



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 19th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the slightly better weather.

This week has been another busy week at Saxon Wood.

On Monday evening, staff completed their second part of Paediatric First aid training. We have always had two paediatric first aiders in school, but I wanted to expand this to the majority of staff. A big well done to them.

We are really proud of the additional provision we have been providing across the school. The children thoroughly enjoy the weekly Move Momentum dance sessions that caters for all needs.

We are working through each class to provide Relax Kids sessions, again this have been very well received by children and staff. We will continue to build upon our additional provision as the children really do benefit so much from these sessions.

This week the School Council met to help us make some important decisions about the school. They discussed ideas for our Golden Coin Day; you may be aware that if a child has a 'wow' moment, they receive a golden coin that is posted in to our whole school golden coin box. When this is filled, we then have a whole school treat. Some suggestions from the school council included:

- Whole day toy day
- animal day - visit from farm animals
- every class to get sea monkeys
- picnic in the park
- pizza day
- ice cream day
- school disco
- bubbles
- anything outside
- PJs day/ Party clothes day

Definitely lots of good suggestions, which are minuted and kept in a book near the office. A big thank you to the school Council for the amazing job they are doing and a big thank you to Jo, for overseeing this!

Now, let's see what the classes have been working on this week:



Dormouse class have been focussing on moving their hands with some fun fine motor skills sessions. They have continued with their topic on water and have been enjoying their sensory story, feeling the water and exploring soft and hard, cold and warm. Today they took part in their weekly Move Momentum session where they experienced moving around the room, feeling the parachute and joining in with the okey cokey!



In Hedgehog class this week we have been busy logging our plant growth and have noticed a mysterious plant starting to grow which we are trying to identify. In phonics we have focussed on the 'ew' sound and in maths have now finished some amazing addition and subtraction tasks – well done! The children have enjoyed spending time this week on making some weather inspired musical instruments and in PE have continued with their dance about weather.



In Rabbit class our focus story this week is 'Steve, the terror of the Sea'

We have been exploring different sensory materials to find fishes, octopuses, stingrays and many more sea creatures in jelly and ice.

We have been making fantastic artwork using the paints to create a shark swimming in the ocean.

In our bucket time sessions, we have seen starfishes appear in front of our eyes, using flour and finding sea creatures in pots.

We have had great fun in our PE sessions, using the parachute, singing, and moving our upper body to create fishes swimming in the ocean, creating waves and using our imagination to swim under the sea.



Badgers have had such a fun week this week looking at animals and their environments. We went down to the pond and used our nets to explore what creatures we could find. We found tadpoles, snails, shrimps, water boat men and many different types of weed. We have chosen a few tadpoles to keep in our classroom so we can watch them grow! The children are excited to see their legs develop over the next few weeks. We also used some adventurous vocabulary to describe our invented creatures and wrote a profile about them naming what they do, eat and which habitat they would live in.

In maths we have been looking at half and quarters. Teddy is planning a tea party and he would like everything to be either half red and half white or $\frac{1}{4}$ red and the rest white. We are helping him to design the items for his party.

We were very lucky to have some children from another school come in to teach us a new sport called Goal Ball this week. It was really fun, click this link to see how it is played. <https://britishblindsport.org.uk/membership/bbs-sports/goalball/>





This week Squirrel class have been learning all about ladybirds. We have been exploring the ladybird's colours - a red body with black spots and then have been incorporating this into our maths where we have been counting the spots and matching our counting up with the correct numerals. We have also taken our learning outside this week and have been looking for natural resources down in the sensory garden that we could use as spots on the ladybird. We've also been keeping our eyes peeled for some real-life ladybirds, unfortunately we didn't find any but we did find a baby caterpillar and had a lovely morning looking at all the tadpoles in the pond.

Our caterpillars turned into chrysalis' this week which was a very exciting development. We thought they needed a nice safe place to stay whilst they go through this next stage in their lifecycle before turning into butterflies so you will find them proudly on display in the window at the front of the school.

Our book this week was 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle and we have been reading this with a PSED focus looking at emotions such as 'Happy' and 'Sad' and learning the Makaton signs to go with these emotions.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via parent mail, alternatively, call the office who will arrange a suitable time for us to meet.

Take care

Jakki





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

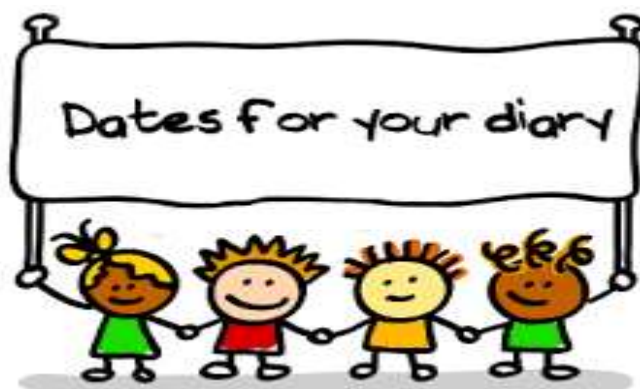
SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk



School Dinner Price Increase



From June the cost of a school dinner will increase to £3.00



- 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)