



Friday 30th September

Dear All,

Whilst it may have been somewhat wet and cold outside this week, in school we have not let this dampen our spirits or our enthusiasm! We have had puppetry, incredible artwork, soup making and Forest School even found the end of a rainbow!

Our school community is one that we cherish dearly and a large part of that comes from our parish church and the fantastic team who volunteer to help us. Not only with events such as Messy Church but in our weekly "Open the Book" assemblies. The children really love how the team bring the Bible stories to life in a fun and interactive way. They give the children a chance to explore how these stories relate to our own school values and encourage them to treat each other with love and kindness. Thank you to all who give up their time for this and please do contact the school if you feel able to help with this anyway.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have been building assault courses with the children so that they can experience moving in a variety of ways. Children need to be active as it helps regulate their emotional well-being and activates brain control centres, which then speed up the child's ability to learn new information. The children requested a fire, so we made potato and leek soup, despite the rain. Other activities have included leaf crowns, nature wands and experiencing nature first hand as the children explore the world around them.

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds Class, we have been looking at the dot paintings of the artist Damien Hirst. We found out that he has been painting dot pictures for over 25 years and he likes to use a lot of different colours. We have used our colour mixing skills to create a giant class dot painting of our own. We looked at a portrait of Damien Hirst standing in front of one of his paintings and we have recreated it by posing in front of our class painting. The children chose whether they wanted a portrait by themselves or with their friends. This week we have also been learning about being kind and thinking of ways we can be kind to our friends.

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been busy finishing off our Daniel Mackie inspired artwork. The children have done a fantastic job of filling their outlines with detailed habitats. We have now moved onto discovering all about Sir David Attenborough. The class have been excitedly researching and taking notes in the quest to find out as much as possible about the amazing man. The class were amazed to find out he was born in the same year as the Queen and has in fact been knighted twice! We then set about putting all of his different life events into chronological order, which is a key skill when writing biographies.



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Skylarks - Skylarks have been studying and adding actions to the traditional tale of Pinocchio. We discovered it is a very complicated and dark story and have been embroiled in debate about the rights and wrongs the story covers of which there are many! It was really fun seeing some children bring in puppets from home and we enjoyed seeing different ones performing. Skylarks also received a lovely surprise letter from Alaina; now enjoying Year 7 at Aylsham High School. In maths we have been working on our place value and Roman Numerals.

Forest School News - We have smashed straight into our Forest School year with big bang and this week Y5 had, in the words of one child, 'the best forest school ever!' We witnessed the most amazing rainbow which we attempted to find the end of. It made us feel very lucky. As the rain fell we dashed about searching for vessels to collect it with. There was team work, negotiation and ideas flying all over the place. We later sat under the cover enjoying a fire and discussing all kinds of rainbows and how they come about. We also started our big web up in the trees!

Year 2 enjoyed a story about the seasons and we explored our wood looking for bugs and matching leaves. We will be observing the changes and learning more about our wood and the things growing in it. We loved using the hand drills to make holes in our conkers!

Gates - Please help us keep everybody safe by not letting children go through the school gates onto the road without you. Whilst cars do generally drive slowly past the school there can be a lot of coming and going.

Friends of Erpingham Primary School - Thank you to all those who were able to join the Friends for their first meeting this term. There are many exciting plans in the pipeline - more details to follow soon!

Find us on Facebook at Friends of Erpingham Primary School!



Just One Norfolk is a great website offering support and advice for parents. It is an easy to access website with lots of information around sleep, behaviour, emotions, family support and much more!



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PE/Forest School/Swimming

Blackbirds

Tuesday afternoons Forest School – Please can children come to school in Forest School kits – waterproofs and wellies should be kept in school.

Friday PE – Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

Wagtails

Wednesday PE - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers

Every other Thursday Forest School - Please can children come to school in Forest School kits and bring packed lunch. See dates below for which week your child has Forest School.

Skylarks

Monday PE (unless swimming that week) - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

Every other Wednesday Forest School - Please can children come to school in Forest School kits and bring packed lunch. See dates below for which week your child has Forest School.

Diary Dates:

Monday 3rd October – New Clubs starting! Coding club and Stay and Play club – contact the office for details.

Wednesday 5th October – Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 6th October – CENSUS DAY & Year 3&4 Forest School

Friday 7th October – Skylarks Swimming

Tuesday 11th October – **Blackbirds Gymnastics** - children come to school in PE kit and visit North Walsham Gymnastics Club 9:30 – 11:30am **No Forest School on this day**

Cromer Foodbank Assembly

Wednesday 12th October – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 13th October – Year 2 Forest School

Sunday 16th October – **Family Harvest Service at the church – see noticeboard for info**

Monday 17th October – **Harvest House Event** – More details to follow soon. All welcome!

Wednesday 19th October – Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 20th October – Year 3&4 Forest School

Friday 21st October – **Harvest Service at the Church 9am – All Welcome** Please note no swimming that day for Skylarks

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – HALF TERM

Open Afternoons to share your child's learning, Parent's Consultations & Family Learning Afternoon will all take place after half term and I will provide dates soon.



This week's Hi-Five Awards

Well done to...

Honor, Holly, Henry, Charlie-May, Rosa, Teal and Ellie

This week the children were awarded certificates for super hi-five behaviour, great presentation of their learning, teamwork, phonics, maths and amazing vocabulary in story writing.

Great Work Everyone!



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