



NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st July 2022

Dear All,

It has been an exciting week in school as the children have spent time in their new classes. The children really enjoyed their sessions and we are looking forward to hearing all of the news and tales from the Year 6s who had their transition sessions at Aylsham High School this week.

There are lots of events to be aware of next week. It is our Arts week and we will be looking closely at art through our key question *How do we really see things?* We will focus on drawing and the children will have lots of exciting activities across the week. On Tuesday afternoon it is sports day, followed by the Friends Fair – fingers crossed for sunny weather! And then finally on Thursday afternoon, we have family learning with lots of things to do linked to our arts week theme. We hope to see lots of you there!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: The Kestrels have fledged and are now in the trees surrounding the school, just as we have been focusing on our pre-schoolers transitioning into school this week. Mrs Witham and Mrs Sacre have been over to play and we have had lunch in the school. The children get to see the layout of the school, use the toilet, and meet the staff team, this will help them when settling into Blackbird Class. We have also been practising some races ready for Sports day next week, with the emphasis being on having fun. All children have been assigned to a team, there is a list on the table by the gate just in case you want to know what colour their team is. We are still collecting jumble for the fete, thank you to all those that have donated already.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds class are starting to answer the questions, "What happens when animals live in the wrong place?" This week we have found out all about hermit crabs and where they live, how they change their shells and how they can end up living in very unsuitable homes. We also learnt how useful it can be for a hermit crab to live with a sea anemone. The year one children produced some lovely information sheets about all this. We have also been getting first-hand experience of where animals live - on Wednesday, a family of great tits chose lunch time to fledge from the nest. All the children were able to watch as the young birds took their first flights over our heads! In maths this week, we are learning all about money and the children have been playing games recognising different coins. They have done lucky dips, mystery envelopes, partner games and opened up money eggs to see what was inside. We have also been working hard, as ever on our phonics. Year ones have been able to enjoy phonics lessons in the fresh air with all the lovely weather we have been having.

Wagtails: This week in Wagtails we have been looking at the main rivers of the UK. The children have been able to use their brilliant map and atlas skills to not only locate the rivers, but also find their source as well as the sea they flow into. Using their knowledge from last week about topographical maps, the children were quick to spot that most rivers originate from areas of high altitude. We also looked at the water cycle and where rivers fit into it. The children have written some incredible stories as if they were water particles going around the water cycle.

Skylarks: Skylarks have had another fantastic week rehearsing their end of year play. Please remember costumes need to be brought into school in a named bag please as soon as you can. Our Year 6's have been off to Aylsham High School for their transition days in preparation for September. Well done to all the Year 5's for working so hard on their end of year assessments too!



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Forest School News We have been enjoying making willow crowns this week and enjoying the cool wood. Term is getting very busy so the woods are providing a lovely break from the busyness all around, helping the children to reset and recharge. Just a reminder about Forest school journals, it would be great to have them back so we can keep them safe at school and use them throughout the year. If you could check with your child if they know where theirs is that would be really great. Thanks!

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Forest School – Wednesdays 6th and 20th of July

Year 5 Forest School – Wednesday 13th of July

Year 4 Forest School - Thursdays 7th and 21st of July

Y2/3 Forest School – Thursday 14th of July

Blackbirds' Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon

Arts' Week – Week beginning 4th of July

Sports Afternoon – Tuesday 5th of July @ 1.30pm

Friends' Summer Fayre – Tuesday 5th of July – after school

Family Learning - Thursday 7th of July

Messy Church – Friday 22nd July, 2pm @ St Mary's Church – all welcome!

End of Term – Friday 22nd of July

