



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 3

4th October

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with our harvest celebration assembly. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Bethan who is a farmer near Petersfield in west Sussex. She spoke to the children about life on the farm and what happens to some of the products that they harvest. She brought a huge harvest loaf with her made with wheat from her farm. The children enjoyed sharing the loaf later in the morning. Our collection for The Sanctuary was substantial and we are very grateful for all of your very kind donations. these will be taken next week to be given out the refugee families. Harvest is a time to be grateful and it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how grateful we are for the food we have to eat.

On Tuesday Mrs Robins became 'Maths Woman' and talked to the children about the importance of maths. We asked the question 'what maths have you done today?' Quickly the children were able to think about numbers they had seen on the way to school, how much food they had eaten, things they had bought in the shop, how fast the car was going, how much drink to put in their cup and so many other ways that maths had touched their lives already that morning. It's worth thinking about- where would we be without maths?

On Wednesday we had more visitors to school and our fortnightly 'Open the Book' assembly. In the second part of the bible story 'Jacob's ladder' we learnt how important it is to tell the truth.

Last week our Outside Learning Week wasn't ruined by the weather and we had all sorts of learning experiences out of the classroom. Some classes took their maths lessons outside, for others it was art and there was also lots of collaboration with children working with other classes. The whole school well being walk brought the week to an end and was a lovely way to celebrate how lucky we are to have such rich surroundings. We hope to do more 'well being walks' later on this year.

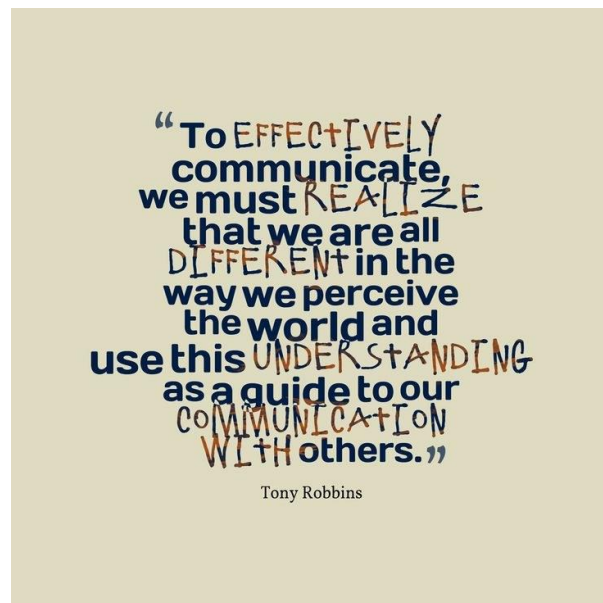
On Thursday Ladybird, Bumblebee and Caterpillar classes had the opportunity to explore Little City. The children had a fantastic time exploring all of the different shops and businesses. Like a careers' fair for the younger children this experience gives them lots of chances to play and have fun in some miniature versions of the worlds of work. We definitely have some budding hairdressers, chefs, builders and beauticians! Amazing fun!!

It has been lovely to celebrate some of our pupils' achievements out of school as well as everything that they are doing in school and we welcome news of these to add to our weekly celebration assembly.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

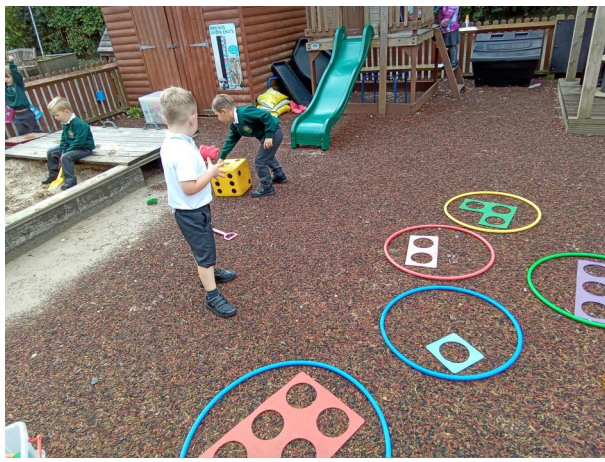
Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Outside Learning week











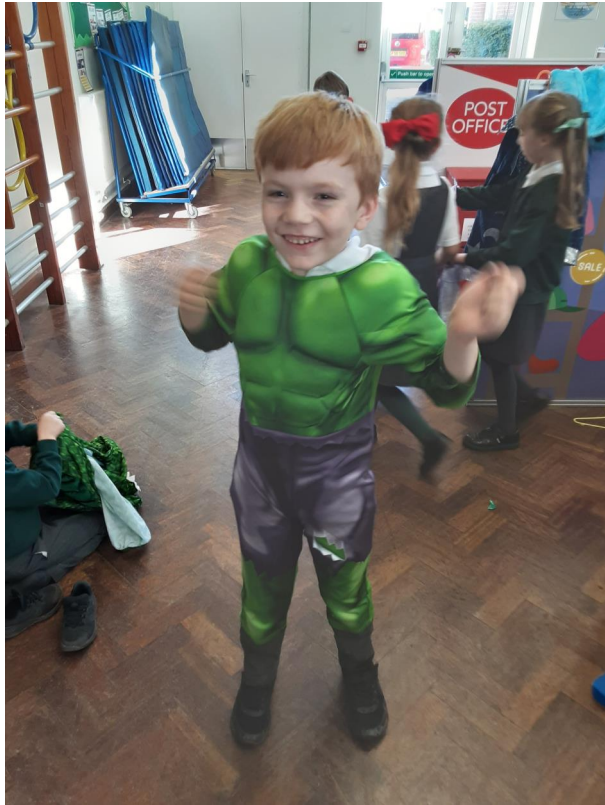


Little City











Harvest and Open the Book assembly







OPAL- Outside Play and Learning

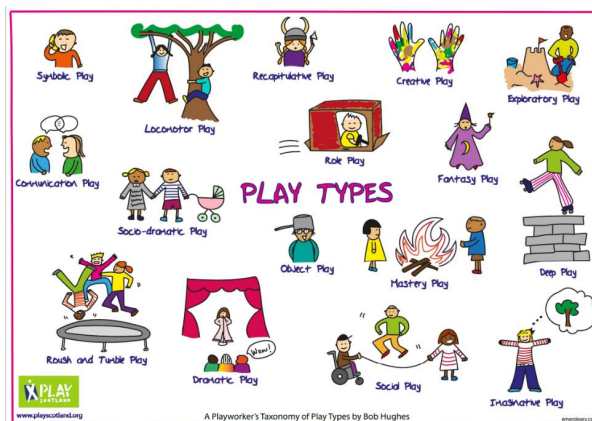


OPAL

We are continuing to develop our OPAL play provision and this week we have been building our tyre slide. Some of the children helped to move the soil to make it more secure (although we still need more soil to complete the project) and we had some amazing collaborative work going on.

Next week our OPAL consultant is coming to see how we are progressing and hopefully he will be impressed with all of our efforts. Our play rangers are doing a fantastic job setting up each day and making sure everyone is helping to tidy everything away.

Many thanks



1 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.



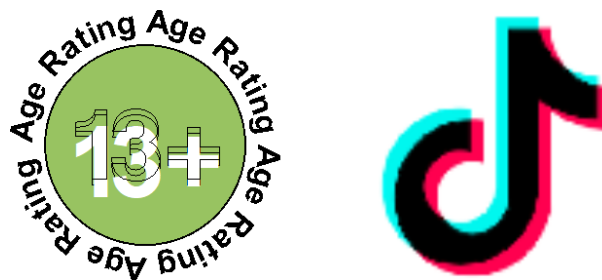
Internet Safety



TikTok

We are aware that TikTok is becoming increasingly popular with everyone. However, please be aware that children should be 13 or over to use it. See below for some safety advice around this social media platform.

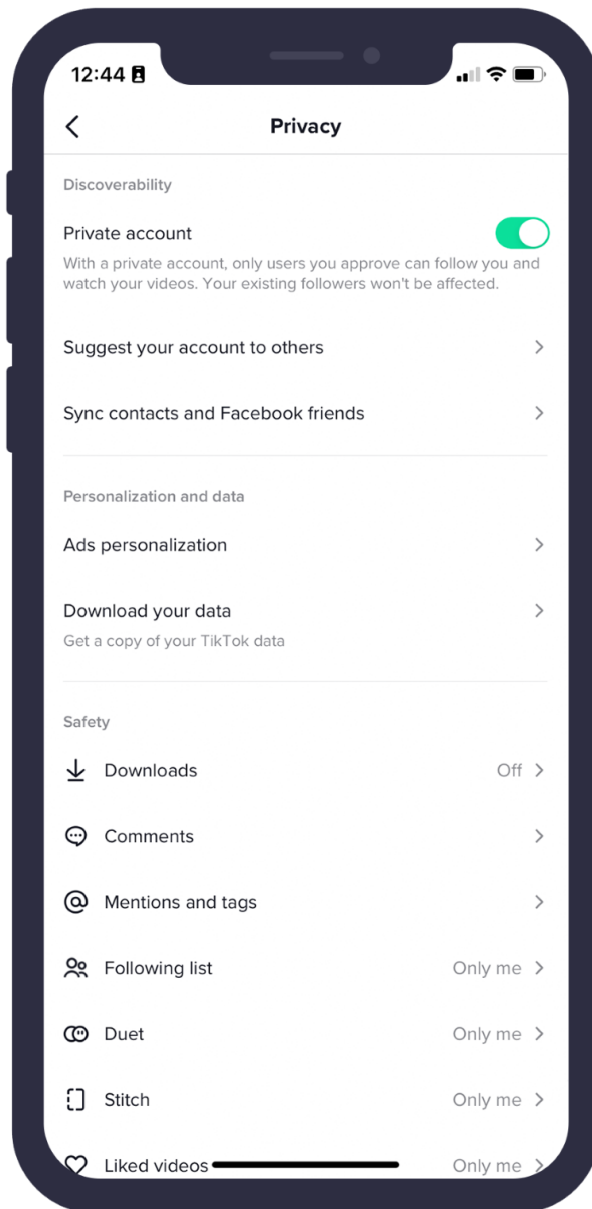
TikTok



TikTok is a free social media platform used to create and share short videos. TikTok rules require the user to be 13 or older to use it and with parental consent if you're under 18. Users are able to create videos of themselves lip-syncing that can last up to 60 seconds. You are able to watch other user's streams & videos, you may be exposed to inappropriate content.


Stay safe on TikTok using the instructions on their Digital Wellbeing section, Blocking & Reporting below.

Digital Wellbeing




Set up Restricted Mode, Screen Time Management on your TikTok app:



Tap on  in the bottom right corner of the app.



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Scroll down and tap on Digital Wellbeing.

Block

Block a user using these simple instructions:

Go to the profile of the user you wish to block.

Tap on



Tap on Block **and then confirm.**




Report

Report a user using these simple instructions:

Go to the profile of the user you wish to report.



Tap on  and then select Report.

Select Report Account or Report Content.

Select the reason you are reporting and hit Submit.



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Important Notices



Notices

Communication

We are always trying to improve our communication as a school and welcome feedback on this and any ideas of how we can continue to improve it. If you have any concerns about your child, please

raise them in the first instance with your child's teacher rather than with another parent or on groups such as Whatsapp. We will always try to address concerns as quickly as we are able and are very grateful to all of you for your support with this.

Wishlist

We are looking for some toys as part of an intervention that we are running with some of Ladybird class children. If you have any of the following, please let the school office know:

wind up toys, funny glasses, sensory toys, spinning tops, flashing toys/balls, musical toys.

100 Club

If you fancy a chance to win some cash and support the school at the same time, you can be part of the school's 100 club. Please ask at the school office for more details.

PTA EGM and AGM

Next Thursday 10th October, all parents are welcome to come along and find out more about our fantastic PTA and what they do as well as you can help.

Bookfest

Next week classes from Year1 to Year 6 have authors coming to visit them. The children will receive a free book which the author will sign. They will also have a workshop with the author to find out all about the writing process and their journey to becoming an author. MG Leonard for year 5 and 6, Adam Stower for 3 and 4 and Giles Paley- Philips for Years 1 and 2.

Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is World mental Health Day, to recognise this important day in the calendar, we would like everyone to wear an item of yellow. Children can wear non uniform along with their yellow item.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

[Dates for the diary](#)



9 and 11th October author visits*

10th October - World Mental Health Day- all to wear an item of yellow

10th October pm- Open Afternoon for new parents (September 2025 entry)

10th October 6pm Emergency and Annual General Meeting of PTA- all parents welcome to join

17th October- Bag2School

24th October- Creepy Cakes sale*

24th October- end of half term for pupils

25th October- INSET day

6th November - Year 1 Campfire evening *

8th November -Y4 Class Assembly 9am

11th November- Remembrance Assembly

13th November- World Kindness day

15th November- Year 6 to British Museum in London*

21st November- House Baking competition*

22nd November- Year 6 assembly 9am

29th November- Year 5 Class assembly 9am,

6th December- Christmas Fair

9th December- pm Y1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal

10th December pm- Year 1 and 2 performance 1*

11th December-am YR- Dress rehearsal

11th December pm year 1 and 2 performance 2.

19th December- Christmas church service

20th December- break up for Christmas

INSET Days

25th October INSET

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

Autumn 1- 3rd September- 25th October (INSET)

Autumn 2- November 4th- December 20th

Spring 1- 6th January- 14th February

Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April

Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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