

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 17.
Friday, 26 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school, but it has been warmer! Please can we remind you to read the newsletter each week and check studybugs messages so that you don't miss any important information.



Reminder

Just a small reminder that there will be no certificate assembly on the last day (Friday 9th February) and instead you are invited to come into school at 2:45 to go into classes and look at your child's books.



Musical Success

Congratulations to Holly in Y6 who was awarded her Grade 4, with merit, for her trombone! We are very proud of you, Holly!!



The Six Principles of Nurture



Throughout this academic year, we are working towards achieving accreditation from Nurture UK's National Nurturing Schools Programme. This project recognises our commitment to prioritising children's wellbeing and mental health and the impact that this can have on their success as learners.

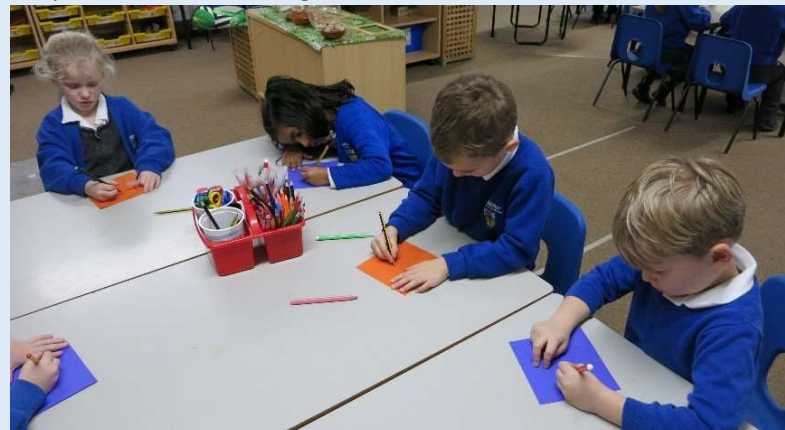
Week 1 : Children's learning is understood developmentally.

The children were tasked with creating a piece of Art work; some made origami butterflies or dogs and others sketched butterflies. Initially, they had a go without instructions. After attempting this and discussing the outcome they had another go following instructions.

Before instructions were given, the children said; "I didn't know what to do." "I panicked." "We don't have instructions." After being given visual and verbal step by step instructions, they commented; "It was easier than I thought." "Some of us might be fabulous at it and some might need a little bit of help!"

Why is this important?

All of our learning builds on things that we have learnt before. Everybody learns different things at a different rate. Just because two children might be the same age, it doesn't mean they are at the same stage



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Outdoor Classroom



Have you seen the new outdoor classroom which was finished last Friday? We'd like to say a very big thank you to Fr Rodney who provided the money for this from a trust fund. We are very excited to be able to start using it for lessons and other activities.



Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

Rainbow - Mia Link and Emily

Yr 1 - Jakob and Jack

Yr 2 - Felix and Abbie

Yr 3 - Teddy and Sam

Yr 4 - Darcie and Faye

Yr 5 - Arthur and Lily

Yr 6 - Niah and Jake

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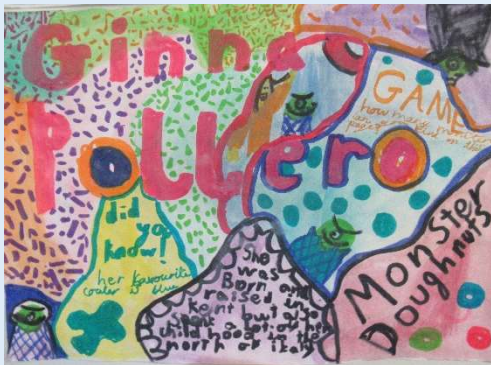
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Monster Doughnuts !!

Classes from across the school have been inspired by "Monster Doughnuts" this week and have produced some great artwork based on the books by author Gianna Pollero.



Here are just a few of the colourful pictures on display in the Library and classrooms.



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Monster Doughnuts continued !!

Our thanks go to Gianna who came into school today to talk to the children about her books and answered lots of questions put to her by the children. Here is a small report from the school librarians about her visit.

Today we have had a visit from the author, Gianna Pollero, who wrote *The Monster Doughnut* series. She did two talks, one for KS2 and then one for KS1. Gianna gave us some first-class advice about writing stories and talked about how much information an opening line can hold.

We were so inspired that our whole class (Year 6) started their own story based on the character, setting and item that we picked with Gianna from envelopes.

After the talk Gianna signed some of her books and chatted to the children.

Thank you to Rosie for organising the visit and to Gianna for coming to our school. We are so grateful for them giving their time to talk to us.

From the school librarians - Holly, Charlie and Quinn (Pictured right)



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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.0	
Year 1	95.0	-0.5
Year 2	92.1	+0.1
Year 3	94.0	+0.2
Year 4	95.5	-0.1
Year 5	92.7	-0.1
Year 6	95.4	

The above table shows attendance for the year so far for each class together with a view on how this week has changed from last week. (Green is Good)

This week's winners were again **Yellow**

Class who will receive an extra playtime in the new year.



Well-done to the children who have been recognised today for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, and Community.

YrR - Anastazja and Isaac

Yr1 - Joshua Gotts and Oscar

Yr2 - Freya and Sarah

Yr3 - Sebastian and Albie

Yr4 - Awa and Benji

Yr5 - Luke and Imogen

Yr6 - Charlie Hem and Owen

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Forest School



Sessions for Term 3, Week 4 will be:

- Tuesday: Year 5
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

Please send children to school dressed in their forest school clothes whatever the weather.



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A Prayer to end the Week

Lord Jesus,

You came to earth as a teacher,
Using stories to instruct.

You commended us to listen more
than we speak.

Thank you for teaching us.
We pray for the teachers,
The mentors and wisdom bringers,
Who enable learning to happen.

We pray for the assistants and
administrators;
The helpers who ensure the
students can flourish.

We pray for the learners,
As they absorb new information,
Gain new skills and,
Discover their particular route
through education.

We pray for school and all places of
education around the world.
May they be safe places,
Filled with inspiration and
aspiration.

Amen.

Diary Dates

29TH -31ST JANUARY

- Year 6 Residential

W/C 5TH FEBRUARY

- Football Week
- Mental Health Week

9TH FEBRUARY

- 2:45pm Parents Invited to look at books
- Last Day of Term 3

7TH MARCH

- World Book Day

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May and Summer.

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