see science up close. Explore over 140 activities, including workshops, shows and laboratory tours of the state-of-the-art facilities at the Highfield and Boldrewood Campuses at the University. No prior knowledge required. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: [www.sotsef.co.uk/SED](http://www.sotsef.co.uk/SED).

Here is a short video showing last year's highlights: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyX3xDJEfqw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyX3xDJEfqw)

There's even a competition to win a family pass for the Winchester Science Centre for those who travel sustainably to Science and Engineering Day. [www.sotsef.co.uk/SED/find-us](http://www.sotsef.co.uk/SED/find-us)

## Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Monday 4 March 2024	Year R Pirate Day
Tuesday 5 –March 2024	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Wednesday 6 March 2024	Nursery children celebrating World Book Day
Thursday 7 March 2024	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 March 2024	Baby SUSO visiting.
Friday 15 March 2024	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 March 2024	No teacher led clubs this week.
Tuesday 19 March 2024	Parents' evening
Thursday 21 March 2024	Parents' evening
Monday 25 March 2024	Last week for clubs
Monday 25 March 2024	Fire Rescue Service visiting Year 1 & 5
Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April 2024	Easter Holiday



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## More information

- After school club includes a free snack every day from 4pm to 4.30pm
- Breakfast club runs from 7.30am until school start
- After School club runs from school end until 6pm
- Our fantastic sports and skills sessions are incorporated into after school club. click [here](#) for more details
- We offer a fun and engaging experience for the sporty and more creative child.

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## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY

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**SUNDAY 24  
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# **HENDY EASTLEIGH JUNIOR FUN RUN**

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This is your chance to 'Go for Gold' at the Hendy Eastleigh Junior Fun Run event for the 12s and unders on Sunday 24 March 2024. The event is run around Fleming Park, Eastleigh and will be supporting WESSEX Heartbeat.

## **FUN RUN FEATURES**

- The race starts at 11am for 9-12s, and 11.15am for 4-8 year olds.
- Entry is only £7 per child but limited to a maximum of 300 e.g. 150 per race (entries will not be taken on the day).
- Appropriate running clothes or tracksuits are recommended.
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