



PTCPS Newsletter



Issue 9

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your help and support with our return to school, it is certainly lovely to have everyone back. The classes have certainly settled back well and have become a haven of activity again. We hope you enjoy the updates from the classes.

All of the wonderful donations have helped to brighten up our outdoor space, along with another donation from the Barrett-Smith family nurseries, 'Flower Pot Nursey' and 'Capel Cottage Nursery'. Thank you



Red Nose Day has seen a sea of red which certainly complimented the sunny day. We raised a fantastic amount of £124.45 in donations. Thank you.

Poetry

Years 4, 5 and 6 have spent the last few weeks learning a piece of poetry. As part of the curriculum we teach children skills to recite and perform poetry. The children all worked very hard in their classes. Oak and Elm then had a class competition to find their finalists. The finalists from the classes were; Bo, Zoe, Olivia, Josh, Matilda, Brandon, Danny, Alice, Ethan and Lily-Rose. On Wednesday this week we had our virtual school final, to find the pupil to represent Punnetts Town School at the local Heathfield Schools competition. I worked with Mrs Doig (school governor) and Mrs Saunders to judge the 10 finalists. This was certainly a difficult job because each of the finalists were fantastic. They had certainly learnt their poems and were very clear, expressive and animated. After much deliberation I am delighted to share the **school winner is Alice in year six**, who will represent our school next Thursday 25th March in the virtual competition. We wish Alice the best of luck and we thank all of the children for taking part and being supportive of their peers.

Elm Class

Elm have come bouncing back to school and had a couple of fun filled weeks with virtual visits, writing and expanding their knowledge of The Tudors.



Last week we had a virtual Science lesson, discovering what life on a farm is like, watching lambs being born, chicks hatching, examining cows and finding out about technology and how it is helping farms today. A science filled week and lots of discussion about careers and what qualifications you need to follow certain career pathways.

Elm children have been getting back into writing, considering SPAG elements and looking at descriptive writing. In Topic we have been looking at chronology and where we fit in the history time line. I am sure they will all be sleeping well after some very fun filled days.



Elm have also enjoyed being outside and planting – we look forward to the coming weeks and months to see the impact of their hard work and the kind donation of the greenhouse, soil, seed and pots.



Oak Class

Oak Class have been learning so much since we have been back. We have used our skills as writers to write letters and are now learning the techniques to craft a narrative. We have enjoyed recapping our mathematical understanding and are enjoying our class book 'Orphans of the Tide' and are having many discussions to make sense of the story so far.

It is lovely to be back altogether: learning together, having fun together and supporting each other.

We enjoyed the poetry competitions, have had fun completing mindfulness colouring for our class display in the hall and creating portraits.

Oak Class loves learning.

Lois and Mrs Winter (edited by the class)





Hazel Class

Hazel class has settled back into class very well and it was lovely to see how excited we all were to be seeing each other in real life rather than virtually! We are working hard on working together, listening to each other and concentrating to complete our work.

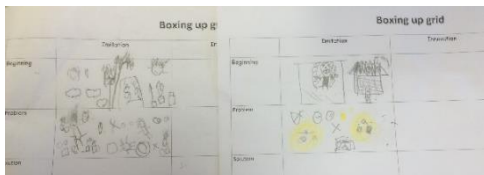
We have now started our topic all about The Romans! Each class member was given a square of a part of a Roman soldier and had to draw and colour in their own version of the section they had. We then put them all together to make a giant Roman soldier! We learnt about his shield, and what a soldier would wear. We then learnt about Boudicca and how she was determined to fight the Romans to stop them invading!

We all read about her, found out information about her and then made our own posters of information presenting it in a neat, organised way to encourage people to want to read our posters.



Beech Class

WOW! We are so proud of Beech Class and the way they have settled back in to school life, it is so lovely to have them all back.



Year 1 have been focusing on comparing nonstandard and standard measurements in Maths. In English we are reading Ruby's *Worry* by Tom Percival using the 'Talk for Writing' programme, they



are really enjoying making up the actions. Seasons is our science investigation for the next few weeks, all the children are desperate to complete some experiments!



Reception have been spending a lot of time out side enjoying the beautiful outdoor space we now have and building up friendships. In phonics, they have been working on syllables and blending longer words. Maths has been working on making patterns and consolidating the learning we have completed this term. It is fantastic to see them working together building tracks across the very muddy garden!



As you can see we have been really busy and everyone continues to be happy and enthusiastic.

Wishing you a warm and restful weekend

Kind Regards

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Key Dates

We are hoping that there will be some events that will be added but for now we remain cautious and will provide dates when we know more about the easing of restrictions.

| Term 4 | |
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| Monday 29 th March – Thursday 1 st April | Parent-Teacher Consultations – details on Google Classroom |
| Thursday 1 st April | Mufti day in exchange for £1.00 Easter Egg Hunt during school day |
| Thursday 1 st April | Break up for Easter holidays at 3.05/3.15pm |
| Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April | Easter holidays |
| Term 5 | |
| Monday 19 th April | INSET day – staff only |
| Tuesday 20 th April | INSET day – staff only |
| Wednesday 21 st April | Children return to school |
| Friday 28 th May | Break up for May half term at 3.05/3.15pm |
| Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June | May half term |
| Term 6 | |
| Monday 7 th June | Children return to school |
| Week commencing Monday 12 th July | School reports |
| Friday 23 rd July | Last day of the school year |