



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

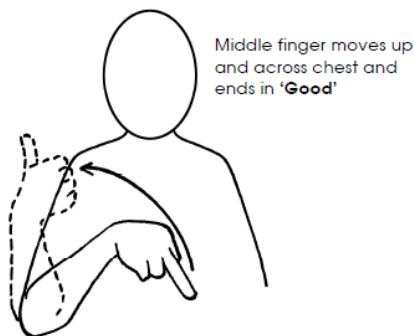
I hope you are well.

It was lovely to have so many of you in school yesterday to join your child's music lesson. I hope you enjoyed the cakes and biscuits, all made by the children, of course! They were all busy on Wednesday, armed with sprinkles and chocolate, ready to decorate biscuits and make cakes. Thank you for supporting us.

A reminder about our next event on Monday 25th November. Laura will lead a session on communication. This will then be followed by a session from our Relax Kids Therapist. We aim to finish at 11:30am. It would be wonderful to see you next week.

We have been busy organising Christmas trips for each class. If you haven't already received information, this will follow in due course, after the teachers have visited the venues to carry out a risk assessment.

The highlight of my week is when I visit classes to see the children busy at work. They have been busy preparing for our Christmas concert. Hedgehog class were keen to show me how to make rice crispy cakes and even made an extra one for me!

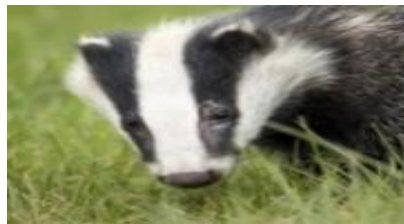


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Fox Class this week focused and celebrated landing on the Moon as it was the 55th anniversary last summer! We watched a child friendly video about man landing on the moon, and then we made even better rockets out of cupboard boxes. It looked much better than the original Apollo 11! We painted and stuck boxes on top of each other creating a fantastic piece of art. We practiced our colours when painting and numbers matching during this project. We also enjoyed our sensory story "Whatever next" where we flew the baby bear to the moon and back. During the week we have enjoyed Relax kids, Move momentum, time in the library looking at the books and using the garden to get some fresh air. It's cold so we don't stay out long but it's nice to stretch our legs and move about freely for a little time. We also had some time in sensory room, soft play and hall. Our highlight of the week was our parents coming and joining us in our weekly music session. It was great and we very much enjoyed sharing our cakes with them. As of this week we have started practicing our Christmas songs which we all enjoy and participate in our own way.



Badger Class this week welcomed some family members to the classroom to watch our wonderful music lesson. We played different musical instruments and showed off our brilliant singing. Badgers also enjoyed making chocolate crispy cakes and decorating gingerbread men too, although I think they probably enjoyed eating them more! Children with physio programmes have continued to work hard with this and in PE children have enjoyed seeing how many times they can throw and catch a beanbag with a partner without dropping it! This week was also Anti-Bullying week and this year's theme was all about choosing respect. Children thought about something they could do to show respect such as sharing, doing good listening and using kind words.



Dormouse Class this week we have shown some incredible physical skills! From amazing head control and balance when sitting up to rolling and wiggling to get across a mat to a favourite toy! Children have also shown us they are progressing in their grasping and releasing, practised when holding spoons to make Crispie Cakes.

We have enjoyed exploring natural objects using our Tuff Tray and tried dressing up as astronauts on our journey to space. Shiny silver hats are definitely the favourite!



Hedgehog Class have been working hard in maths measuring liquids, to make icing for our biscuits and cakes. Using the language more than, less than and looking at millimetres. We have written a letter to Santa to find out more about him. The children were so happy to see their parents and share their music lesson with them. It has been a fun week following our Christmas theme.



Squirrel Class this week got familiar with their new topic 'Space'. The topic has been introduced by the story 'Whatever next'. It already has been a great success as the children enjoy listening to the story about a lovely teddy and they got very engaged in making the class's 'rocket'. In maths the children were provided with interest baskets and topic related objects, grouped by colour to reinforce colour recognition. Some children in the class followed colour patterns and experimented with mixing colours to make a different colour. The children were encouraged to recognise colours and choose between two when they were painting the rocket in maths and art sessions.

In phonics a small group of children were embedding their sound recognition and were practicing matching sounds to initial letters. The rest of the children worked on their anticipation and switch work skills in a playful session involving nursery rhymes.

In PE this week we focused on the children individual needs. Some had a relaxing sensory physio session with sound and light, while others went to practice coordination, balance and gross motor movements in soft play.

As always, Squirrel Class loved Relax kids, music and Move Momentum this week. Everyone finds some element in each session enjoyable which supports the children wellbeing.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care

Jakki



**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

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**



- Monday 25th November – Coffee/information morning
- Tuesday 10th December PM - Christmas show (Letter to follow)
- Wednesday 11th December AM – Christmas Show (letter to follow)
- Friday 13th December – School Christmas Dinner (Letter to follow)

Remaining Inset days for 2024/2025:

- Monday 28th July 2025
- Tuesday 29th July 2025