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Newsletter 13th May 2022



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have enjoyed lots of musical enrichment in their curriculum recently. Last Friday, we invited Soundstage – a Berkshire Maestro music group – into school. They did two performances for our younger and older children and raised the roof with their electric guitars, drums and great vocals. Everyone's spirits were lifted and there was dancing from both children and adults! Grace commented, "The music was upbeat and made everyone jump up and down." Luke said, "All the music made you want to get up and dance, even if you didn't know the song." Wisteria class made some fabulous thank you cards which we have sent to the group to show our appreciation.

This week, the infants and lower juniors took the opportunity to visit the Corn Exchange as part of the Spring Festival. They enjoyed a performance from a folk group called Flook. The infant children were so inspired that when they returned to school, they reviewed the performance. Harley liked the acoustic guitar; Katie enjoyed clapping along to the tunes and Jack enjoyed pretending to be a trombone. We received an email from the Corn Exchange after our visit, to thank us for being so well-behaved and a great audience.

As well as all the musical enrichment, our Year 6 children have amazed us this week with their attitude to their SATs tests. They have attacked each paper with confidence and every child has tried their best. We are incredibly proud of them and we look forward to celebrating their successes in July when the results are published. They are now really looking forward to their residential trip next week in the Isle of Wight!

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Social Media Safety

We have seen an increasing number of issues coming into school linked to friends falling out on WhatsApp groups.

Attached to this newsletter are some useful posters to support parents with keeping their children safe online.

We would politely like to remind parents that WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16 years and parents are responsible if they allow their children to use this app at a younger age.



Infant Trip to the Corn Exchange

On Tuesday, all of the Infants went to the Corn Exchange to see Flook, who are an Irish folk band. There were four people in the band and they played the following instruments:

acoustic guitar, flute, whistle,
bodhran drum and an accordion.

It was really nice listening to their music because it was relaxing and peaceful.

There were also some faster, more upbeat tunes where we clapped along with the beat.

The tunes were really good because they painted pictures in our minds.

We had a really great time and would love to go again.



This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT	PSHE
Wisteria	Aniv Subhas	Jakub Maciejewski
Cherry	Elizabeth Collins	Ayansh Ranjan
Oak	Taran Satheesh	Eddie Jones
Ash	Leyla Radbourne	Ananya Arya
Hawthorn	Navil Kanagasabapathi	Oscar Smith
Juniper	Esme Cooke	Abdul Wahab
Maple	Alex Griffiths	Samuel Carvalho De Jesus
Acer	Emma Leeming	Oliver Johnsen
Redwood	Sam Flitton	Rhauandrey Rodrigues de Oliveira
Cedar	Grace Neale	Reis Ballhysa
Sport	All of Year 5	

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 143
2nd Azul 135
3rd Zolty 132
4th Verde 114

Congratulations to Laal!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 94.96%
Last week's attendance was 94.74%

Another good week, keep up the amazing work!

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Summer Term Dates

Summer Term 1

25th April to 27th May 2022

Half Term

30th May to 3rd June 2022

Summer Term 4

6th June to 21 July 2022 at **12:00**

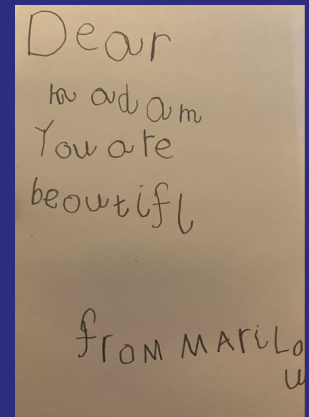
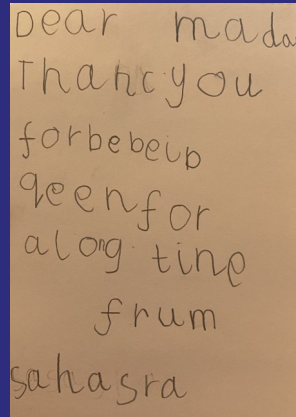
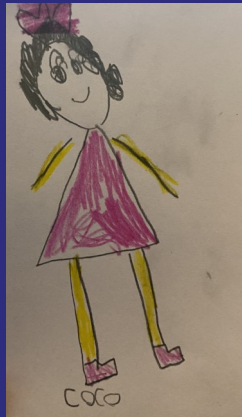
Inset Day

24th June 2022

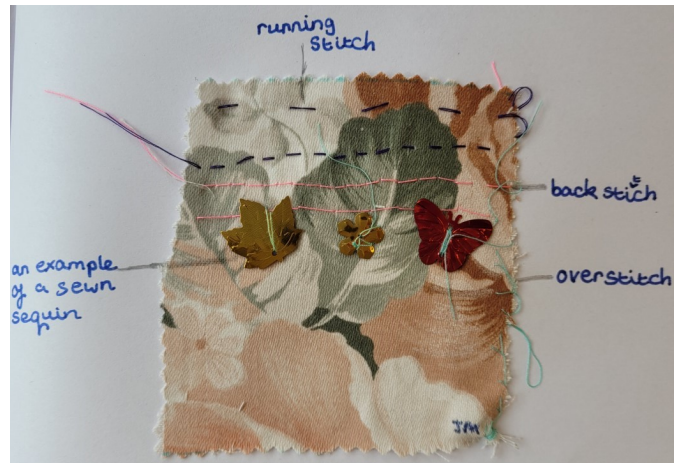
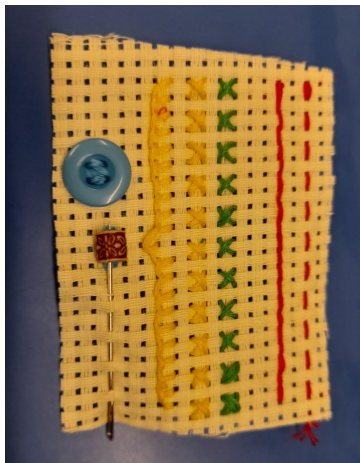


CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

The children in Reception this week learnt a little more about Queen Elizabeth II. We have learnt that she has been Queen for 70 years and is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Together we have drawn pictures of the Queen and created letters, which we are going to send to her next week.



This week, Upper Key Stage 2 children have practised their sewing skills.



I think the show was very good because even the people that were doing it were telling funny things and they were communicating with us.

By Swadha in Maple Class



Yoga Club had fun this week. They remembered their yoga poses and learnt how to relax and meditate amazingly well.

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This week's news from our Forest School

Wisteria, Ash, Hawthorn and Cherry classes have been busy collecting natural materials to create beautiful, bespoke art works.



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