



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 10th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

This week has been a busy week at school.

We have already started planning our Christmas activities, including some Christmas themed trips out for the children. More details to follow.

We are also in the midst of finalising our Christmas Production, with the focus on Christmas Around the World.

On Monday 13th November, we get this off to a fantastic start with a Theatre company performing Beauty and the Beast at school. Lots of exciting events to look forward to!!





The first part of this week, Squirrel Class have been learning about Diwali. We enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita and learning about this celebration and why light is so important. We explored lots of resources and artefacts such as jewellery and Diya lamps and created Rangoli patterns using different coloured counters and bingo dabbers to help develop our fine motor skills and awareness of pattern.

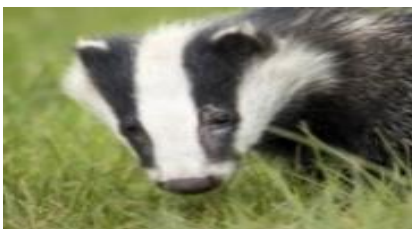
The second part of the week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and what the poppy symbolises. We have been making our own poppy suncatchers, clay poppies and had a go at printing with sponges and corks to make some lovely poppy paintings.

In phonics we have been learning all about the 'a' sound and recapping the 's' sound. If you can help your child with these sounds at home, pointing out objects that start with the sounds that would really help them with their learning. In maths we have been exploring empty and full, using resources such as cups with rice or water to really understand the concept.



In Rabbit class we have had a great time exploring different activities using the fireworks theme. We have enjoyed our music sessions and loved moving our bodies to the music in Move Momentum as well as our bucket time sessions and our phonic and maths songs.

Badger and Hedgehog class have been learning all about the moon landing in their topic on Space. In maths they have continued with place value and ordering numbers. In phonics Badger have focussed on the Tricky Witch sound 'oo' and Hedgehog 'ea'. In art the children have been busy making poppies in remembrance of people who help us and have very much enjoyed coming into school today dressed as their favourite super heroes. Today is also Move Momentum which is always a favourite. This afternoon the children will be making moon sand as part of friendship Friday.





This week Dormouse Class have begun exploring our topic of Birthdays in more detail. After the fun of last week's mini unit on Halloween and Bonfire Night we began our focus sensory story of "Five Rules for a Birthday Wish" by Beth Ferry (which we have adapted from her original of Ten Rules for a Birthday Wish." Children explored singing candles and party poppers, admired their reflection or felt their Braille initial and especially enjoyed exploring a cupcake each! Children were fascinated with how it crumbled under their fingers!

We have also continued to explore the concept of "one" through removing and adding one to sets in number songs - our adapted song "Five birthday cakes in a baker's shop", gaining and losing our playdough birthday cakes.

All of the children, this week, have taken part in a Remembrance assembly where we listened to the Last Post, watched the poppies fall and had a go at recreating that themselves. We have been so impressed with the children's focus and engagement while exploring this somewhat complex concept!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care
Jakki





Friday 17th November

Join us for a **spotacular** dress up day and activities as we help to raise money for Children in Need

£1 donations would be very much appreciated



Reading books

We are starting to run low of our new Monster Phonic reading books which are sent home weekly with the children

Can we please ask that you return any that you may have at home

**Please be considerate with your parking
Do not park outside the school near the exit gate and on the estate
We appreciate that there is a queue of buses and cars in the carpark
but this is usually cleared quickly**



Please bear with us during pick up and drop off times

If you are driving to school then we ask that you please stay with your vehicle and a member of staff will come out to collect your child. This will enable us to keep the carpark flowing as efficiently as possible and allows the parents to leave in the order that they are parked

- Please utilise the whole carpark and use any of the three lanes
- The right and middle lanes we can only unload the front vehicle
- The left hand lane we can unload the front three vehicles

Please do not walk your child down the carpark
Thank you for your cooperation

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





ATTENTION PARENTS

**All email correspondence, not just absences,
must be sent directly to the office at:**

parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

(Please only use this email address)

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**



November

- M&M School Production of Beauty and the Beast in school Monday 13th
- Children in Need dress up day and celebrations – Friday 17th
- School Photographer in – Wednesday 22nd

December

- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th
- Christmas Performance – Monday 11th at 2pm
- Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12th at 10am
- Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13th
- Party Day – Thursday 14th
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15th (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January)

Letters to be sent home in due course