



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

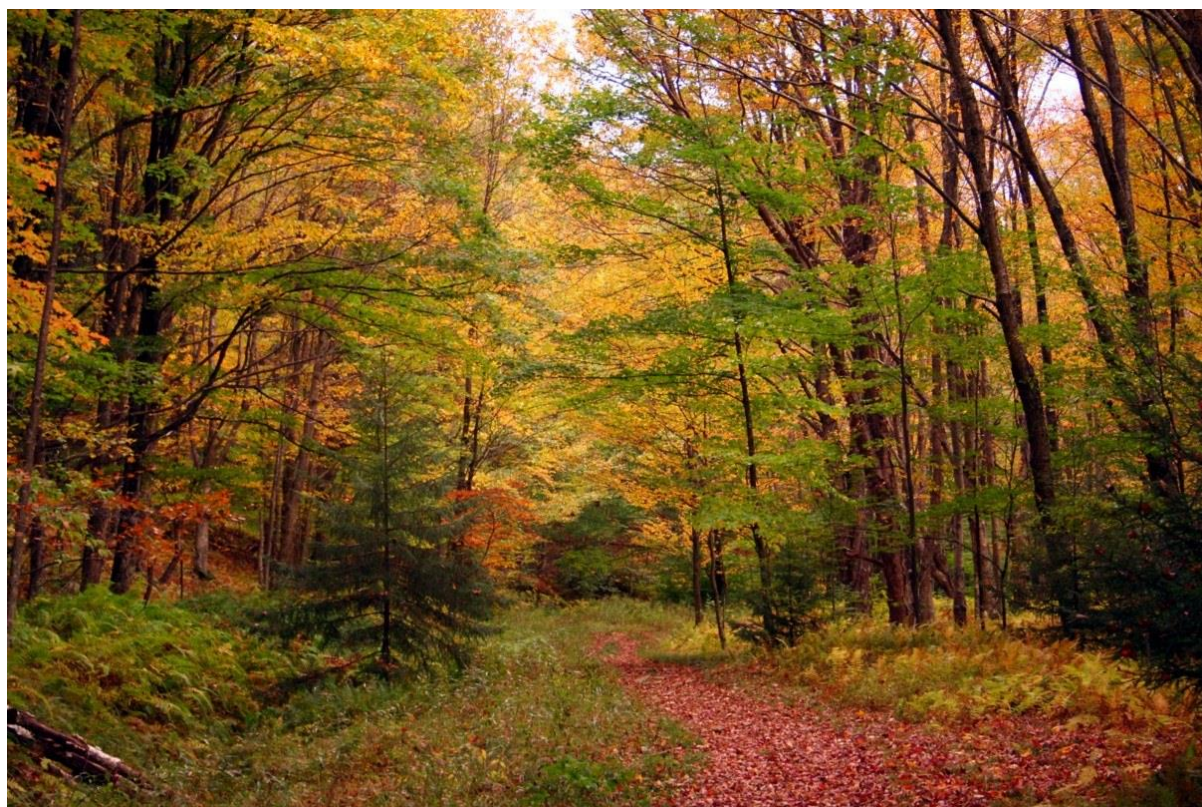
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In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, it is a good time to reflect on all of the learning, playing and other experiences that have gone on. We have had our first 7 weeks of OPAL and are very pleased with how that has gone. (see below for more details). Tuesday 10th October was World Mental Health Day and we wore yellow to show our support. Assemblies that week focused on what our mental health is and how to look after ourselves and each other to have good mental health. Last week we had a visitor from the charity Show Racism the Red Card who led workshops for Dragonfly and Praying Mantis classes. She helped to develop the pupils' understanding and awareness of what racism and discrimination are and the impact that they can have on individuals and groups of people. We have followed this up today with our wear red day. We will be holding a parent workshop in the next half term to explain how we are tackling discrimination in school and give you ideas of how you can do this at home.

We also had a visit from Jodie who works for The Dogs Trust charity. As we have a school dog, it is really important that the children know the safety rules of being around dogs. The children learnt safety rules and how to approach an unknown dog without frightening it or getting hurt.

In sporting news our Boccia team played well last week at the local tournament. They worked hard as a team and improved as the afternoon went on. Yesterday our year 6 football team played a friendly match against Medmerry school and won 3:0. They worked together really well as a team and Mr Tran was very proud. (see below for a match report.

Thank-you to everyone who brought in bags for the Bag2School collection. we made £239- which is fantastic. This is all profit and we will put it towards more OPAL equipment.

Class celebrations this week:

Ladybird Class- This week Ladybird Class were super ambassadors for the school when we went on our local walk to North Mundham. - We were all very good at spotting signs of autumn, things that were in the village and different numbers!

Bumblebee Class-Year 1 have been learning about adjectives and have written some fantastic descriptions of the witch in the book 'Room on the Broom'.

Caterpillar Class- Well done for writing some fabulous newspaper articles about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing. Miss Grounds was very impressed with your stand out headlines.

Butterfly Class- Butterfly class have been persevering with their maths this week especially when adding and subtracting- it's been tricky to remember to carry over when adding and exchange when subtracting but well done everyone.

Scarab Beetle Class- have been engaged and curious learners when finding out all about the immune system.

Praying Mantis Class- have been improving their map skills this week, drawing contour lines and explaining what they mean.

Dragonfly Class- wrote some very creative alternative chapter endings for Chapter 4 of their class book 'There may be a castle'.

Wishing all of our families a happy, safe and fun half term.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Year 3 Maths



1 - Year 3 Maths







Show Racism the Red Card



2 - Show Racism the Red Card workshop









Lady bird class go out and about!



3 - Lady bird Class

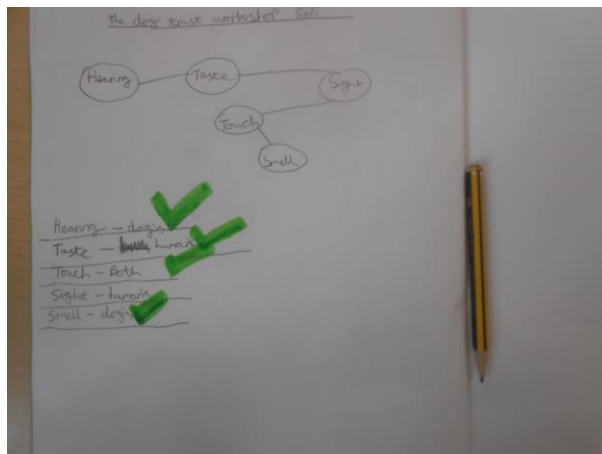




Wear Red against Racism day



Dogs' Trust Workshops









Year 6 Football Report



FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST MEDMERRY

After school 11 pupils competed in a football match on the North Mundham playing field outside of the school. To start off, the boys did some training {a mini-match}. After 15 minutes the match started and Medmerry had kicked off. The other team had an early chance and it hit the post. Medmerry had a few early chances and didn't hit the target. Oliver M handballed it just outside of the penalty box. The free kick hit the wall and bounced back to them and they shot and hit over the crossbar. The first half had just finished, when Medmerry had another shot at the goal. Then the second half got underway Medmerry caused an early free kick from the middle of the pitch. Oliver St took the free kick and scored. It was insane as it flew over the goalkeeper. Seconds after the team had another chance with a cross by Matthew to make an own goal by the keeper, who couldn't get it out of his feet. After a couple more attempts, North Mundham scored again with a brilliant cross from Matthew and it was buried home by Ollie . So North Mundham waited it out till the end and then North Mundham won 3-0.

By Matthew, Dragonfly Class



OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



Thank-you to all of the parents who came to the OPAL meeting on Tuesday. Those of you who came were able to see OPAL in action and learn a bit more about why we have moved on to this in our provision. On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd November there will be an opportunity for you to come in and join in a playtime or lunchtime. Let the office know if you would like to come. Morning play is 10.20 and lunchtime is 12.00 for Bumblebee, Caterpillar and Praying Mantis classes and 12.30 for Ladybird, Butterfly, Scarab Beetle and Dragonfly classes.

WELLIES AND WATERPROOFS

After half term it is essential that children have wellies and waterproofs in school so that they can fully take part in OPAL. We realise this may be an unexpected expense so please let us know if it is a problem to provide your child with outdoor clothing. Many children love spending time in The Fuzzies at lunch time but they will have to have wellies and waterproofs for this as it is already very muddy there.

Thank-you for your support and understanding in this matter.

See below for some things that we still need donated.









Outdoor Play And Learning



WHAT IS OPAL?

OPAL is a community interest company dedicated to improving children's opportunities by supporting school improvement through play.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY?

Children at OPAL schools rapidly develop...

CREATIVITY

IMAGINATION

COOPERATION

RESILIENCE

CONFIDENCE

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We would really appreciate the following donations:

- old oversized clothes
- waterproofs
- scarves, hats & bags
- suitcases with wheels
- old pots & pans
- tarpaulin
- old tractor & car tyres
- scooters & bikes
- plastic pipes for waterplay
- fence panels

"We've had children exploring water play and creating wonderful waterways, mud pie making in the mud kitchen, scooter races, fashion shows and sand sculptures plus a lot more!" ~ Mrs Gordon

Do you know of any parents, businesses, tradesmen etc who may be able to help towards donations?



WWW.OUTDOORPLAYANDLEARNING.ORG.UK

Important Notices



Notices

Parking

Please refrain from parking in the residential streets off school Lane. These are private streets and parking on the corners is a danger for residents and pedestrians.

Parents' Evenings

These are in the week of 6th November from 3.30 to 6pm as follows:

Ladybird Class Year R - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November

Bumblebee Class Year 1- Wed 8th and Thursday 9th November

Caterpillar Class Year 2- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November

Butterfly Year 3- Tuesday 7th and Wed 8th November

Scarab Beetles Year 4- Tues 7th and Wed 8th November

Praying Mantis Year 5- Tues 7th and Thur 9th Nov

Dragonfly Year 6- Wed 8th and Thur 9th Nov

Booking for Parents' evenings will be via MCAS app. The bookings will go live at 6.30 on Monday 30th October so you can book appointments then. If you have difficulty using this app, please contact Mrs Holden in the school office.

Creepy Cakes and Bonfire Bakes

Don't forget to bring in your cakes on Thurs 2nd November and then come along to buy some at the end of the day. See poster below.

Year 1 Campfire evening

Bumblebee Class are invited to come back to school on Wed 1st Nov at 4.30 to take part in a campfire and sparkler evening. Children will be collected at 5.30 from front of the school.

Year 6 visit to London

Reminder that Year 6 are going on their class visit to the British Museum on Thursday 2nd November. See separate letter for details.

Ladybird Class settling in meeting

Now that the children have been in school for 1/2 a term, come along and find out some more about what they have been doing and what is planned for the rest of the year. Meeting and refreshments at 9.00. this is a great opportunity to meet up with some of the other parents as well.

Christmas cards

All children have designed a Christmas card this week that will be made into cards that you can buy to send family and friends. This has been organised by our PTA to raise money for the school. You should have received a separate letter about this today.

PTA Christmas Fair

This will be on 1st December this year. The children have been set a challenge to design a poster that will be used to advertise the fair- could be something to do over half term! The 24th November will be a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing something in for the fair- more details to follow.

Forest School

After half term Bumblebee and Butterfly classes (year 1 and 3) will have Forest School with Mr Orchard on a Wednesday and should come to school dressed for this.

Spellings

After half term we are launching a new spelling scheme in all of our classes. The children will bring home 15 words as part of their homework. These words will be for 2 weeks. They may seem hard but they will follow a pattern for the children to recognise rather than learn individual words. There won't be a weekly test in the same way but the children will focus on these words and investigate them. If you have any questions or concern about this, please discuss with your child's teacher at Parents' evening.

Bikeability

Ladybird Class will have a week of Bikeability on the first week back. This is taught on balance bikes and all children will get a chance to develop their confidence.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.





Internet Safety



Social Media

Social media can be a very useful tool but it has a harmful aspect as well. We ask that you respect our Online Safety Policy and Acceptable Use Policy when posting on social media which promote our inclusive and protective ethos for all children and their families.

Dates for the diary



30th October return after half term.

1st November- settling in meeting for parents of children in Ladybird Class

2nd November- Year 6 visit to the British Museum

2nd November- Creepy Cakes and Bonfire Bakes sale

3rd November- 9am Year 5 assembly

7, 8, 9, Nov Parents' Evenings (see above)

7th November Year 3 and 4 football*

9th November- school photos

14th - year 5 and 6 Girls' football*

16th November- Year 4 assembly 9am

17th November Children in Need*

21st, 22nd, 23rd- OPAL Open days- parents can book in to come and see playtime in action

23rd November Year 5 and 6 Football*

24th November- Year 3 Class assembly

24th November- non-uniform day for Christmas Fair*

26th November- Choir sing at Hunston Christmas market

27th November- Flu vaccinations

29th November- Sportshall Athletics

1st November- Christmas Fair

4th December- IRock Concert*

4th December- Girls' Cricket

4th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Christmas performance Dress rehearsal (toddlers and babies allowed)*

5th December- 9.30 YR Christmas performance dress rehearsal- toddlers and babies allowed

5th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Performance 1 (adults only)*

6th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Performance (adults only)*

7th December- 9.30- Year R Performance (adults only)*

8th December- Basketball tournament*

12th December- KS1 Christmas parties and KS2 Disco*

14th December- 9.30 Christmas service at St Stephens- parents welcome

15th December- break up

3rd January- return to school

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

*- more details to follow

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.)

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

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