



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Summer 10

30th June 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful evening of art, dance and music we have had! Many thanks to all of you who attended and to all of the staff and children who made the school come alive with colour, style and techniques. Moving through the school there was a real buzz and a celebration of the artwork that the children have created during the year. Art in all its forms was on display; collage, clay models, weaving, mosaics, 3D art, sketching, chalk drawing and many styles of painting. The progress of pupils' work and the skills that they develop were also clearly evident. Well done everyone!

In other news this week...

On Monday we had a visit from Alison who delivered Accept, Listen and Learn workshops in years 1-5. She worked with the children on accepting everyone regardless of any difference that they might have. She talked about her own difficulties and how she has overcome them as well as helping the children to understand neuro-diverse differences (such as autism) and how we can support and accept everyone. As part of the workshops she encouraged the children to try drawing and writing with their feet or mouths and some of them have produced art work in this way for the exhibition today. This was part of our ongoing focus on diversity and the importance of everyone having the right to achieve their goals and not to be discriminated against.

Year 4 had a fascinating Egyptian day on Wednesday. Historian Paul Ullson came and shared artefacts, answered questions and really immersed the children in the ancient Egyptian traditions and way of life. They were inspired and created some amazing artwork and writing as a result of their visit.

On Wednesday it was also lovely to see so many of you for our Open Morning. The children loved sharing their learning with parents and carers and it, hopefully, gave you a chance to see what a normal school morning is like for the children.

Wednesday was a very busy day as it was also the Music concert which gave Emma Milne's music pupils an opportunity to play in front of an audience. It was great to see the variety of instruments; recorder, flute, saxophone and piano. The children all played very well and confidently which was such an achievement.

In the evening on Wednesday Miss Guppy took a group of 15 pupils to St Paul's church in Chichester to perform as part of choir from 6 different schools in the area. They sang together with the big choir and on their own, which was very daunting in front of a very large audience.

On Thursday afternoon, I took a team from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Boxgrove Primary School to take part in the Good Area Schools sports' day. This was a great opportunity for them to meet pupils from other schools and compete against them. Our team did very well winning some of the team events and getting places in many of the track events. I was very proud of the way they supported each other and worked as a team.

Year R, 1 and 2 had a lovely picnic yesterday afternoon eating food that they had prepared themselves- pitta pizza, fruit salad and flapjacks were enjoyed by all.

Today Year 5 have been to CFS for a STEAM day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and have been involved in lots of experiments and investigations as well as getting a taste of secondary life. They came back very excited by the experience.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Our Amazing Art











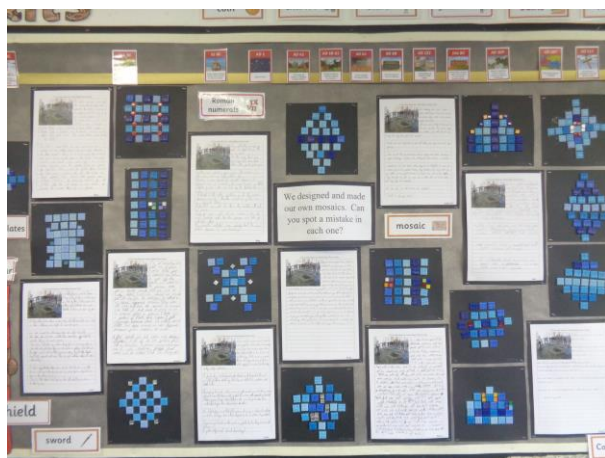


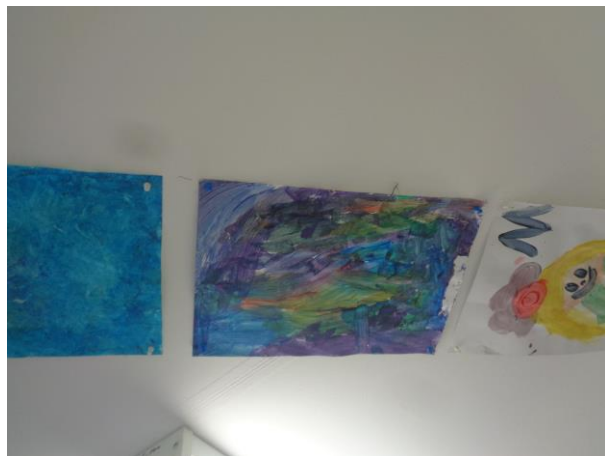
















Musicians perform







GAS Sports





Choir at St Pauls



Picnic and Forest School fun











Year 6 Clay Rooms





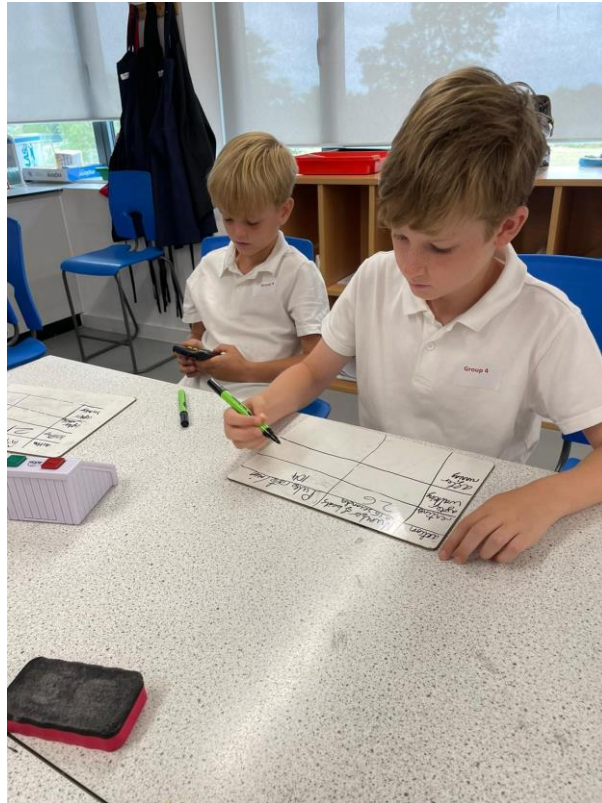




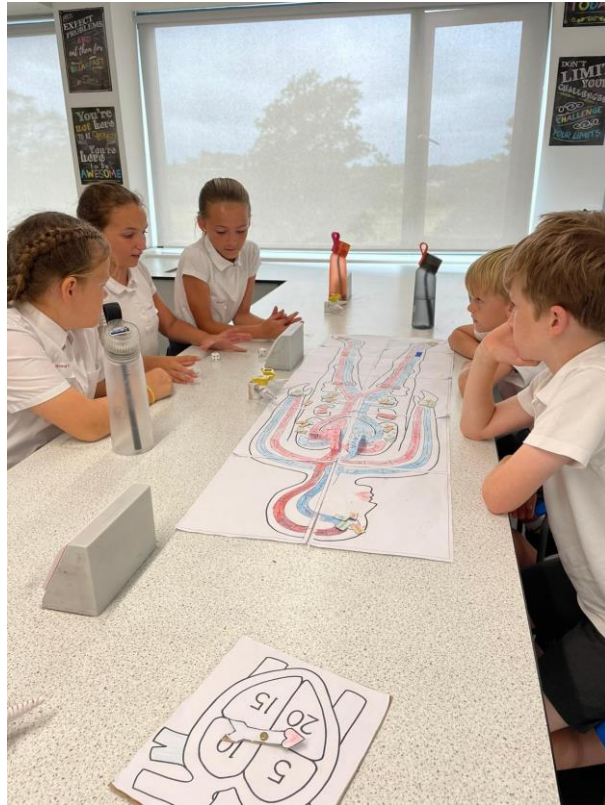


Year 5 STEAM at CFS











Open Morning





Reminders and Notices



Notices

Clubs

Please remember that next week is the last week of school clubs.

OPAL (Outside Play and Learning)

In September we are starting a new programme for our playtime and lunchtimes. OPAL is all about supporting schools to improve by offering increased opportunities for children to play. We have formed a working group and got started on the planning for this. There will be more information coming out over the next few months (including a wishlist of items to look out for over the summer holidays). It is an exciting project that will involve everyone and we are looking forward to it starting. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more then please follow [this link](#). We would also be grateful if you could complete the [parent survey](#). It shouldn't take long and will help us to gather data before and after the project starts. Many thanks

Reports

As part of our mission to save on paper and photocopying costs, we would like to share the children's reports electronically with you this year. If however, you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office to request one. If we do not hear from you, your child's report will be emailed to you on 14.7.23.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. This **MUST** contain water not juice. Children may have juice for lunchtime but water to drink during the rest of the day. In hot weather, it is imperative that children stay hydrated and drinking water is the best and healthiest way to ensure that they do.

Sign in System

We have moved to a new electronic sign in system. If you are in school for any reason, please ensure that you have signed in (and signed out again when you leave).

Leavers' Assembly

This will be at 9.00 on Thursday 20th July. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend. (Don't forget to bring some tissues!!)

Absence for appointments

Please try and make routine appointments outside of school hours as it can be very disruptive if children have to miss time for these. Please provide evidence of these appointments for our records.

Previous announcements you may have missed

Transition Days/ Industrial Action

There are now planned teacher industrial action days on Wednesday **5th July** and Friday **7th July**. As a result of these, the secondary schools in the area have changed their main transition day to Tuesday 4th July. We are assuming that all Year 6 pupils will be attending a transition day on Tuesday 4th July. If your child's school has other days- please inform the school office and complete a Request for Absence from Learning form.

We have decided that we will have some transition time on Tuesday 4th July and some on Wednesday 5th July. No classes will be closed on the 5th July and Year 6 will have an extra **Forest School session on Wed 5th** while the other classes are moving up.

New Year 4 parents will have an opportunity to meet Miss Hull from 3- 3.20 on Tuesday 4th July and new Year 6 parents will have an opportunity to meet Mrs Robins at the same time.

Other teachers will be available to meet parents in their classes on 18th July. (see below)

On **Friday 7th July** Year 4 will be closed as a result of the industrial action. Once again apologies for the inconvenience and thank-you for your understanding in these matters.

Celebration of Work

On 18th July, there will be an opportunity to see all of your child's work and speak to their teacher after their report has been issued. This will be at the end of the school day. All parents and carers are welcome.

Cinderella Rockefeller years 5 and 6

The two performances of the year 5 and 6 show 'Cinderella Rockefella' are on Wednesday 12th at 1.45 (not 2.45 as on original form) and Thursday 13th July at 6pm. Pupils must be in school by 5.40pm on the 13th. All costumes **MUST** be in school by next Friday **at the very latest**.

Please complete [this form](#) to indicate spaces. Each child is able to have two adults for each performance.

Year 6 bike ride to Selsey

This will be taking place on Tuesday 11th July. There will be a letter with more information coming out next week.

'JSAX' LESSONS



Available to year 2 and 3 pupils

Starting September 2023

- Only £95 for the term (10 lessons)
- Cost **INCLUDES** a brand new Jsax to take home for the term
- Cost **INCLUDES** a saxophone book to keep
- Lessons during school time on Wednesdays
- Small group lessons
- Learn how to read music in a fun and interactive way
- Improves co-ordination
- Skills transferable to other instruments

- Limited spaces available, apply now to secure your place

LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2023

Clarinet, saxophone, flute and recorder

Group lessons £8, Individual lessons £13

Low-cost instrument hire available

PLEASE CONTACT

Emma Milne – Specialist Woodwind Teacher emmamilnemusic@hotmail.com

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TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT

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Internet Safety



Nintendo Switch



The Nintendo Switch was launched back in 2017 but continues to be popular. The console was the first 'Hybrid', meaning it was both portable and for home use. The console actually has a built-in screen, making it extremely popular with gamers of all ages.

Parental Controls

Nintendo has designed an App called 'Nintendo Switch Parental Controls', specifically for parents to ensure a safer experience on the Switch. In this App, after making an account, you can take advantage of the following parental control settings:

Here you can find the following features:

- Parents can control how long children and young people are allowed to play the Nintendo Switch. Parents can set time limits and an in-game alarm will let the young gamer know their time is up.
- Monitor what type of games a child or young person is playing via reports.
- Parents can choose to restrict certain games, based on PEGI Ratings.
- There is a feature to stop children and young people from posting screenshots taken on the Nintendo Switch to social media platforms.
- Restrict the ability to communicate with other players. This can be done on a game by game basis too.



Users can choose to block another user through the following actions:

1. Select user icon via the Home menu and then press **Add Friend**.
2. From here, users select **search for users you've played with** which will deliver a list of all players.
3. From this list, identify the user you wish to block and select **block and then block** again to confirm.



In order to report a player, you must download the Nintendo Switch Online app on a smart device.

1. From your main menu, select your **vault**.
2. Select the **Records** square.
3. Select the player you wish to report and press A on your Nintendo Switch.
4. Add in your reasoning for making the report and then select **report** to submit.



Dates for the diary



4th July- Transition for all secondary schools and for pupils in years R-5

5th July- Transition Day (Forest school session for current Y6 pupils)

11th July- year 6 Cycle to Selsey

11th July Girls County Cricket finals- selected pupils

12 and 13th July- Year 5/6 production

14th July- Mundham's Got Talent*

18th July- Celebration of Work 2.30pm - parents are invited to come and see their child's work.

20th July- Year 6 Leavers' assembly (parents welcome) 9am*

21st July- break up

Please note that more dates will be added in future newsletters.

INSET Days 2023-24

(Nearly 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.)

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 9th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

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