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Week 2

Netball at Chiddingstone

The netball team visited a very strong Chiddingstone team for a netball friendly match on Tuesday last week. Compared to their experienced year 6 team we went to gain experience and develop. The girls showed tremendous fight, gaining more confidence after each quarter. By the end, not only were we defending better, we were also attacking up the court well. The girls did extremely well and still walked off the court with a smile, having enjoyed the experience.

Photo Competition

I have been so impressed with not only the quality of the entries from our 'Through the lens' competition, but also the amount who have taken the time to send photographs in. We have begun the process of sifting through and trying to pick some winners. As you will have seen on the dates list, we do plan to create a gallery of all entries, and we will announce the winner on Friday 27th November.

Field clear up

On Saturday morning, we held our first field clear-up session behind Forest School, and what an incredible difference was made in just a few hours! It was fantastic to see so many volunteers giving their time and energy to help clear back the brambles and reveal the fence line, transforming the space and making it feel so much larger. This area has huge potential, not only for extending our Forest School provision but also as a wonderful outdoor space for sport, learning and exploration in nature. It was exciting to begin to see that vision take shape. A huge thank you to everyone who came along with tools, enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in. Your support was truly appreciated, and together we achieved far more than I could have imagined. If you were unable to join us this time, don't worry. We hope to organise another session soon, complete with a well-earned fire to tackle the mountain of brambles in the middle of the field, as we continue bringing this fantastic space back to life.

Remembrance

On Wednesday KS2 attended a short service of remembrance on at the flagpole on the Green. Year 6 children laid a wreath and shared two poems as we remember those who fought in the wars past. Al the children observed the 2 minutes silence brilliantly. Well done also to kS1 who observed a minute of silence in their classes.

Around the Classes

Kingfishers – It has been another busy and productive week in Year 6, In Maths the children are learning about fractions, this week it is about having a secure understanding of the different parts of a fraction before moving on to comparing, adding and subtracting and ordering fractions. The children are enjoying their new text 'The London Eye Mystery, this week taking part in some drama activities to explore the differences between formal and informal language. In science they have begun a new topic on electricity. They have been building simple electrical circuits and learning how to represent them using scientific symbols.







Wet Weather Reminder

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. We aim to make the most of outdoor learning and playtimes whenever possible, so having a suitable coat will help children stay warm, dry and comfortable throughout the day.

Thank you for your support

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Week 2 - continued

Badgers – This week in literacy the year 5 children have planned and begun writing their travel journals; trying to use powerful language to make their writing exciting and encourage visitors to come to their chosen country! In maths they have also moved onto fractions, Mr Barter has been impressed by how much knowledge on this topic has been retained from previous years. On Tuesday Badgers managed to get down to Forest School ahead of the rain and added colour to their leaf drawings from the previous week. In PE the children practised putting symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes and balances into sequences and in Geography the children have been learning how the greatest mountain ranges of the world are fold mountains and what that means

Swans – Swan Class have had another enjoyable week of learning. In Maths, the children have continued to build their subtraction skills, focusing on formal column subtraction and developing their confidence when solving increasingly challenging calculations. In English, the class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring *How to Train Your Dragon*. They have been investigating the author's writing style and studying the characters in detail, thinking carefully about how they are presented throughout the story. In Science, the children have been learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases. Through drama activities, they acted out the behaviour of particles in each state, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of how materials behave.

Otters - Otter Class have also been working hard. In English, the children have continued exploring *The Crow's Tale*, developing their vocabulary and using rich, descriptive language in their writing. In Maths, they have begun their place value unit, learning about tens and ones through practical activities using Dienes equipment. In Science, the children created a class display by matching animals to their habitats and discussing where different animals live. The class have also enjoyed experimenting with watercolours in Art, inspired by the work of David Hockney, and have continued their RE topic, *What Can We Learn from Sacred Books?* by discussing books that are special to them. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first Forest School session with Mrs Court, working together to build a swing and explore the outdoors.

Hedgehogs (YR) – As well as doing some special work on Remembrance and making poppies, the children have been working hard in all subjects. They have had lots of fun continuing their learning around the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears! The children were very excited to make some delicious porridge for Baby Bear! Before getting started, they learnt how to sequence the different steps using the words "first", "next" and "then". The children also explored maths through practical activities, investigating different volumes of liquids. using words such as "more", "same" and "compare".

Headteacher award – For fantastic effort and determination all week. Well done **Tamsin** in Kingfishers, **Florence** in Badger Class, **Casper** in Swans, and **Tommy L** in Otters.

'wow work' of the week. For an outstanding piece of. This week well done to **Tamsin in year 6** and **Teddy** in Year 4 and **Alexander and Lola** in year 1/2 and **Authur** in year R



Up and coming events:

Monday 16th Nov – Bore Place years 3/4. Netball away at Leigh

Tuesday 17th Nov – open day and toddler Tuesday

Friday 20th Nov – Panto pm at school.

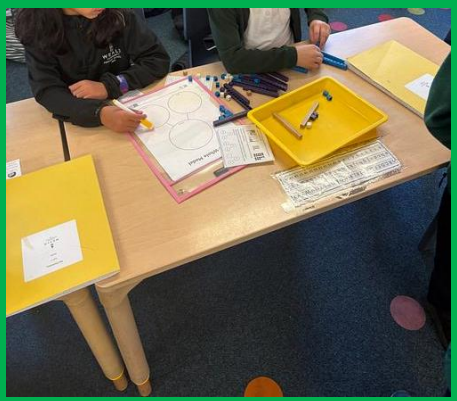
Tuesday, 24 Nov Chess Competition @ Sevenoaks School

Wednesday, 25 Nov - School Photographs -Curriculum Evening 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, 26 Nov - Netball Match v Hever

Friday, 27 Nov -PTA Own Clothes Day – Bring Bottle Donations for the Christmas Fair.

Friday 27th November - Photo Exhibition



Best wishes

Mr Taylor