



FIVE ACRE WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Wed 20th April 10.30-11.30am	Parent Support Group (Social stories)
Wed 27th April 10.30-11.30am	Parent Support Group (Using visual supports)
Mon 2nd May	Bank holiday
Weds 25th May 10.30-11.30pm	Parent Support Group (Developing early communication skills)
Monday 6th June	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
TBC—June	Sports day
Fri 1st July	Transition day
Mon 4th July— 3.45-6.45pm	Meet the new Teacher—parents evening
TBC— July	Secondary summer performance
TBC— July	Secondary prize-giving

SPRING 2022

A MESSAGE FROM PEGGY...

Welcome to the Spring 2022 newsletter in which you can read about World Book Day, Red Nose Day and updates from some of our classes.

This term we welcomed the following pupils to the School; Leo, Steven and Dominic.

The following staff have joined us this term; Lorraine has joined us as a Receptionist, Cherise, Georgia Lee, Tara, Shari-Louise, Hayley, Kayleigh, Kayleigh and Shane have joined as Teaching Assistants. We wish them all good luck in their new roles and we hope that they will be very happy at Five Acre Wood School.



This term we said goodbye to Thor and Loki who returned to Buttercups Goat Sanctuary and we welcomed two pigmy goats to the yard, Coco is 2 years old and Buttons who is 4.

Currently 63% of Parents/ Carers are using the Arbor app or accessing the portal. Arbor is our school management information service which allows us to communicate with Parents and Carers efficiently.

To access the Parent Portal via a PC or MAC: Visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and click on **Forgot your password**. Your username is the email address you received the Arbor invitation email on.

To access the Arbor App via mobile phone: Please download the app from the Playstore (for android phones) or Apple Store (for iPhones).

If you have any issues accessing the App or Portal, please email office@five-acre.kent.sch.uk and someone will get back to you.

Our annual SCERTS training was delivered online once again this year. I would like to thank Emily Rubin who delivered her exceptional training to our staff and parents/carers.



For those families who have purchased tickets for the Easter egg hunt at the Loose site tomorrow (Saturday 2nd April— 9.30am-1.30pm) we are looking forward to seeing you and hope you have a brilliant time.

Please inform the School of any changes of address, mobile numbers etc. Please also be reminded that in the interest of your child's health and safety, it is your responsibility to ensure all information on Healthcare Plans is kept up to date.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to welcoming pupils back to School on Tuesday 19th April.

Peggy

COMIC RELIEF—RED NOSE DAY

Friday 18th March was Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Many of our pupils and staff came to school dressed in red or as their favourite super heroes or favourite characters.

Pupils were asked to 'pass on a smile' by decorating a face mask to wear and to 'share a smile' by writing and drawing jokes to display in their classrooms.

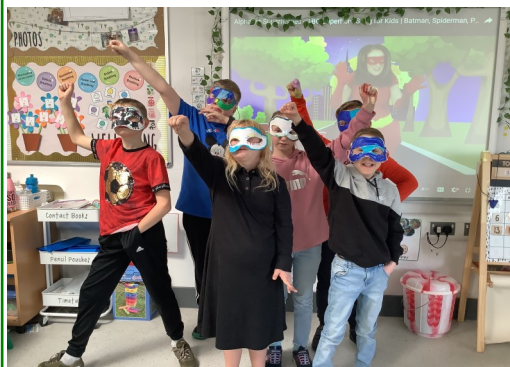
GRASSHOPPER CLASS



SNAIL CLASS



ROBIN CLASS



WILLOW CLASS



COMIC RELIEF-RED NOSE DAY

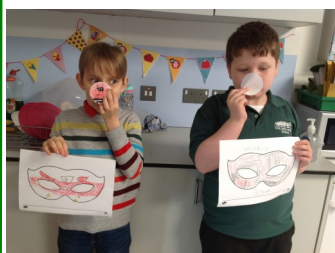
ROE DEER CLASS



Roe Deer Class made red sensory bottles and big red noses.

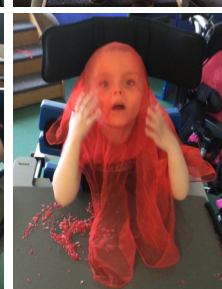
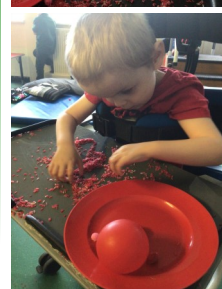
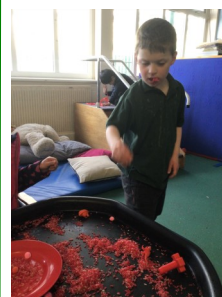


OTTER CLASS



Otter class pupils designed masks and red noses. They also had great fun making some delicious fairy cakes.

BUMBLEBEE CLASS



HEDGEHOG CLASS



Hedgehog class pupils designed masks together with noses to stick on them. They watched a programme about helping each other. They enjoyed making red nose biscuits and used fruit to paint a red nose on their pictures.



DAISY CLASS



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 3rd March this year. The entire day was themed around reading and books.

Staff and pupils dressed up as their favourite book characters and decorated their classroom doors.

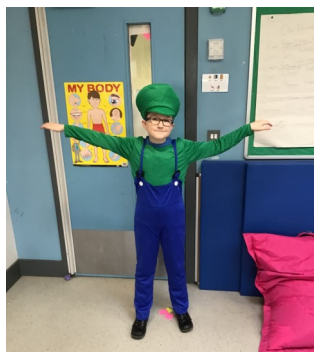
FOXGLOVE CLASS



Foxglove class enjoyed sensory story activities on World Book Day.



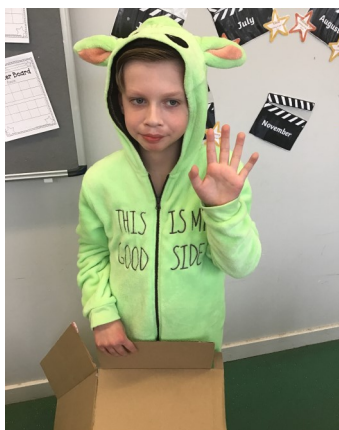
NIGHTINGALE CLASS



WHALE CLASS



CHERRY CLASS



WORLD BOOK DAY

DRAGONFLY CLASS

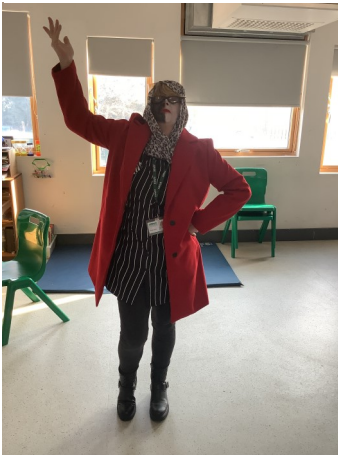


DAISY CLASS



WORLD BOOK DAY

SWALLOW CLASS



FOX CLASS

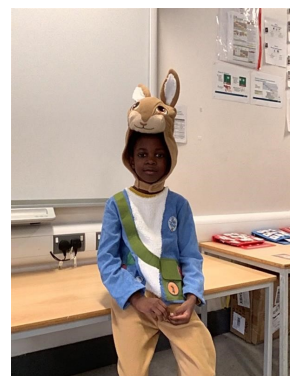
Fox class chose to look at the book 'The Runaway Pancake'. Pupils enjoyed making pancakes and exploring different tastes and toppings. They worked with adults to make special photo books all about it.

Fox class decorated their classroom door by printing

painted feet and wellington boots on paper.

The pupils visited some of the animals in the yard which featured in their story.

Some of the pupils chose to dress up as their favourite book characters and everyone had a great time.



WORLD BOOK DAY

MAPLE CLASS



HEDGEHOG CLASS AND DORMOUSE CLASS

On World Book Day, Hedgehog and Dormouse classes took part in a scavenger hunt in the corridor, looking for fruits featured in The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. They worked together in teams to collect fruits which they then ticked off their check lists.

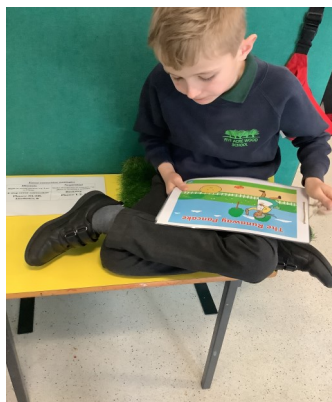
The pupils also enjoyed writing and drawing in their handmade books, sequencing the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



WORLD BOOK DAY

RABBIT CLASS

Rabbit Class enjoyed reading lots of books and stories including 'The Runaway Pancake'. It also was pancake day that week, so they decided to decorate pancakes with chocolate spread and sprinkles. Staff and pupils dressed up as their favourite book characters.



BUMBLEBEE CLASS



Bumblebee class finished their day with a Gruffalo afternoon tea filled with snake's log pile houses, purple prickles and Gruffalo crumble.

Bumblebee class really enjoyed looking at their favourite books on World Book Day. They explored all the colours from the Elmer's Colours book and then they went on a bear hunt!



Bumblebee pupils splashed through the river, squelched through mud, stumbled through forests, travelled through a snowstorm, tiptoed through a cave and looked everywhere for a bear... but couldn't find one. They did find a giraffe though!



WORLD BOOK DAY

CLASSROOM DOORS

Here are photos of the fabulous classroom doors which classes decorated for World Book Day. Classes chose their favourite books for their door designs, including:

Ant class —The Gruffalo

Daisy class - The Colour Monster

Dragonfly - The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Rabbit class—Rory the Racing Car

Holly class - Rapunzel

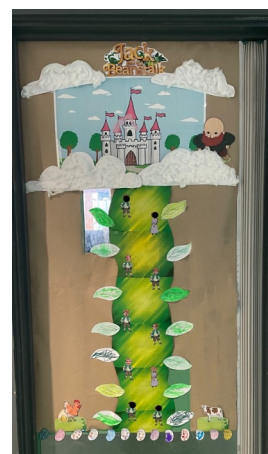
Turtle class—Alice in Wonderland

Ladybird—The Cat in the Hat

Hedgehog—Jack and the Beanstalk

Wild Boar—Monkey Puzzle

Well done to all classes for their creative and imaginative designs. They put in a huge amount of time and effort to create corridors full of bright and colourful books.



WORLD BOOK DAY

CLASSROOM DOORS



CLASS UPDATES

NIGHTINGALE CLASS

Pupils from Kestrel, Sparrow and Osprey classes enjoyed playing a game of football together.



Nightingale class pupils have been planting seeds in pots. Once they started to grow, they planted them in the vegetable plots.



SIGNING CHOIR

This term, the Signing Choir have been working hard and have learnt the signs for the song 'A Little Help From My Friends'. Classes have attended via Teams and there has been an amazing turnout. They have learnt some new and some tricky signs which they have had to sign quite quickly in parts of the song. Their key signs have been 'help', 'friends', 'anybody', 'try' and 'love'. Well done everyone!



DANCEATHON



Five Acre Wood Snodland held a whole site Danceathon this week to raise money, in response to the tragic situation in Ukraine. The Danceathon raised an astounding £1222.50 which will go directly to the appeal. Very well done to all involved.

The event took place in the hall at the Snodland site for the entire day. Different styles of dancing featured in half hour slots and pupils were able to join in as they wished throughout the day. There were some special guests (as you can see from the photo) showing pupils how to perform ballet moves. Well done to Richard and Janine for keeping everyone entertained!

FUNDRAISING

MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

The school Mother's Day Shop was a great success. Presents were wrapped and labelled ready for pupils to give to someone special on Mother's Day.

There was a super response with many of our pupils buying a gift. There was a range of gifts available from chocolates to little teddy bears.



LITTLE FANT FARM'S EASTER FAYRE



On Tuesday 29th March, Little Fant Farm held their Easter Fayre in support of Five Acre Wood secondary and sixth form pupils, with all proceeds going towards a pupil project. There were craft stalls, a Tombola, an Easter farm trail and a selection of refreshments. A great day was had by all.

UKRAINE APPEAL

KAH are currently working with KCC, the British Red Cross and Invicta Rotary Club to collect and transport items for the Ukraine appeal. The School has been involved in the appeal for the past few weeks. The response has been incredible. A van full of resources has already been taken to Folkestone for families in Poland. Bags of gloves, hats and cardigans have been hand knitted

by a lady who has spent much of her time over the last few weeks supporting the appeal.

Pupils at Snodland have collected, packed and organised boxes ready to be transported to Folkestone. Huge thanks to everybody who has been supporting the appeal. It has been a tremendous effort by all involved.



Term Dates with Diary Dates 2021/22

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND ANY EVENT SCHEDULED MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Term 5

Tuesday 19 th April 2022	N/A	First day of term 5
Monday 2 nd May 2022	N/A	Bank holiday (pupils and staff not in school)
Friday 27 th May 2022	N/A	Last day of term

Term 6

Monday 6 th June 2022	N/A	Staff training day (pupils not in school)
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	N/A	First day of term 6 for pupils
June 2022	TBC	Sports day
June 2022	TBC	Sports day
June 2022	TBC	Sports day – FAW Snodland
Friday 1 st July 2022	All day	Transition day
Monday 4 th July 2022	3.45-6.45pm	'Meet the new teacher' parents evening
July 2022	TBC	Secondary summer performance
July 2022	TBC	Secondary prize giving
Friday 22 nd July 2022	N/A	Last day of term

NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING MEDICATION

To ensure that your child is given the most current prescribed medication of the correct dose and at the right time, please read these guidelines:

1. Please ensure that all medicines sent into school are in the ORIGINAL pharmacy containers/packaging clearly labelled with:

- Your child's name
- Name of prescribed medication
- The dosage and frequency of administration
- How medicine should be given, e.g. by mouth, via feeding tube
- Date medicine was dispensed
- Expiry Date

Any nurse will have the right to refuse the administration of medication to your child if this information is not clearly shown on the label.

2. Please inform the school nurse of any change to your child's regular medication, including alterations to dose, frequency or medication being stopped as advised by a doctor. These alterations need to be confirmed in writing by the prescriber. **We cannot accept verbal alterations and will be unable to give an amended dose unless we have the medication in its original contained with the correct information printed on the label or receive the changes in writing from the prescriber.**

3. If your child is prescribed emergency medication (Diazepam/Midazolam for epilepsy or Anapen/Epipen for allergy) please inform the school nurse immediately. Further information from your child's doctor will be needed regarding when the emergency medication should be given and this will be kept in school so all staff are aware of what care your child needs in an emergency.

4. Please ensure there is a sufficient supply of all the medicines your child needs whilst in school. We will contact you to advise when we are running low.

5. When sending in medication, it must not be put in your child's bag. Instead, it should be handed directly to a member of the class staff. If your child comes into school by taxi, the medication should be given to the escort who will then hand it to a member of the class staff when they arrive at school.