



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Spring Term 3

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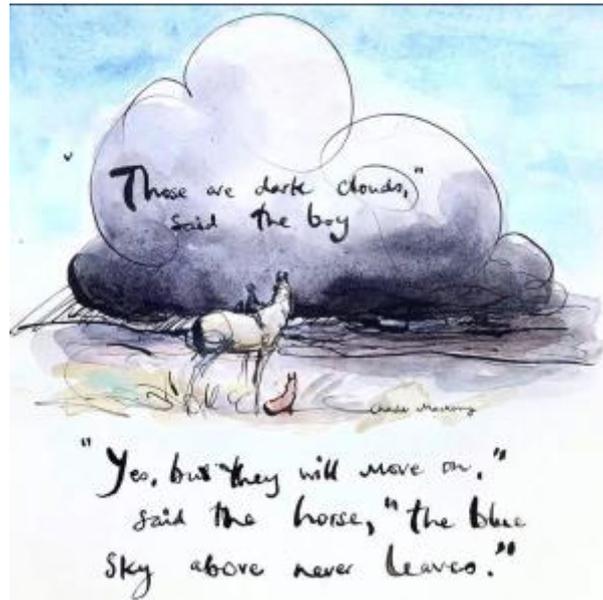


In this newsletter, find out about:

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[A message from Mrs Gordon](#)





Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in school this week and get back to some normality. We appear to definitely be over the worst of this Covid wave, having had no new cases for the last two days and only 8 in school since Monday. Most children who had tested positive will end their isolation this weekend or early next week. Speaking to parents and children, I am pleased to say that most children have not been too unwell and were keen to come back to school when they were able. This goes for staff too! As we enter into the 3rd year of Covid, there are definite signs that, whilst it is not going away, we are learning to live with it and finding ways of doing this with less disruption to all of our lives.

In school this week, classes have been continuing with their Spring term learning journeys and have been discovering, exploring and creating in many different ways.

Year R have continued their Long Ago topic and looked at how photographs have changed over the years. They had a go at posing for and taking some old fashioned black and white pictures (see below for some examples).

Year 1 explored the Fuzzies creating Andy Goldsworthy inspired transient art using natural objects and shapes.

Year 2 have been continuing their Street Detectives project and have made their own models of local buildings and houses. There was even a version of the Walnut Tree pub!

Year 3 have been exploring the different layers of soil and carrying out some tests to find out about the type of soil that we have here on our school grounds.

In Year 4, they have been writing about their own inventions to make school life easier. There was a 'children's assistant', a 'teacher helper' and a 'clean machine'. There were some very creative ideas.

In RE they also had a visit from Reverend May who came to talk to them about the Eucharist. The children were able to ask lots of questions and all listened carefully and respectfully to the answers.

In Year 5 the children have been looking at the work of Pablo Picasso. Yesterday they attempted some very tricky one line drawings. Whilst they were tricky to do, the effects were very impressive.

Year 6 are continuing their work on the Frozen Kingdom and had a visitor from someone who had been to Antarctica. It was great to be able to ask questions about the place that they had been learning about. They also had a go at creating some soap carvings using a method used by Inuit communities.

On Thursday the Bag2School van arrived to collect all of our bags. Once again, we had an impressive amount and raised £176. Many thanks to those of you who filled bags up. If you missed out this time, there will be another chance in May.

Have a lovely weekend

Zoe Gordon

Year R Long Ago Photos











Year 1 art in 'The Fuzzies'







Year 2 model making of the local areas



Year 3 Soil exploration

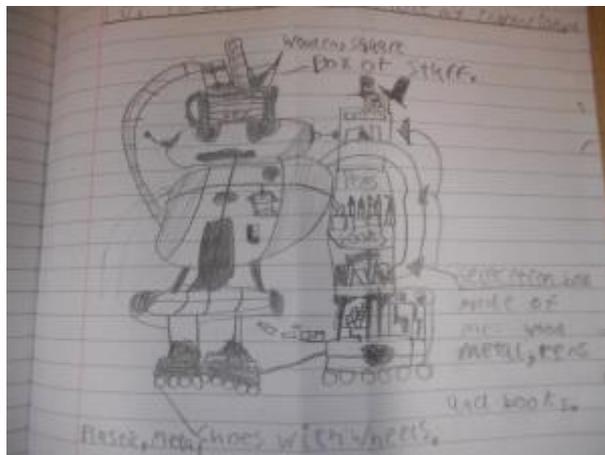


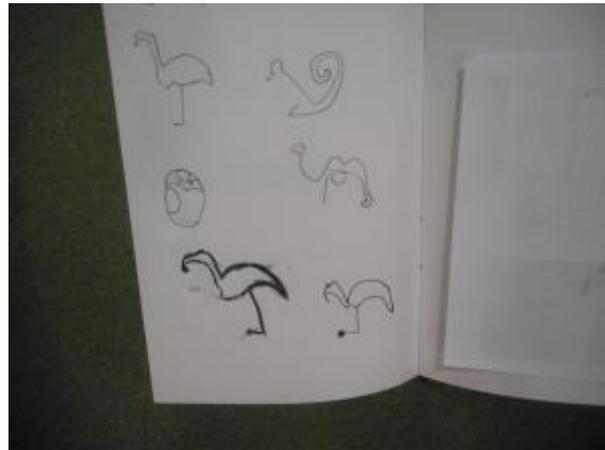


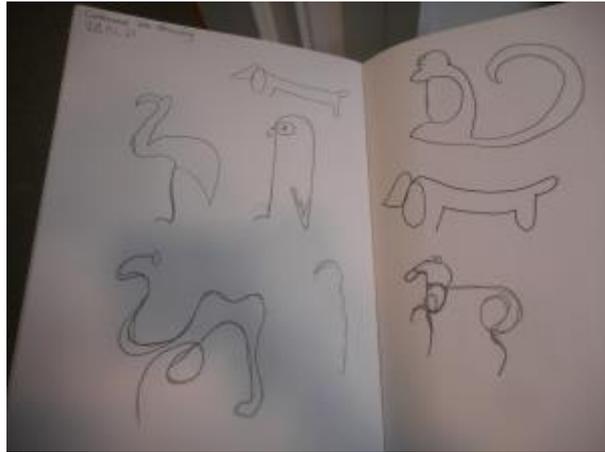


Year 4 inventions and visit from Reverend May









Year 6 this week















Reminders and Notices



Notices

Attendance

The latest wave of Covid cases has had a significant impact on the attendance of many pupils. Obviously this has been unavoidable in many cases but means that children and staff must work hard to address gaps in knowledge and understanding. We have lots in place to address this but it is imperative that children do not miss any more school than is absolutely necessary. Please avoid making appointments (where possible), booking holidays or days out in school time. We are unable to authorise these in most cases (please see our attendance policy). In addition, Covid absences will now only be authorised if a child tests positive or if a parent chooses to keep a sibling of a child who tests positive at home.

Clubs

Football, Dance and Dancehouse clubs have all started and will continue next week. A letter about other clubs will be out next week and those clubs will start in the week beginning 24th January. Choir will also recommence then.

Promise Day

Promise Day is now on Thursday 27th January. Children can 'cash' in their promises from the Christmas event on that day. Additional promises can be bought from the office from Monday. These are dress in your own clothes, come to school with crazy hair or paint your nails. Additional promises cost £1.

Year 5 Swimming

This will be on this coming Monday 24th January. Children should be dropped at the Westgate Centre between 8.30 and 8.45.

Handcream

We are aware that with the additional handwashing and cold temperatures, some children are getting very sore hands. In the past we have said (following our medicines policy) that handcream can only be provided if it is prescribed by a doctor. However, we are aware that many GP surgeries are very overrun and short staffed at the moment and are not providing appointments for such matters. In the interim we will allow children to bring in handcream that is purchased from a pharmacy and clearly labelled with your child's name and the date it was provided. All creams MUST be handed to the class teacher and children will be asked to apply it themselves.

Please note that this is a short term arrangement due to the excessive handwashing and cold weather.

PTA Events

Our wonderful PTA have met and been planning some events for later on this year. Dates are added to the next section of the letter and please look out for more information on the PTA Facebook page. We are hoping to use some of the funds raised to provide more books for our library, more external visitors and occasions for the children in school. More details will follow in weeks to come.

Eco Day

On 4th February we will be holding an Eco Day. The school council have thought of some great ideas for this day based on the theme of raising awareness of eco issues and thinking about how we can protect our planet. In addition, on this day the children can come to school dressed in something

green and their own clothes for a small donation which will go towards the renovation of our outside classroom - The Den. This renovation is being carried out by 4 University of Chichester teaching students as part of their course. Here is a message from them:

"We are 4 teaching students from the University of Chichester, and we are aiming to 'make change happen' at North Mundham School. We have started working on a mural on the walls of 'The Den' alongside some new planters that will sit around the outside of the 'The Den'. We hope that the new plants will be an attractive and eco-friendly addition to the school grounds! The children will be involved in the mural, and we hope to unveil it in April. We want to raise some money for the planters and mural, so please dress in green and help us make this project a success!"

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters



Dates for the diary



27th January- Promise Day (changed date)

28th January- Year 1 Great Fire of London experience day

4th February- Eco day (more details to follow)

8-9 Feb- 5 ways to well being Years 5 and 6
17th February- visit from Hedgehog Rescue
17th February- Dancehouse performance Y3/4
18th February- Half term Smarties challenge
11th February- Hot Chocolate Sale
25th March- Mothers' Day Sale

INSET Days 2021-2022

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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