



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Dear All,

What a difference a week has made to the weather, it has been a real pleasure to be on playground duty this week enjoying the sun. The time has come to ask you to send a hat and suncream for your children so that they can stay safe and sunburn free whilst we enjoy the outside.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Galasky and Miss Dawson to our team and they are quickly beginning to learn the ropes in their new roles. It has also been a busy week for all of the children – especially Acorn class who have managed to squeeze in Forest School and gymnastics which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The Acorn Forest School day was a huge success and we will do our best to organise another as soon as possible. Year 6 surfing was also well-received and the children had a great time in the waves.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

## This week in class...

**Pre-school:** Some children asked to paint butterflies this week and this led to discussions about symmetry and mirror images. They also discovered that they could print onto other surfaces along as the paint was wet. Favourite books this week have been Bumble Bear and Elephant which has led to discussions about how bees make honey and whether things are real or not.

**Acorn:** Acorn class have been learning outside of the classroom this week. On Tuesday, the gymnastics session was a great success and the children had a chance to have fun whilst learning new skills. Wednesday was our turn at Forest School. We walked to the wood where there were lots of challenges awaiting us. There was a rope swing, trees to climb, a swinging net bridge and marshmallows to toast on the fire. In the classroom the children have been learning to give directions using a programmable mouse and various maps.

**Oak** Oak Class have been learning more about Scotland, its traditions and famous landmarks. The children have completed a fact file and an information poster on some of the most famous landmarks in Scotland, practising their use of ICT and re-drafting their work. In maths, we have started to look at our money management skills, identifying amounts and understanding how to add and subtract. We have also started our studies on Islam in R.E. and learned about the importance of Ramadan.

**Birch:** Birch Class have continued to work on our 'All Our Worlds' topic this week by looking at the moon, tides, and oceans. We will continue this next week by beginning to look at rivers and the water cycle. We have also created some interesting fact files on our own aliens. On a watery theme, the year six have started their trips to surf school - which should prove to be exciting and immensely rewarding. We have also been extremely lucky to be joined by a new pupil to our class this week, Julina. She has already become an integral part of our class and we welcome her to our little family.

**Forest School News** Acorn class joined us this week in Forest school and they were super stars! We explored a different woodland area that had lots of exciting things to climb. Some children really took on the challenge, overcame their initial worries and managed to climb higher, jumping and sliding from heights. They were really proud of their achievements, Forest school is about lots of things but one of the things that it encourages is the importance of play and how we engage with our friends including self-regulation and building confidence and self-esteem. On Wednesday, Acorn were a perfect demonstration of when Forest school works for both mind and body. Go Acorn!



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## Dates for your diary

**Y3/4 Forest School** – Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May

**Y5/6 Forest School** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of May

**Y3/4 Swimming** – every Monday afternoon

**Y6 surfing** – Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May and 16<sup>th</sup> of June

**Family Learning afternoon** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – all welcome!

**Acorn trip to Hall Farm** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-term** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Acorn trip to the Henry Blogg museum** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

