



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you have all had a good week, despite the ever-changing weather.

We have been busy planning for our big Coronation celebrations next week and we look forward to welcoming you to join us.

Yesterday, during one of my learning walks, I was so impressed with the children. There was a range of activities taking place and they were all engaged.

In Rabbit class this week we have read the book 'Hooray for fish' and have been exploring this using sensory trays. We made under the sea sensory bottles and our very own under the sea collage. In PE we had a session with the parachute and imagined we were under the ocean being sea creatures. In Maths we counted fish, looking at big and small and at different patterned fish. In Phonics we have listened to the different sounds we can hear on a farm. We have set up in the class a number of 'feely' boxes with different objects in. The children have been encouraged to think about how they feel and what we could do with these objects.





This week Squirrel class have continued to explore the lifecycle of a caterpillar. We recapped the 4 stages of the lifecycle: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and butterfly and have been enjoying the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We explored the different parts of the story including what foods the caterpillar ate each day. The children then chose between two parts of the story to sequence them. This also led us on to explore healthy and unhealthy food and sorting a variety of foods into the two categories.

We have also enjoyed making The Very Hungry Caterpillar fruit pizzas. The children mixed up red and green icing to spread onto their biscuits and then chose from the 5 fruits that The Very Hungry Caterpillar enjoyed in the story to put onto their own biscuits. The red biscuit was the face and we also had edible eyes which we added on as a decoration and the green biscuits made up the body of the caterpillar. We also enjoyed lots of painting this week and made symmetrical butterflies by painting one side of the butterfly and folding the paper in half. The children all chose their own colours and the results were absolutely beautiful.



Dormouse Class have been working hard on our play skills this week - enjoying finding different ways to enjoy our lunch times and engage with our friends! Our favourite activities so far have been creating a big play table with all our favourite toys on and sitting round it together and also using the class bubble machines, some of which are switch powered, to create an underwater paradise complete with sensory fabric, music and lights!



Hedgehog class have continued with their topic on The Weather and have learnt about the water cycle and precipitation using water spray bottles which they found amusing. In PE they have practised their weather dances and have been very busy presenting the weather in their studio. Phonics this week has been the 'ow' sound (brown owl and Miss oh no. In Maths they have worked hard adding 3 digit numbers together.



Badger have had a very busy week this week, we have been using our outdoor area to develop our gardening skills, there has been a lot of mud and water all over the playground and the classroom. They children have loved it!

We are enjoying our new book - Animalphabet - the children are practicing ordering the letters of the alphabet and naming animals for each letter. Try this game at home. Maths has been all about addition and subtraction. We have been counting people getting on and off the bus and writing it as a number sentence.

In phonics we did a classroom hunt for our phonics sounds, using these words we wrote or said sentences. The children enjoyed searching high and low for the missing sounds.

In PE we have started our weather dances and the children are thinking about using their movements to show different types of weather.

We reflected back on our trip to Milestones last week and the children loved looking at the pictures we took and describing what we did. Below are some photos.





Last week's children who received a head teacher's certificate were:



(Squirrel) Samuel – independently feeding himself with a fork
(Hedgehog) Jaycob - Engaging in his learning
(Dormouse) Cody – Good reading



Plus

All of Hedgehog and Badger class for exceptional behaviour on our trip to Milestones
We are so proud of them

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend, please remember that we also have an inset day on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd May and celebrating the Coronation with you on Friday 5th May.

Take care

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Coronation Tea Party



Friday 5th May

From 2pm onwards

We would like to invite parents to join us for a celebratory tea party to mark the coronation of King Charles III

Adults to wear red, white and blue and children party clothes



Saxon Wood Association



Friday 12th May 2023 at Saxon Wood School

Doors Open 7pm

First Game 7:30pm

**Please support the Association by coming along to
our 'Bingo Night'**

Bring your own drink and nibbles

Books will cost £10 per person for the evening with amazing prizes to be
won!

Please return your reply slips to the school office by 28th April



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>

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



Accessible clothing and school uniform



We are pleased to see that some of the major clothing retailers have now launched a range of accessible clothing and sensory kind school uniform.

Here are some links we think you may find useful: (You may have to copy and paste these into your browser)

<https://direct.asda.com/george/collections/easy-on-easy-wear-school/D28M110G1C3,default,sc.html>

<https://corporate.asda.com/20230216/weve-launched-a-new-adapted-clothing-range-for-young-people-with-disabilities>

<https://direct.asda.com/george/collections/easy-on-easy-wear/D28M110G1,default,sc.html>

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/je/l/kids/school-uniform-shop/easy-dressing-school-uniform/>
www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/easy-dressing

Dates for the Diary



- Monday 1st May – May day bank holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 2nd May – Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 4th May - Saxon Wood Association AGM
- Friday 5th May – Coronation Tea Party (from 2pm)
- 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
- Friday 28th July – Last day of term (1.30 finish)