



Friday

10th

March

2023

Dear All,

Thank you to all families this week for your continued support of our small school. The amount of baking, donations and support through the community cafe, family learning day and cake sale was brilliant and very much appreciated.

All the children really enjoyed their visit from Wild Touch Animal Rescue and we raised over £60 for the charity which is fantastic and they were very grateful. For those of you who were able to join us on Wednesday we hope you enjoyed them too!

Next week is Science Week and we have lots of exciting things planned with visits from engineers and scientists. Please also look out early next week for parent consultation letters and information regarding some governor vacancies.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope it's not too cold!

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Preschool - Preschool have had another busy week. We have learnt about and celebrated the Hindu festival Holi by playing with colours and learning some Bhangra dances. The children especially enjoyed throwing paint to make a large splatter painting. We have also predicted what items we thought might sink or float and played 'Bertha the bus goes to the Zoo' to practice our initial sounds.

Acorn - This week Acorn class have continued to make their pop-up story scenes. They look fantastic and will be used to plan stories from in the next week or so. In PSHE the children have been thinking about playtimes. We have had discussions about the games girls and boys play. We have established that boys and girls can play together and play the same things if they want to. In maths we have been looking at partitioning two digits numbers into tens and ones. The class has played lots of place value games to reinforce the learning.

Oak - Oak Class enjoyed their nature themed project work on Monday and had lots of fun at the family learning afternoon. Our Topic work has led us to discover more about the Viking gods and goddesses over the week and we have been making our own information road map of the gods, choosing the ones we were most interested in to make some notes and sketch. In maths, we have started our shape topic and have been revisiting key information on 2D and 3D shapes, recalling the names of shapes and learning more about their properties. We have also been learning about mnemonics, to help us remember some of our tricky spelling words: Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants. We are continuing to learn how to say the colours in French and say which one is our favourite.



Birch - This week has been an industrious one in Birch. We began the week with a very Eco focus, working collaboratively in our houses, supporting and working well with the whole school to create plans and ideas for the reflection garden in school. We have continued reading and reflecting on extracts from Anne Frank's Diary and are now analysing some very poignant moments in her life. We have written our second biographies and self-assessed these against our first efforts. We wrote these focussing on our passionate people of importance and discussed why they were so passionate. In maths we have met algebra for the first time, creating and using formulas to calculate problems. We extended these to shapes, perimeter and area and calculated problems with missing measurements. Thursday saw us host our third Community Cafe which was a great success. It is such a pleasure to behold the class being so polite and courteous to guests and engaging in face to face conversation with adults, a rarity in this digitally oriented world. Thank you again to all the parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents who came along to help support the children.

Birch Community Cafe Thanks

Thank you again to parents/guardians that came along to support another successful Birch Community Cafe on Thursday with special thanks to Amy Dyke for giving up her time to help bake.



Nature Club Visitor

Nature club were visited by local farmer John Claydon this week who very kindly brought with him some items from nature Clubs wish List. The children learned how to chit potatoes and discussed where the newly gifted bird boxes should be placed about the school. A very big thank you to Bella and Beau's dad and John for the new supplies!.





Forest School News

We had a great time last week with Birch class making pancakes on the fire. It was a super warm fire and kept us warm all day. We had lots of den and base building and some did some drawing too. The spider web was a big hit with some challenging themselves a bit more to get higher up on it! Birch showed brilliant team work when building/adding to our big warm den and making the roof watertight and the sides filled with more sticks and lots of ferns. Some enjoyed using the saws to cut the ferns we needed and there was a lot of brilliant direction and communication from everyone. We also practiced our blood bubbles and discussed what might happen if someone did hurt themselves.

Staying Healthy

As you may be aware we have had a few incidents of sickness at the school. In response to this we have upped our cleaning procedures and are asking children to continue with regular hand washing.

We would also like to thank parents for adhering to the 48 hr rule where sickness has happened.



Family Learning Day with Wild Touch

A big thank you to everyone that came to support our family learning day and to all that bought and donated cakes to raise money for Wild Touch animal charity.





DIARY DATES

SCIENCE WEEK & BOOK LOOKS

Monday 13th March - Acorn PE - No swimming for Oak today **Engineer Workshops**
Yoga Club 3.15-4.15

Tuesday 14th March - Acorn Forest School, **Nature Club**

Wednesday 15th March -

Thursday 16th March - **Science Boffins workshops & Year 6 Stem Competition at Greshams**
Baking Club

Friday 17th March - Birch Forest School & Oak PE **Red Nose Day (Wear something red)**

Monday 20th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

Tuesday 21st March - **Parent Evenings in School, Nature Club**

Wednesday 22nd March -

Thursday 23rd March - **Parent Evenings Online, Baking Club**

Friday 24th March - Oak Forest School & Birch PE

Mon 27th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

Tuesday 28th March - **Vikings Visit for Oak & Wagtails, Nature Club**

Wednesday 29th March - Afternoon Easter House Events/Games

Thursday 30th March - **Easter Service at the School Parents invited 13.45-14.45**

Baking Club Cancelled (refunds to be issued)

Friday 31st March - **Last day of term**