

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Another year is nearly over and it has been wonderful to enjoy the seasonal celebrations together this year. We have had a very festive week with the Christmas performances, Christmas lunch and even some snowfall!

The Christmas Fair was a huge success and a great fundraiser for the school. An enormous amount of work goes into this festive event and as ever the PTA did an amazing job! Thanks to everyone involved for all the hard work and also for all the generous donations.

Children have been making fantastic progress with their learning and at the end of this term the teachers have been busy assessing how far they have come and planning for next steps. The team have worked tirelessly to ensure children catch up where needed with excellent results.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Sarah

Sarah Jones

Headteacher



Saving the Planet

Hi I'm Oscar Mommsen. I am here to tell you some small but simple changes that you can do for our planet.

Our Plastic Planet.

Don't you always here on the news "there has been a island of plastic the size of France on the Pacific Ocean" so you feel absolutely useless because there is nothing you can do. Except there are lots of helpful ways you can reduce your own plastic footprint. Try buying in larger 5L bottles and refilling the smaller bottles. This uses 47% less plastic and saves you a bit of pocket cash too.

Do you know where you can get organic or nobly odd food delivered in no plastic and that has re-usable boxes. All you do is order what you want each week and they deliver it. On the bright side they use the boxes 10 times then recycle by giving it. The company we tried is called River ford.

The polluted planet

Have you ever been in a plane, car or boat well that creates CO2 pollution - if you have no clue what it means it is smoke that goes in to the sun and is like wood on a fire that heats the earth. It's melting the ice so quickly that we are losing polar bears, seals and penguins. So it does not help much if you get a tesla nor Electric car because of how much electricity the battery costs to make you need to WALK more and use polluting transport much less. I know it's annoying but it has to happen and if your moaning at this report stop whining you whine Muppet from planet whine'plopz and do it. Pollution is no joke, it's hard and hot work





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The rain forest decline

1 hand up if you like Nutella? Well stop buying anything that has palm oil in it. If you don't know what palm oil is, it comes from rainforests you may be thinking "oh it's natural from rain forests" well it's not because

they cut down trees for the space to grow palm oil. Think about the Orangutang's that have nowhere to live, no trees to climb and sloths with no home. So if you want palm oil out of your system, try GU it's a chocolate spread with a tiny bit of hazel nut in a spread. We swapped it this instead of Nutella and love











You can plant a carbon sink of ferns too to soak up CO2 from the atmosphere.

Thank you for reading I'm am in class 4Holly and For Christmas adopt an animal from WWF I adopted a penguin (you don't actually get the animal) and merry Christmas to you.

I can also tell you about Eco washing eggs. You pop them in the washing machine at 30 degrees and no need for detergent or just add a few drops of lavender oil for a floral, fresh smell to your smelly socks!











In Science, Year 2 have been learning about habitats and enjoyed a trip to the London Wetland Centre in November. In Geography lessons, the children have been learning about hot and cold places around the world, exploring Antartica and the Sahara desert. They have also been learning how to use compass directions. In our English this half term, we have written our own adventure stories and explanation texts about penguins in Antarctica. Over the last few weeks in Maths, we have been learning multiplication, focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Sycamore class have really enjoyed creating their own collage mosaic in art lessons this half term too!

Year 2 also had a workshop to learn all about the Great Fire of London







This autumn Year 3 learned all about the Human body, in our science lesson we used straws, card and balloons to demonstrate how lungs inflate and deflate when air enters.



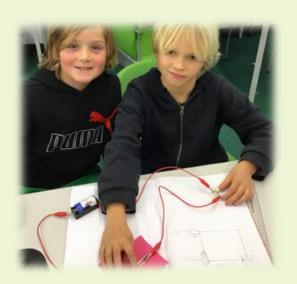


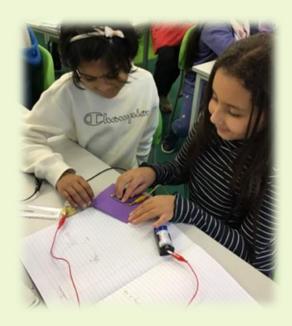
This half term we have been learning about fossils. We made our own fossils by making salt dough and pressing different animals into it. Some children even made their own ammonite fossils!





This half term, it was Holly class's work share assembly. Here they are on stage feeling very proud after sharing their work with the rest of the school.





This half-term we have learning about electricity. We have learnt all about the various components of an electrical circuit and their functions, as well as making circuits of our own!





Our trip to the London Eye at the beginning of the year. We went on the London Eye and then on a river cruise along the Thames.



In PSHE the children were working in teams to build the tallest tower out of newspaper.

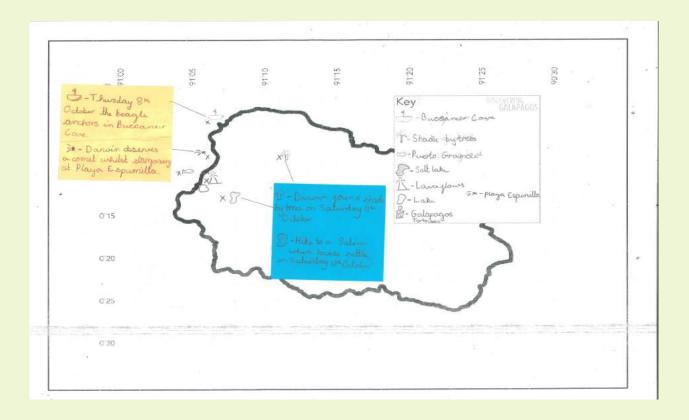


In R.E. Amaya's mum came in to talk to both year 5 classes about Hinduism. This was great as she shared her own personal experiences of being a Hindu in Britain today.



In Science we got the VR headsets out and the children had a lot of fun looking at the life cycle of a frog through VR .They saw eggs being laid, hatching into tadpoles, and tadpoles growing into frogs





It's been a busy few months in year 6 and we've already studied and written about a wide range of topics.

We read *A Girl of Ink and Stars* which led to us writing our own myths inspired by the natural phenomena of our own world, before moving on to write a biography of Charles Darwin, linking to our study of evolution in science.

In light of Charles's voyages in South America, we have been focussing on the Galapagos in geography, learning about the fascinating and unique flora and fauna that lives there as well as plotting Darwin's journey. This has also inspired us to write our own travel brochures, advertising the archipelago as a dream destination.



GENERALINFORMATION

Wishing all our Sheirngdale Families a Wonderful Christmas Break and a Prosperous New Year 2023!!

See you all on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

