



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 5

8th October 2021

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In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **Reminders and Notices**
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A message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about our author visits and our focus for Belong this week - Black History Month. being part of Chichester Bookfest this year has meant that all children in Y1 upwards have received a free book and that we have had visits from 3 authors in person and one virtual visit.

The authors were: Louie Stowell (Dragon in the Library Classes 3 and 4), Lindsay Galvin (Darwin's Dragons- Classes 5 and 6) and Zehra Hicks (The Problem with Problems Classes 1 and 2).

It was really great to see the children so excited and motivated to meet the authors. They asked lots of questions and were keen to find out how the books were conceived and written. We were very lucky to have been a part of Bookfest this year and would like to thank all of the organisers, volunteers and supporters of this fantastic event.

Lots of our clubs started this week. We are offering a wide range of activities and on Tuesday afternoon there was such a buzz about the school with tornados being created in Stem club, netball, cricket and football all going on simultaneously. We are aiming to offer as many active clubs as possible to increase the children's access to different types of physical activity and it was great to see so many taking part.

In assemblies this week we recognised Black History Month and discussed its significance. The children have started researching figures from black history for our library competition and have been discussing their findings in class and around the school.

We held the first of two open days this week and were delighted to welcome parents of prospective YR children (for Sept 2022). Our House Captains and Class 6 School Council were fantastic tour guides who took their job very seriously.

Don't forget to take the opportunity to sort out your wardrobes this week and fill up your Bags2School. These will be collected on Wednesday and it is always a good way to earn the school some money.

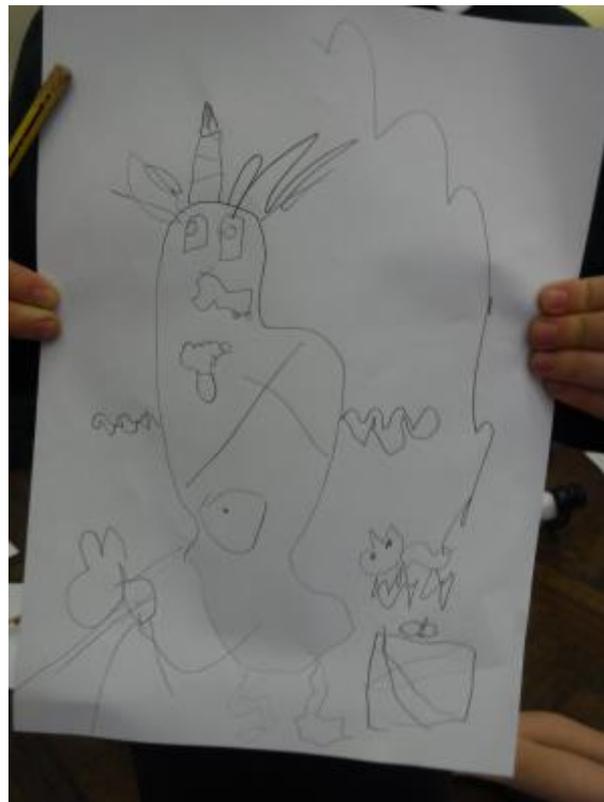
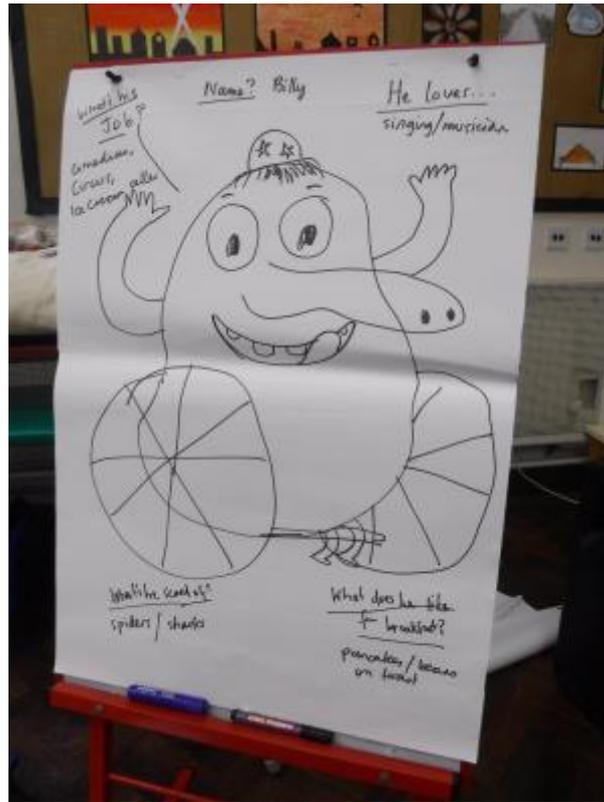
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Zoe Gordon

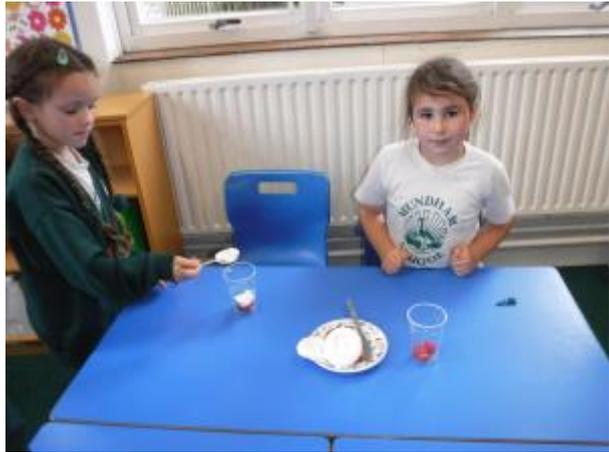
Visits from our authors







Year 2 DT- Making Eton Mess





Reminders and Notices



Coats and Shoes/wellies

Now the weather is changing, please ensure that your child has a coat in school everyday. This will enable them to go outside and play comfortably without getting wet and cold. Children in Y5 and 6 should bring alternative footwear for lunchtimes as they play on the North Mundham Playing Fields every day. These could be a pair of old trainers or wellies. However, they **MUST** also have their school shoes in school.

Additional school closure day.

In recognition that the additional 2022 Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's jubilee next year is in half term, the West Sussex local authority has decided that schools will break up a day early for the summer holidays. Therefore, the summer holiday will now start on Friday July 22nd.

Student teachers

We have two student teachers starting in Class 5 next week. They will assist Mr Tran in delivering lessons and support the children in that class. As a school we support the development of new teachers and find that it can benefit the school in many ways. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.

Covid Cases

We have had a number of positive Covid cases over the last week. We are monitoring this to see if it rises substantially and we need to take action. However, for the time being (following government and NHS guidance) there is no need to take any action and we expect all other children to be in school every day. We will continue with regular handwashing and ventilation and other measures to help keep the spread at bay. If your child does show symptoms of Covid, please book a PCR test.

Flu Vaccinations

Children with consent for flu vaccinations received their vaccination on Wednesday. If your child did not have their flu vaccination in school, we recommend that you take them for one at your GP. It will be essential this winter that we reduce the risk of all infections as much as possible.

Don't forget to complete the consent form if you haven't already.

[Parental consent Form](#)

Bags2School

Our PTA have organised this event previously and it has been very successful and we have raised a significant amount for the school. On 13th October the van will be coming again so take the opportunity of inclement weather to have a wardrobe sort out. There are spare bags available in the school office.

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

Dates for the diary



11th October- items for Bags to School can be brought in from this date

13th October- Bags to school

20th October- 1.45 Open afternoon for new Class R parents (for September 2022)

20th October- 3.30pm Cobnor meeting for Class 6 parents and children.

21st October - individual photos

21st October- Hot chocolate sale after school

21st October- break up for half term

1st November- return to school after half term

5th November- Creepy Cakes and Bonfire bakes (Classes R and 1 to provide cakes, more info to follow)

INSET Days 2021-2022

22nd October 2021

28th February 2022

27th May 2022

(All INSET days are either at the beginning or end of a school holiday, we ask that you take advantage of these for family holidays or long weekends and DO NOT book holidays in term time.)





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