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## Newsletter No 2 – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival and made donations to Lewes Foodbank. You have been incredibly generous and I know your contributions will make a huge difference to so many families in Lewes. Debbie Twitchen from Lewes Foodbank will collect your donations on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. She will also visit the school on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October to speak with the children.



### Chartwells Lunches

If your child is in Years 3 – 6, they are able to order a daily lunch through Chartwells. Each meal costs £2.15 which is payable in advance via ParentPay. If your child orders a school lunch, particularly on a daily basis, please ensure your ParentPay account is kept either cleared or in credit each week (as would happen as your child moves on to secondary school). It is taking a lot of time to ensure all parents and carers pay their lunch bills on a timely basis each week. Thank you.

### MacMillan Cake Away

Thank you for your generous donations for the MacMillan Cake last week. We raised an absolutely fantastic £175.65! Thank you also to our sterling Year 6 volunteers who ran the sale. We couldn't have done it without them!



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## Success for Wilf – Year 6

*“On Saturday Louie and I had a trial for under 11s East Sussex schools football team and fortunately I made it in. There were 50 children who had entered, and in this trial, they split them into five teams – and we all played four games. I was playing mostly in defence. The next stage is a tournament against West Sussex and Brighton schools’ teams in November. From that they choose 14 children to be in the Sussex County team. I am really pleased and happy that I got in and very thankful to Western Road for entering me!”*

Well done Wilf and good luck in November!

## News from EYFS (Silver Birch Class)

The children in reception continue to impress us with how well they have settled into school. They have been making excellent friendships within the class and joining in circle time well, listening to each other and sharing their thoughts and ideas with their peers. After learning to recite the Humpty Dumpty, we have changed some of the vocabulary to make up a very silly version of the rhyme! In maths we have been learning to represent a quantity in different ways. We know that it doesn’t matter what colour something is, how big or small it is or how it is arranged, the number remains the same.



## News from Year 1 (Elm Class)

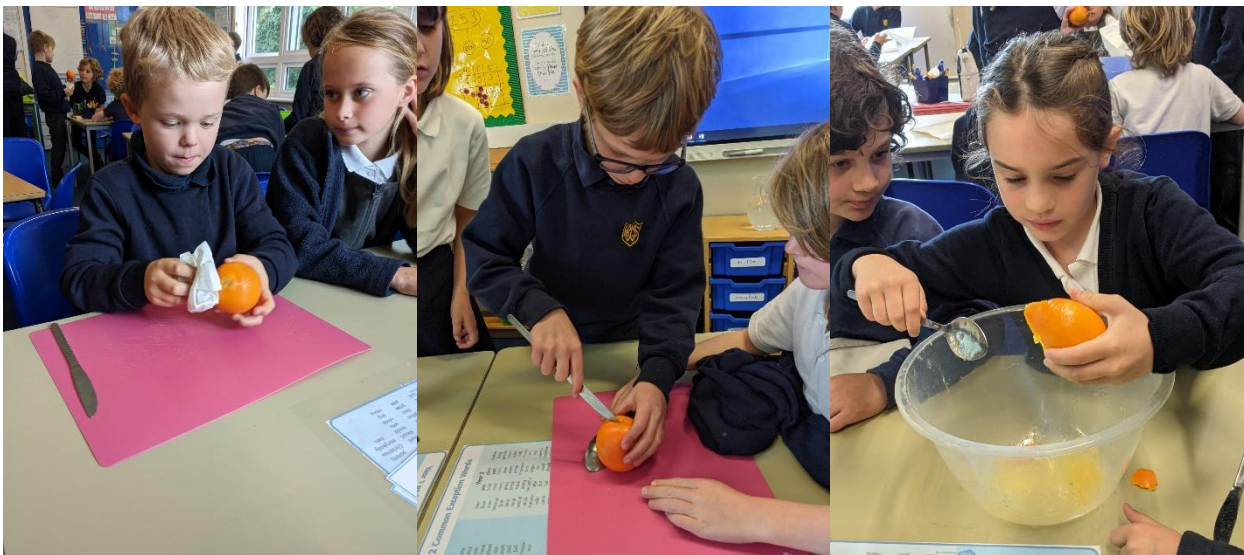
In Year 1 we received a letter from Supertato asking for our help. The Evil Pea has stolen his cape. He needed us to test some materials to help him choose the best one for his new cape. He needed it to be flexible, waterproof and strong. We tested various materials by wearing them to test their flexibility when flying, testing whether they were waterproof by pouring water over the material and seeing if kept Supertato dry.

The evil pea has continued to cause havoc in our classroom and around the school, leaving peas in the library, trapping the vegetables in the classroom and stealing the phones from our headquarters outside. To help Supertato the children are now creating their own superhero vegetable characters to help defeat the evil pea - Powerful Pineapple, Breakthrough Broccoli, Canon Carrot, Cheeky Chilli and many more.



### News from Year 3 (Larch Class)

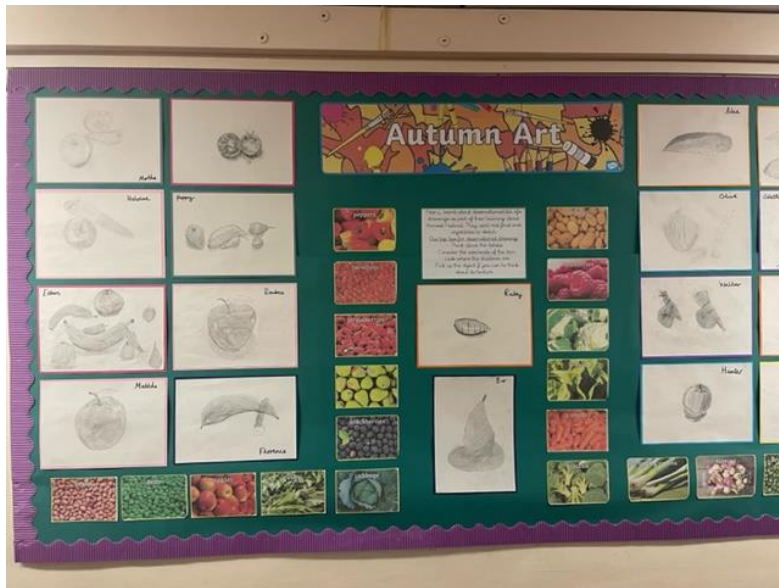
Year 3 learned about mummification this week in their topic. To try it out, they used an orange to replicate the process. The oranges are now packed with salt and will be wrapped up in bandages next week to preserve them.



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## News from Year 4

Year 4 have been working on observational drawing this week whilst learning about Harvest festival. They used real fruit and vegetables to produce detailed sketches which are now on display.



## News from Year 5

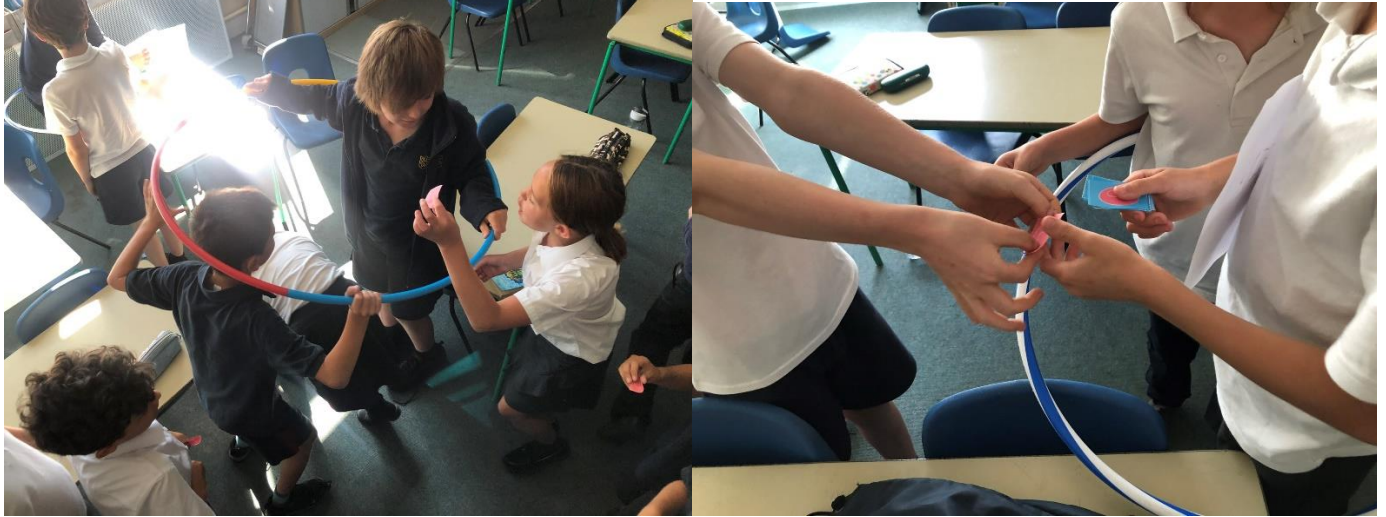
As part of our Science topic, Forces, we were considering gravity this week and investigating how the weight of an object affects the force of gravity acting between it and the earth. We considered the impact craters made by meteorites when they hit the earth. Using flour, cocoa and a variety of 'meteorites' which we weighed beforehand, we measured the diameter and depth of the resulting impact craters and considered how the weight of the meteorite affected these. As well as establishing the relationship between weight and gravitational pull, this investigation also allowed us to practise taking accurate measurements and ensuring we considered which variables to change and which to keep the same.



## News from Year 6

Year 6 have been doing some fabulous English work on their Olympic non-fiction reports. This week, the children have been working hard on their technical vocabulary while thinking about the word choices for their glossary. To make the learning even more fun, Year 6 created multiple choice questions, replicating the game 'Balderdash'. This gave opportunities for the children to understand the real definition while thinking of two definitions that were false but believable. It was great fun to see them to see them devising their definitions. In Science, we got very physical

and leapt around the classroom re-enacting the way in which the circulatory system works. The children had to pass around red blood cell tickets to certain organs, giving them the oxygen they needed. In return, their red blood cell ticket was replaced for a blue (de-oxygenised) ticket. The children really enjoyed learning through physical role play.



Next Tuesday year 6 will heading to the Railway Land Wildlife trust. Please make sure they are dressed for wet weather and have submitted their letter and voluntary contribution for the trip. Thank you.

#### **Reminder - Advice and Support**

CLASS+ are a service that supports families and carers of children and young people with ASD, children on the pathway to a diagnosis or children who struggle to regulate their emotions and may need further strategies at home. Please contact [CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk), message on their Facebook page or call 01273 336887 for more information.

ISEND Parents and Carers Helpline on 01273 481967 who can offer advice and support on a range of areas.

East Sussex School Health Team which is led by registered, qualified nurses. They provide support and advice for a variety of health issues, and can also signpost to other specialist services where appropriate. For more information please go onto <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health-service-east-sussex/> where you can find text, phone and email support information or an online health referral form which is quick and easy to complete.

East Sussex Parent Carer Forum - A forum for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in East Sussex to raise awareness of children's needs and work together to strengthen support to local families.

<https://www.espcf.org.uk/>

Amaze SENDIASS - the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service for East Sussex and Brighton and Hove. If you are a parent of a child or young person with SEND, you can call the Amaze SENDIASS helpline for information and advice on 01273 772289 or email [sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk). Use the link for more information.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-carers/services-and-support/sendiass-advice-line/>

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## Dates for your diaries

Please see below planned dates for upcoming school events. However, please be aware these events are very much in the planning stage and permitting parents and carers into the building may need to be altered depending upon Government guidelines and the school risk assessment nearer the time. For any events happening in school, including the school hall, all parents and carers should wear masks (unless medically exempt). Thank you.

Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm	Harvest Festival (school hall, doors open 2.20pm)
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly (school hall)
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Art Week (gallery open in school hall on Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm)
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	FWR Halloween Discos (further details to follow)
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm	Open afternoon (in classrooms, further details to follow)
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET (3) – school closed
Week commencing 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Term 2 begins
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2.00pm	Phonics workshop (school hall, for EYFS parents and carers)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Kittles Photography – individual photos
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening (no after-school clubs)
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Artists and Makers' preview evening (Town Hall)
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Artists and Makers' (Town Hall)
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity (school hall)
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Carols Around The Tree
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins, Healthy Living Week
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	INSET (4) – school closed
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET (5) – school closed

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