



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 6

29th November

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,

As November draws to a close, we can reflect on another month full of learning, creativity, events and play here at North Mundham. This week and last week saw our first ever trips to Cineworld in Chichester. This was through the 'Into Film' initiative and each class had the opportunity to watch a film appropriate to the children's age and experience. Years 5 and 6 watched 'Wild Robot' a film that 'delivers on the promise of a truly great animated feature: to express universal truths – love that defies logic, feelings that come from places we don't understand, the bittersweet bargain of letting someone go so they can flourish – through the inorganic.' Years 3 and 4 watched Garfield the movie which they thoroughly enjoyed and our youngest pupils watched a double bill of Julia Donaldson animations. For some children this was a first visit to the cinema and a really wonderful introduction to some excellent animation. We were very proud of the children's behaviour both in and out of the cinema. Key stage 2 all had to walk back, which they did brilliantly along the canal in cold but bright conditions. Key stage 1 and YR had an adventure on the bus with Year 2 even getting a free ride around Chichester. The whole experience supported our belief in well being and community by allowing pupils the opportunity to visit local attractions and spend time together enjoying and sharing together.

Back in school, we have had a focus on maths investigation. In our first ever Thursday investigation, all classes took part in a maths investigation, using their skills to problem solve and prove their answers. This type of work is a vital aspect of their maths development not to mention a lot of fun. In addition, Mrs Robins hosted some Year 6 pupils from other local schools who took part in some brilliant collaboration in solving maths problems.

Year 5 went to Winchester on Tuesday to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. They had a wonderful day consolidating their learning about space and exploring all the science exhibits. The children represented the school well and came back buzzing with excitement about the day.

We have seen class assemblies for Years 5 and 6 over the last 2 weeks and have been wowed by their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm for learning. Year 6 put most of their assembly together themselves, writing their words and deciding what to share. We found out about their topic MAAFA, their ability to solve long multiplication and amazing art work not to mention their singing. Year 5 impressed us with counting to 5 in Chinese, fascinating facts about Ancient China and their knowledge of tints, tones and shades in art. They showed off a Sea Shanty that they had learnt, which they sang beautifully to Mr Tran's guitar playing.

We look forward to more classes sharing their work in the new year.

Thank-you so much to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas fair, which promises to be a great event next Friday. Please come along to support the school in any way that you can.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Year 5 trip to Winchester

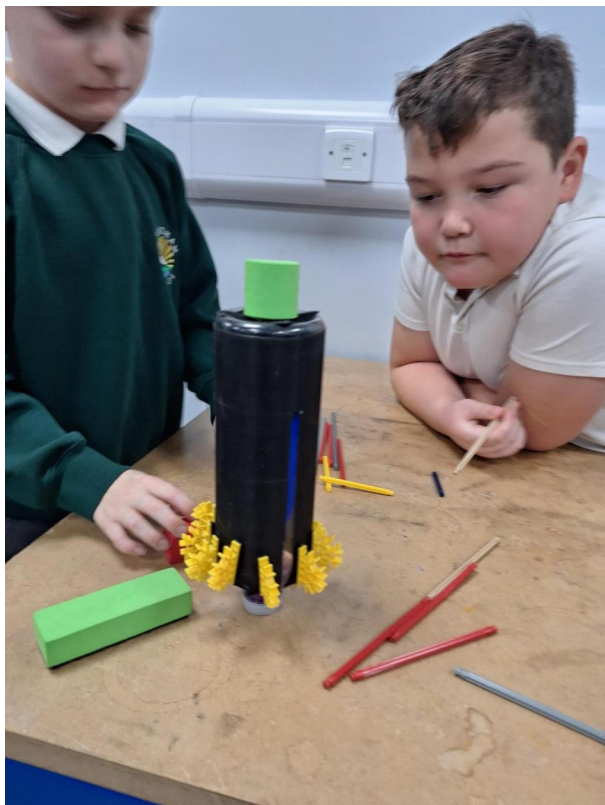


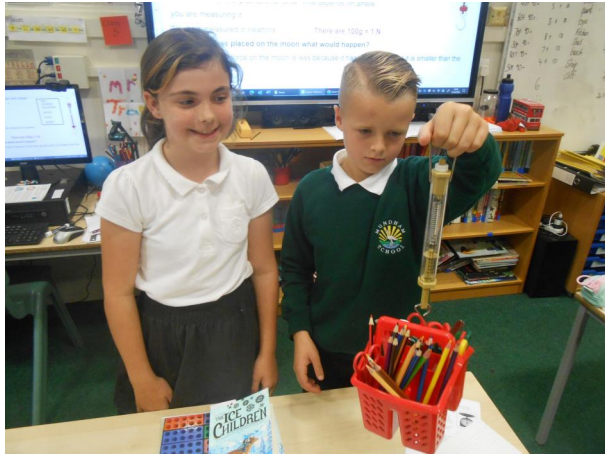












Year 5 and 6 Class assemblies









Cineworld trips















Breadmaking in Year 6







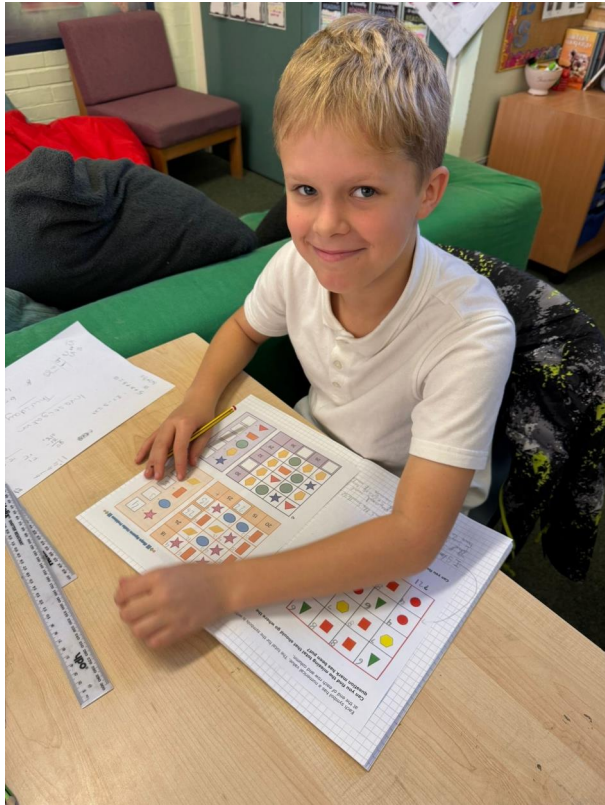
Hunston Christmas Fair





Maths investigation







OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



Wet Weather gear

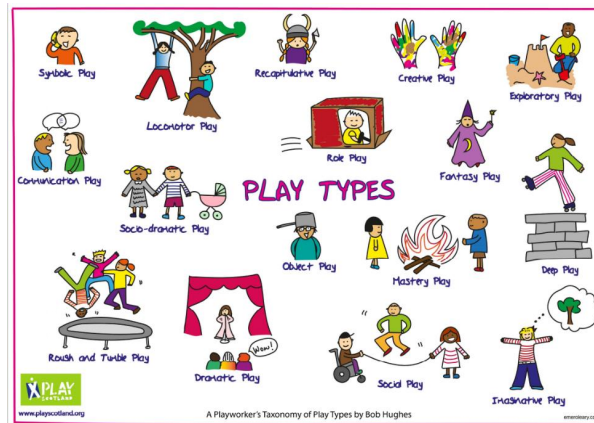
We continue to use as much of our outdoor space as possible even in the changeable weather so please make sure that your children have appropriate waterproof clothing and wellies so that they can take part fully in our OPAL offer.

Plea!

If you have an old broken microwave, we would love one for our mud kitchen.

Any small world (wooden or plastic) toys including cars and lego would be great.

Many thanks



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



Internet Safety



Online bullying

As part of our focus on bullying this week and last week, we talked about online bullying and how it can be equally harmful as face to face bullying.

If you are worried that your child is experiencing cyberbullying, here is some good advice that may support you.

Notices and Reminders



Booking for Year R and Key Stage 1 productions

Unfortunately last week's bulletin failed to send to parents so apologies that you haven't received this information. There are live links for you to reserve seats for the performances.

Seats for Christmas performances Year 1 and 2- 10th and 11th December There are 2 seats allocated per child for each performance. Please indicate on the form if you will be attending and how many seats you would like. Additional seats may be available nearer the time. Please note, children under 5 are not permitted to these performances. However, they are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal on Monday 9th December, please let the office know if you will be attending this performance.

Seats for Christmas performances for Ladybird Class There are 4 seats allocated to each child for the performance on Thursday 12th December at 9.30am. Please indicate on the form how many seats you would like. Please note children under 5 are not permitted to this performance but can attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 11th December

Ladybirds' performance: <https://forms.office.com/e/LEy2LcLUM8>

Year One and Year Two performances: <https://forms.office.com/e/iL8FeCL1u0>

School Photos

Individual school photos: *For free delivery to school on your child's **Individual** photographs order by **Wednesday 4th December**. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance*

PTA Christmas Fair

The fair is next Friday from 3.30 to 5pm. Please ensure any sold (or unsold) raffle tickets are returned to the school office. Book your santa slots. Falcoms should bring Christmas themed cakes in on Friday morning.

Children will be dismissed from the front of school as follows:

3.05 YR (and siblings)

3.10 Y1 and 2 (and siblings)

3.15- Y3 and 4 and siblings

3.20- Y5 and siblings

Year 6 can stay in class if they are running a stall.

Entry to the fair will be via the side gate and the hall and year 3 and 4 doors.

School run clubs

Next week is the final week for :

construction, drama and art clubs. badminton has now finished. Last Dancehouse will be Monday 9th with a short performance on Monday 16th December at 3.30.

Christmas party and discos

On Tuesday 17th December the PTA will be providing an entertainer for a party for Year R 1 and 2 in the afternoon (children can wear party clothes on that day). There will be a disco for Year 3 and 4 from 3.10-4.10 (they need to bring disco clothes to change into) and Years 5 and 6 have a disco at 4.20- 5.20.

Christmas lunch- Wednesday 18th December.

If your child is packed lunch on this day, they can bring a Christmas themed lunch (no sweets or fizzy drinks). The PTA will provide some treats for everyone. Children can wear a Christmas outfit on this day (or their own clothes)

Church 19th December

We will be having our annual Christmas service at St Stephens. parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please let us know if you can walk to the church with us.

Christmas sing-along

Weather permitting, we will hold a Christmas sing-song on the playground at 2.50 on the 19th- all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Wool request!

Year 4 are creating some marvellous weaving as part of their art. If you have any wool, thread, ribbon etc that you could donate to them, please hand in to the school office.

Many thanks for your understanding in all of these matters.



HOUSE CAKE  

Competition

 **FALCONS**

Friday 6th December

This year we are asking houses to provide cakes for the cake sales..our next cake sale for this year will be the **'Festive Cakes'** sale!

Second to compete, are the **FALCONS!**
Can you make the most money?
Are you ready for the challenge?

WITH THE HELP OF YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS, *Chloe & Drake (Y6)* & YOUR FELLOW HOUSE MATES, CAN FALCONS WIN?

If your child is unsure of which 'House' they are in, they (or you) can check with their class teacher or the school office.

Watch out, it could be your house next!

GO TEAM FALCONS



Dates for the diary



3rd December – year 5/6 Boys' B side football pm*

4th December- Year 5/6 Sports hall athletics competition*

6th December- Christmas Fair

9th December-1.30 pm Y1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)

10th December 1.30pm- Year 1 and 2 performance 1

11th December-9.30 am YR- Dress rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)

11th December 1.30pm year 1 and 2 performance 2.

12th December 9.30am YR (Ladybirds) Christmas performance

17th December- Christmas party (YR, 1 and 2) and disco (KS2)*

18th December- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

19th December- Christmas church service

19th December 2.50- Christmas singing event

20th December- break up for Christmas

6th January- start of Spring term

15th January- United Voices concert at Chichester Festival Theatre

16th January- Maths DayBelong Believe Achieve17th January – Year 3 Class assembly 14th

February- finish for half term 24th February- INSET day 26th February- Dancehouse

performance in Worthing 3rd April Easter Church service 29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production*

INSET Days

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

Contact Us



If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us:

head@northmundham.w-sussex.sch.uk

office@northmundham.w-sussex.sch.uk

01243 785502

[website](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthMundhamSchool>

Give us your views: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>