



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you are all well.

First of all, I would like to give another big thank you to staff who have been holding the fort at school for another week as I had to remain off sick, much to my frustration. The staff stepped up, as always and I am so proud of their amazing team work. I have been in regular contact with key staff, who have been keeping me updated.

I will be back in school on Monday and very much looking forward to seeing the children.

Because we have made so many positive school improvements, I was approached by the local authorities for a couple of teachers to present at a 'Big Inclusion' virtual conference today, with a focus on creative learning and resourcing for children with SEND. Tara and Katie presented this on behalf of our school. They received lots of positive feedback, and quite right too. Well done to Tara and Katie!

Now for my favourite part of the newsletter: sharing the wonderful learning that has been taking place.



Dormouse class have been having an arty crafty week using as many mediums as possible to create 3D and 2D designs. Children's choice making skills are becoming increasingly purposeful through each child's preferred means. In Maths we are really developing our ability to explore and label sets of items.



This week **Squirrel class** have been finishing off their Dinosaur topic. We looked at the different parts of the dinosaur i.e. head, body, tail, legs and arms and spent time labelling them using symbols. There has been lots of great independent choosing to select the correct symbol for the correct body part and some of the children practised their cutting and gluing skills. We have also spent a lot of time in our outdoor area this week and have collected twigs, incorporating our maths by counting and sorting these and using them to create dinosaur skeleton pictures on the ground which was lots of fun. We got really messy in our dinosaur swamp and have enjoyed some lovely dinosaur poems and stories this week too.



This week in **Badger class** we have been reading Jim and the beanstalk. A variation on the original tale by Raymond Briggs. We have looked at the characters and the illustrations to help us describe what emotions they were feeling. In maths we are learning place value and numbers on a number square. Using concrete resources we have worked out what number is one more and one less than our chosen number. Our science topic is plants and we have planted up our seeds ready for our Badger class garden centre which will be open for business at the end of the summer term. **Please remember to send in your old 2ltr bottles for us to make mini greenhouses.** The children have worked hard in phonics this term and we have been playing phonics games and word hunts to help us recap all the sounds we have learnt. Remember to read with the children at home and help them to practice their flashcard words and sounds.



Hedgehog class have been making Moussaka in preparation of their Greek day next week. In Maths they have looked at place value. In Science they have explored solids, liquids and gases and in PE continued practising their basketball skills. In English they have used their writing skills to make up their own myths and have made character puppets. The children are very much looking forward to sharing all of their hard work with parents next Friday from 2pm, please do let us know if you are able to attend.



Rabbit class have been listening to the story of Jack and the beanstalk. They have been counting with beans and exploring and finding different objects in the mud such as numicon, leaves and five speckled frogs. The children have been busy making Easter egg sun catchers, playdough and beanstalks.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to returning to school next week.

Take care
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happy
WEEKEND!



All email correspondence, not just absences, must be sent directly to the office at parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday during term time only by admin staff

Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you will receive a response either by phone call, or email via the office

If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured that this will be read the following school day and you will then receive a response

If you do not wish to divulge information to the admin staff, then please email to request a telephone call from the relevant member staff. If the member of staff is in class, they will contact you at the earliest convenient time

Teachers and support staff will not respond to direct emails from parents



IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please **do not** send your child into school if they have a high temperature
As is always the case we will ask you to collect your child if we feel they are
too unwell to be in school

Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which
gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend
school

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>



Easter Bonnet Parade

We are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 31st March
around the school

If you can, we ask that you please show support by making an Easter bonnet
with your child at home which can then be showcased in front of the school



The school nurse team are available in school all day and can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk



Dates for the Diary



- Thursday 30th March – Hedgehog class Ancient Greece day (parents are invited from 2pm)
- Friday 31st March – Last day of school (1.30 finish)
Easter Bonnet Parade
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school
- Monday 1st May – May day bank holiday (school closed)
- Thursday 4th May - Saxon Wood Association AGM
- Monday 8th May – Coronation bank holiday (school closed)
- Friday 12th May – Saxon Wood Association Bingo Night
- Friday 26th May – Last day of school (normal finish time)
- Monday 12th June – Children return to school