



# PTCPS Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 5 seems to have literally blown away with another busy and windy term across the school.

It has been wonderful to see the children mixing with their peers over the last couple of weeks. The excitement of having play and lunchtimes with extra friends has certainly been a joy to watch. We continue to remain vigilant and have good and frequent hand washing and cleaning procedures in place, which will continue through term 6.

Punnetts Town traditionally hosts a wonderful celebration of Maypole dancing. Unfortunately, this year we have not been able to invite parents and carers in but the tradition has continued in school. It has been a joy to hear the music and watching the children master the variety of dances. We have recorded the dances and uploaded to your child's Google classroom page. We hope you enjoy the virtual experience and do not forget the popcorn!

I would like to congratulate Maisy who has donated 34cm of her hair to The Princess Trust. This is a remarkable donation and we feel very proud that Maisy made such a great decision to help others in need. THANK YOU Maisy.

Further thanks extend to Alicia who has raised £7.00 for the school. This was through her own initiative to entertain and perform to family and friends. THANK YOU Alicia and we look forward to seeing you on Dragons Den in the future.

## Elm Class



Following on from our Science week, each child has considered someone that is involved with Science and produced an image of a person that uses Science in their lives. We have created a rainbow of Science for all to see on our school hall window. Every school that took part in the Heathfield and Uckfield areas have also produced a rainbow of Science that will be displayed in their school windows so keep a look out.

## Oak Class

Oak Class have finished their Maypole dancing and have videoed it for you to enjoy on Google classroom from 3pm today. All children enjoyed this and were involved in working on timings, were keen to learn and perfect the moves and didn't moan when Mrs Winter videoed us upside down and we had to redo it!



Two weeks ago, we were all given a bean to plant and made our own propagators from plastic bottles to plant them in. We enjoyed watching the germination process and seeing them turn into seedlings and soon they became too big for their propagator and we had to pot them on. It has been very interesting seeing how the plant and leaves turn towards the window to get the sunlight as we have learnt they make food through photosynthesis. The plants have had to be supported by canes, tied loosely with wool, as they have grown too tall to support themselves. We will be taking these home today to look after as we won't be here to care for them during half term.

We have been writing in character and we had to pretend to be a seed! We have written the journey of a seed from production to dispersal and could choose what seed we were and how we were dispersed!

We are still really enjoying the confusing book we are reading (Orphan's of the Tide) and have had many theories and predictions on what has happened and may happen.

Co-written by Luca and Mrs Winter

## Hazel Class



We have been working hard learning different information about our topic The Romans. On Thursday, we all dressed up as Romans and made our own shields. We designed them previously thinking about the colours to use and what would scare other people off! We used cardboard to



make a handle and paint to make them. We all enjoyed making them and think they look very Roman! We then started to make a mosaic, again we have drawn some designs look patterns that they used and the colours they could make. It took a long time to make the tiles the correct size and shape and fit the other tiles in. We hope you like our final designs that will go up on display.

Thank you for providing the super Roman costumes, it was a truly fabulous day.



## Beech class



We have been learning about position and direction in Maths and we used Beebots. Beebots are programmable toys, which help us learn about full turns, half turns and quarter turns as well as forwards and backwards. The buttons on the Beebots encourage the children to enter the sequence of instructions and then once 'go' is pressed the Beebot goes on the programmed journey.



We have also been revisiting previous learning and recalling facts, we have learnt. We can count in 10's to 100 and some of us can count in 2's and 5's as well.

We have used collage techniques to create a picture to conclude our learning on Room on the Broom.



In English, we are practising our handwriting skills and talking about sentence structure and the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

We have had a lot of fun learning our dance for the Maypole Festival, we hope you enjoy watching it!

We have enjoyed a variety of focused weeks this year focusing on skills in specific subjects which has been very enjoyable and really raised the focus of our wonderful curriculum. In turn it will be Maths week for our first week back after half term. Please see the information below from Mrs Fletcher our Maths subject leader.

Our first week back in Term 6 will see a Maths focus that will culminate in a Maths themed **fancy dress parade on Friday 11th June**. Please be as creative as you like!

The week will have a problem-solving theme throughout, and we will be celebrating maths in a variety of subjects throughout the week. It will include a cooking activity so please let us know if your child has any new or existing allergies.

During the half term we challenge all children to try and spot Maths in the home and around the local area (or further) as part of our "**I Spy Maths competition**". We will choose a KS1 and a KS2 winner for the most creative spot. You can either email your child's "I spy Maths entry" directly to Mrs Fletcher at [lfletcher@punnettstown.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:lfletcher@punnettstown.e-sussex.sch.uk) or send a hard copy.

My final request is to any parents who have to use Maths skills regularly in their line of work, please can you email Mrs Fletcher a few lines to share the transferable skills. This is to support the children's knowledge of maths continues to evolve in our lives.

Track and Trace continues for the half term break. It is important that you notify the school of any covid-19 symptoms, a PCR test must be completed, and the school notified of the outcome. DfE guidance states if symptoms develop within 2 days of being in school the school must report in line with track and trace.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny half term break! We look forward to seeing you for our final term of the academic year on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind Regards

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### **Key Dates**

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

<b>Term 6</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Week commencing Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of the school year