



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a lovely Coronation weekend.

I followed the events of the television. It was lovely to watch a piece of history in the making.

It was wonderful to see so many families support us for our very own Coronation tea at Saxon Wood last week. The children did us proud, making some wonderful decorations for the occasion. They even decorated the biscuits and helped make the sandwiches for our wonderful families.

Well done to all those who helped decorate a flag and congratulations to the children who won a cream tea for their families to enjoy!

It was a joyous event - Thank you so much for your support.

Now let's see what the children have been busy learning this week



Dormouse class have been enjoying "What's in the box?" Exploring all different things we can see, hear, taste and smell as well as feel! Orbeez are a definite hit – they are so colourful and smooth and are great fun to tip all over the floor. They even bounce! Children used symbols and switches to tell us what they thought.



This week Squirrel class have been exploring spiders as part of our Minibeast topic. We have been enjoying the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider' and have been looking at positional words such as 'up' and 'down' and emotions such as 'happy' and 'sad'. The children have been learning to sequence the rhyme and have had fun practising their cutting skills and creating their own Incy Wincy Spider pictures.

We have also been learning all about the spider life cycle. The children have enjoyed learning about this through a repetitive song that we came up with 'The male spider spins the web, the female spider lays the eggs and out come the spiderlings who grow bigger and bigger and bigger until... (and repeat). We created a large class lifecycle display as well as the children practising their individual communication skills through 1:1 work on making their own spider life cycle.

As well as all of this we have also been keeping a close eye on our real-life caterpillars which are getting bigger and bigger. It has been fascinating to watch them grow and we are hoping soon that they might turn into chrysalises.



In badger we have been playing lots of addition and subtraction bingo and the children love it. Try this game at home but challenge the children by giving them a number sentence to find out the answer.

In science we have been exploring animal habitats, thinking about where different animals would live and why. Next week we will be heading down to the school pond to see what we can find!

In phonics we have been playing games and earning points reading words or whole sentences. The children are doing so well with their sounding and blending.

In PE we have been learning our weather dance, the children are being creative with their moves and having such fun.



Hedgehog class have continued on their topic of weather, drawing different types of weather in art and looking at weather poems in Literacy. In maths they have started subtraction of 3-digits. They have focused on the ue sound in phonics and in PE have continued learning a rain dance. In music the children will be designing their own musical instruments. This afternoon they will be joining with Badger class for an afternoon of bingo which they are very much looking forward to.



Rabbit class have continued to focus their phonics on environmental sounds, listening to everyday objects and farm animals.

In maths we have been looking at numbers 1 to 5, singing number songs, and requesting our favourite songs using our communication boards.

In Literacy we have been reading the story 'Peekaboo Shark' exploring sensory trays, using communication boards to help us express what we liked and finding the different sea creatures along the way and have enjoyed making an under the sea collage.

In bucket time we have work hard on our attention and focus skills and have sat beautifully and have enjoyed all the different activities in stage 2 following our Topic 'Under the sea'.

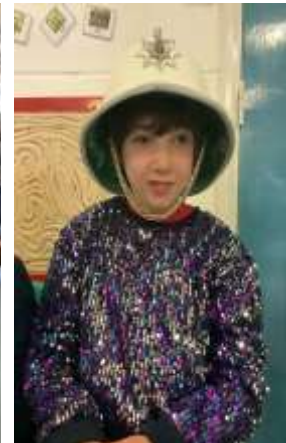
We will be planning another parents coffee morning/ presentation next half term. We have some ideas to present to you, but if you have any suggestions about something you would like more information about, please do let me know, I am always keen to hear any suggestions or ideas you may have, in general too. Please send them in an email to parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

Thank you,

Take care,

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Coronation Celebrations at Saxon Wood





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



Dates for the Diary



- Monday 19th June – Dormouse class trip to Intech (2nd group)
- 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)