

# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 2

2nd February 2024

In this newsletter, find out about:

- Mrs Gordon's message and school news
- OPAL updates
- Reminders and Notices
- Internet Safety
- Upcoming events

# A Message from Mrs Gordon



As we welcome February, it has been a real delight to see some signs of Spring starting to emerge. Snowdrops are popping up in The Fuzzies so that has to be a positive sign. Over the last two weeks we have been thinking about resilience and Growth Mindset in our assemblies and looking at ways to ensure that we introduce them into all of our lives and encourage those qualities in others.

It's been a busy time at school with lots going on. Thank-you to all of you who had a good clear out for our Bags2School collection. We raised £312 which is fantastic and will go towards our ongoing PTA projects.

Last week a group of 29 runners from Year 5 and 6 took part in the area cross country championships at Bishop Luffa school. All of the children should be extremely proud of their achievements. Leah and Abbie both achieved places in the top 15 in their categories, which means they have qualified for the county finals. The year 5 girls team came third in their category- well done everyone!

On Tuesday Miss Guppy led a group of 32 singers on a trip to the 02 Young Voices event. They had a really fantastic day.

Pupil Quotes: 'it was the best day of school ever', 'What a brilliant experience', 'it was such good fun', 'I loved singing all together'

Adult quotes: 'We were so proud of all the children', 'everyone behaved impeccably', 'it was enjoyable for everyone', 'I was a very proud Grandma and Governor'.

It was a very long day but well worth it- a big thank-you to our adult team for supporting the event.

This week has been national Storytelling week and we have had assemblies full of stories, a storyteller in YR and KS1 and a very 'special' version of Little Red Riding Hood acted out by some familiar faces on Wednesday. The power of storytelling is huge and getting stuck in to a good story is so enjoyable. If you have any free time this weekend, please take a minute to share a good story with your children.

The week has finished with Film Night for Butterfly and Scarab Beetle classes who are watching The Wizard of Oz in preparation for their performance later on this year. We also had a wonderful work sharing this morning from Year 2 in their class assembly, who impressed us with their geographical knowledge, amazing singing and confident presentation. I know there were lots of proud parents and carers there to watch as well, which was great.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



## Cross Country Event













Film Night Fun











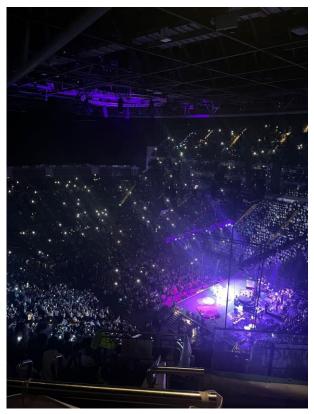
Young Voices at the 02











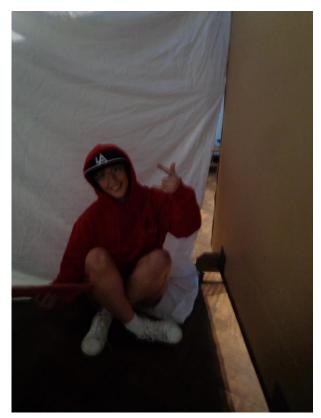




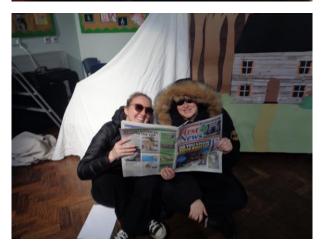




Little Red Riding in da Hood

















## Storytelling











Caterpillar Class assembly











**OPAL- Outside Play and Learning** 



If you have any old fancy dress costumes or suitable dressing up clothes- scarves, shirts, jackets, bags etc, we would be very grateful as these are excellent for our OPAL and class dressing up boxes.

Many thanks











# Internet Safety



http://www.netsmartzkids.org

Next week is Internet safety week with National Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 6th February. This year there will be celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

To find out more follow this link.

Keeping our children safe online is a priority and we all need to work together to ensure this.

#### Important Notices



#### **Notices**

#### **Medicines**

Please remember that we cannot dispense medication that is not specifically prescribed for the individual- it must be in teh original box with the child's name and dosage clearly labelled. We will only dispense antibiotics that are for 4 or more times a day. This is in line with government guidance. If we have your permission, we can give children liquid paracetamol (such as Calpol) or antihistamine. Medicines policy

#### Celebrate your Culture Day- Friday 23rd February

This year we would like to celebrate the diversity in our school community with a festival in the afternoon. During the day children can come dressed in something that reflects their family's culture and are encouraged to bring in something to share as well- this could be a story, an artefact, a dance, some music, a song, a poem, a flag or some photographs. This was really successful last year. In the afternoon we would like parents to come in and help us celebrate by bringing in food, pictures etc from their own cultures that the children can share. We are planning this event with a group of parents and the PTA. Please let us know if you think that you can help in any way.

#### Science Week- 11-15 March

We have lots of plans for the upcoming Science week in March. We would really like to invite in visitors from the local community who have links to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering,

Maths) worlds. If you or anyone you know could help with this, please contact the school office or Mr Tran directly.

#### **Attendance**

Thank-you so much to those parents who take the attendance of their children in school so seriously and who make sure that they are in school as much as they can be. Of course we know that there are lots of bugs about at the moment, which is why maintaining good hand washing hygiene is of the utmost importance.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.











North Mundham Winter Clubs Flyer (4)



#### Dates for the diary



9th February- break up for half term

19th February- INSET day

23rd February- Celebrate your culture day\*

28th February- Year 5 and 6 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre- The Boy at The back of The Class\*

28th February- Corporate Challenge 1\*

29th February - Dancehouse

29th February- Bumblebee Class- Year 1 Class Assembly- 2.50pm parents and carers welcome

1st March- 'Love Yourself', PTA disco\*

6th March- Year 2 to Arena, Bognor for Cricket event\*

7th February- Rubicon Skate event\*

11th March-Science week

12th March-Dance Festival

13th March-Corporate Challenge 2

14th March- Ladybird Class- Year R Class Assembly

15th March-TT Rockstars Day\*

20th March- Year 5/6 Swimming gala\*

21st March- Year 6 visit to Sea City Titanic Museum\*

22nd March-Poetry Slam\*

27th March- Easter Church service

27th March-Corporate Challenge 3

28th March- Break up for Easter

24th April- Wizard of OZ performance 1 (2pm)

25th April- Wizard of OZ performance 2 (6pm)

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.)

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

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