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Newsletter No 3 – Friday, 15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to see the wonderful art work the children had produced during Art Week. If you were unable to come into school, class teachers will ensure all art work will be published on SeeSaw (Year 2 – 6) or Tapestry (EYFS and Year 1) this week.

Class Showcase

This Thursday (21st October) we will be having class showcases from 2.30pm to 3.10pm. One parent or carer per child may come into school to look at their child's work from this term. We ask that all parents and carers wear a mask unless medically exempt. If you would to collect your child after you have seen their work, please do let your child's class teacher know at that time. If you are unable to attend the class showcase, please do let your child's class teacher know at drop-off/pick-up tomorrow or Wednesday. Please note, football club will still run on Thursday after school. Thank you.

One Run Global School Day

On Friday, 15th October, the whole school took part in the One Run Global School Day. This meant we made sure we completed 15 minutes of additional exercise during the day (for example, our Daily Mile or some in-class dance moves!) Physical activity is important to us at Western Road owing to its many health benefits, even from a young age.

Success for Ethan – Year 6

Ethan recently won an award for most improved football player for Ringmer Rovers. He was very proud as you can see from the photo below – congratulations Ethan!



Parent Governor Elections

I am very pleased to announce that Patrick Mulhern has been elected as our new Parent Governor, following the elections that closed this week.

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News from EYFS (Silver Birch)

We have been having a very busy few weeks! We enjoyed learning about the role of doctors and nurses and were very excited to have a real nurse (Jos - Aaron's mum) come in to the class to talk about her work and the things she uses. The children enjoyed talking about how to stay healthy through what we eat and drink, exercise, sleeping well and brushing our teeth. This week we have been busy taking part in Art Week. We found out about the work of Ester Mahlangu, a famous artist from South Africa. We loved the bright and bold patterns she uses in her work and tried several different techniques to create our own work.

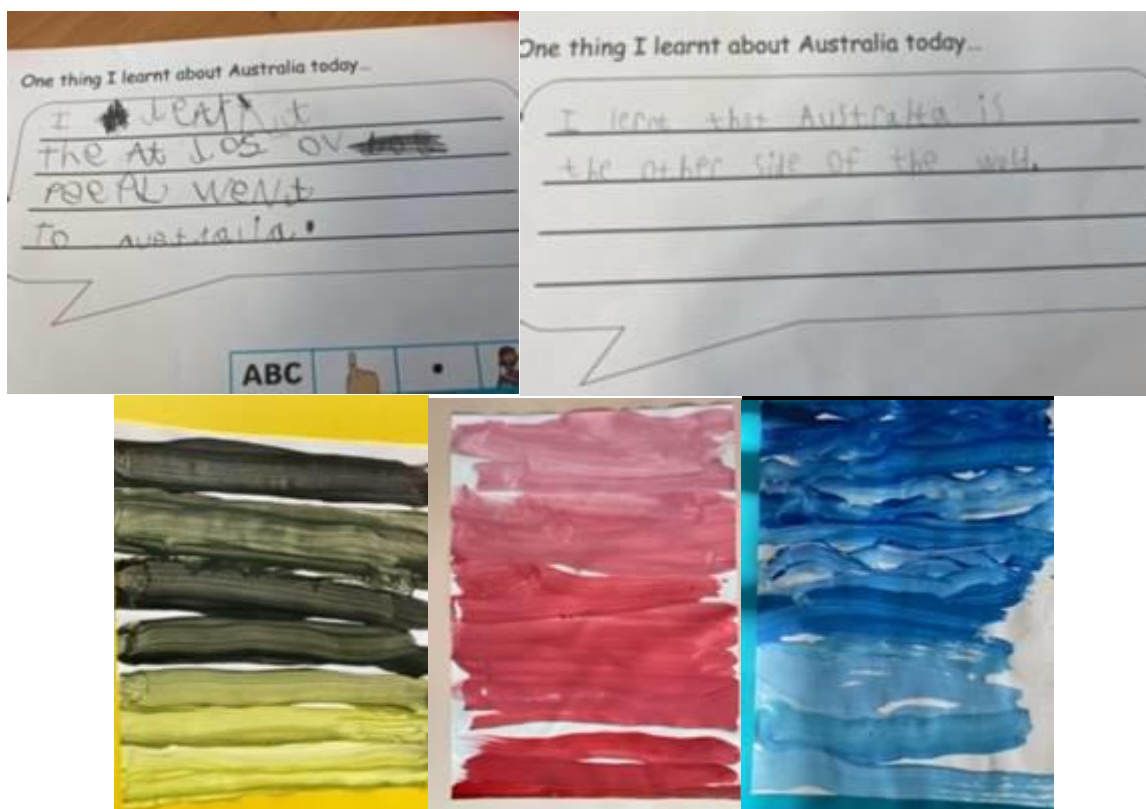
I am delighted to tell you that Miss Jones is expected a baby in March. We will look to recruit a class teacher to cover Miss Jones' maternity leave in due course. The person who covers the maternity leave will have time to meet the children and liaise with Miss Jones.

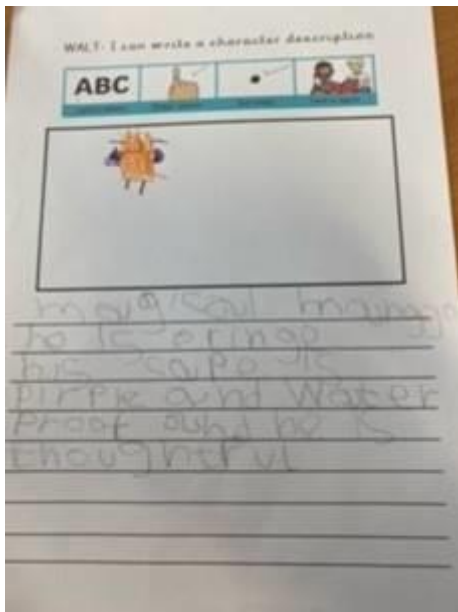
News from Year 1 (Elm Class)

Year 1 have had a great start to Art Week. We have been focussing on painting – mixing colours, and making them lighter and darker – to build up to creating a whole class piece of art in the style of Aboriginal Australian artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye. We have also learnt a little about the diverse culture of Australia and how people from all over the world have migrated there.

Previous to this, we continued our superhero journey by learning about alliteration and creating our own superhero characters and descriptions. We focussed on how to write sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and being able to read back our own writing.

We have also been having lots of fun in our independent learning – making potions in our new water tray, playing hopscotch with tricky words, creating shows in the mini puppet theatre, racing boats to reinforce learning about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and much more!





News from Year 2 (Cherry Class)

Year 2 have been learning all about Amelia Earhart and using the facts we know to write our very own biographies in History and Literacy which we are calling "listory"! The children have also been working super hard during Art Week and can't wait to show you all of their masterpieces.



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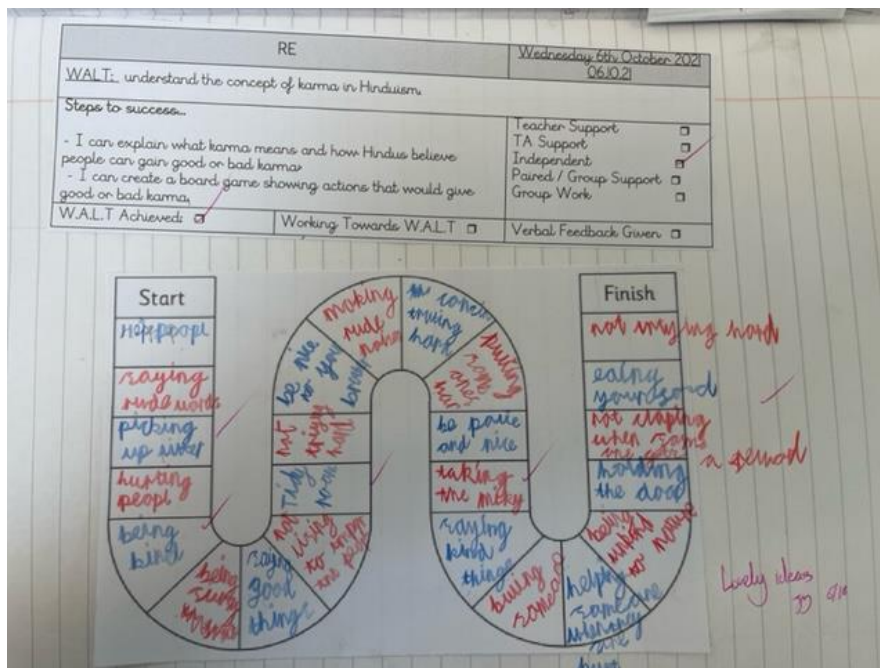
News from Year 3 (Larch Class)

Year 3 have been exploring Asian art during artweek. We particularly liked the artwork of Bada Shanren who paints beautiful ink wash paintings. We had a go at creating our own with ink and even writing in Chinese.



News from Year 4 (Willow Class)

Year 4 have been learning about Hinduism in RE. They created board games based on the concept of 'good' and 'bad' karma. They then used dice to play the games with a partner.



News from Year 5 (Elder Class)

Year 5 have been continuing to explore autobiographical writing. Following on from writing about a personal memory, we have been practising writing diary entries in role. Taking inspiration from the opening chapters of the BFG, we wrote a diary entry from Sophie's perspective to describe her capture. We started by making a story map of the main events, inspired by our reading of the text, before annotating that with details about all the senses as these events were unfolding - what Sophie could see, hear, feel, smell or taste, and also what she was thinking. As we were drafting our diary entries, we paused several times for mini plenaries with our desk partners to edit our work and to check that we were painting a picture for our readers by describing the senses. We also made sure we were extending our sentences with subordinate clauses to add further detail and using fronted adverbials to vary our sentence structure and change emphasis as appropriate. The editing we did made for high quality pieces that everyone was very proud of. Here are some extracts:

... It kept on galloping, while the wind brushed against my face. It tasted cold and stung my cheeks as the thing ran over fields, over hedges and over rivers... (Albie)

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... Slowly, he rolled it aside. Everything was pitch black. It lit a lantern the size of a house.

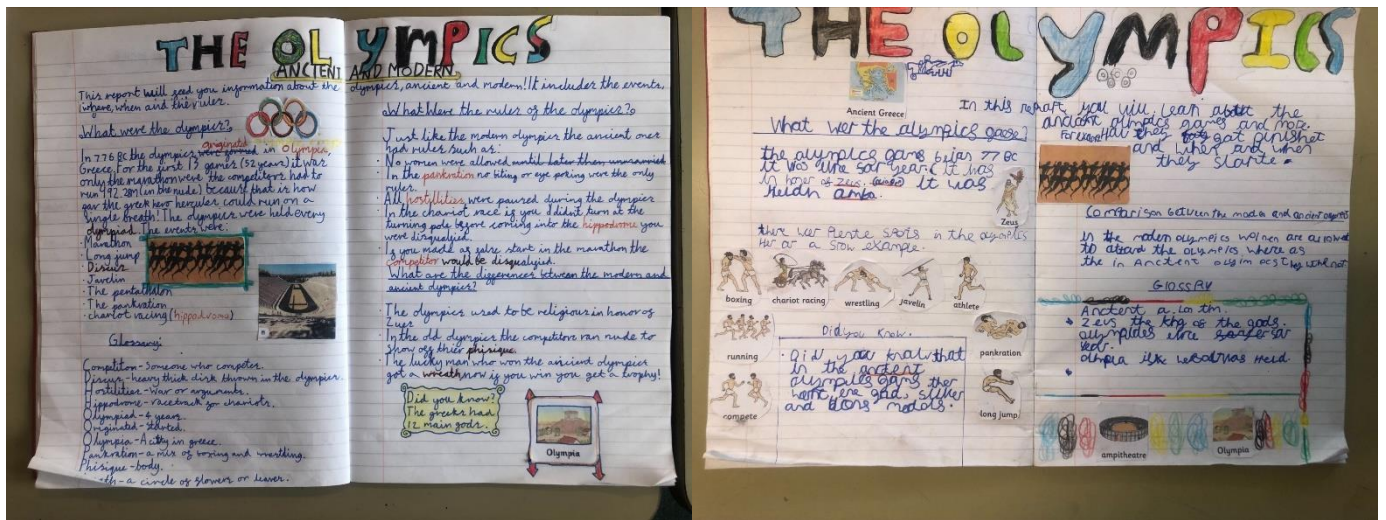
Inside was amazing, full of hundreds of thousands of glass jars. They were everywhere, on the huge table, on the floor... (Rex)

... I awoke from my dream with a jolt. I heard the wind roar like a lion as the moonlight sliced through the window and straight, BANG, onto my pillow... (Clara)

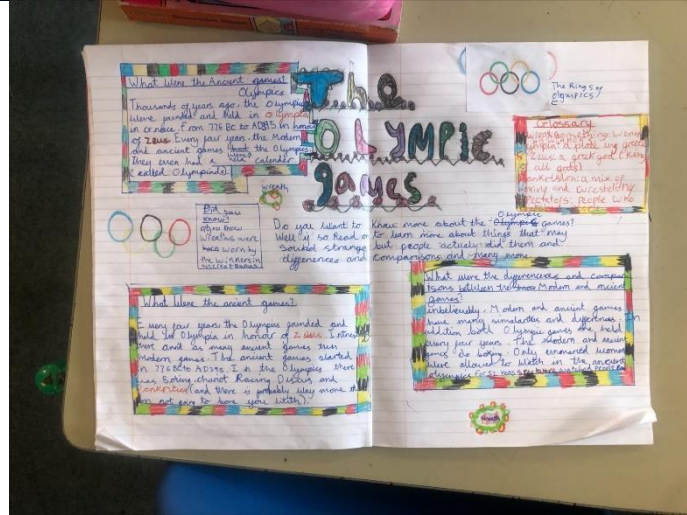
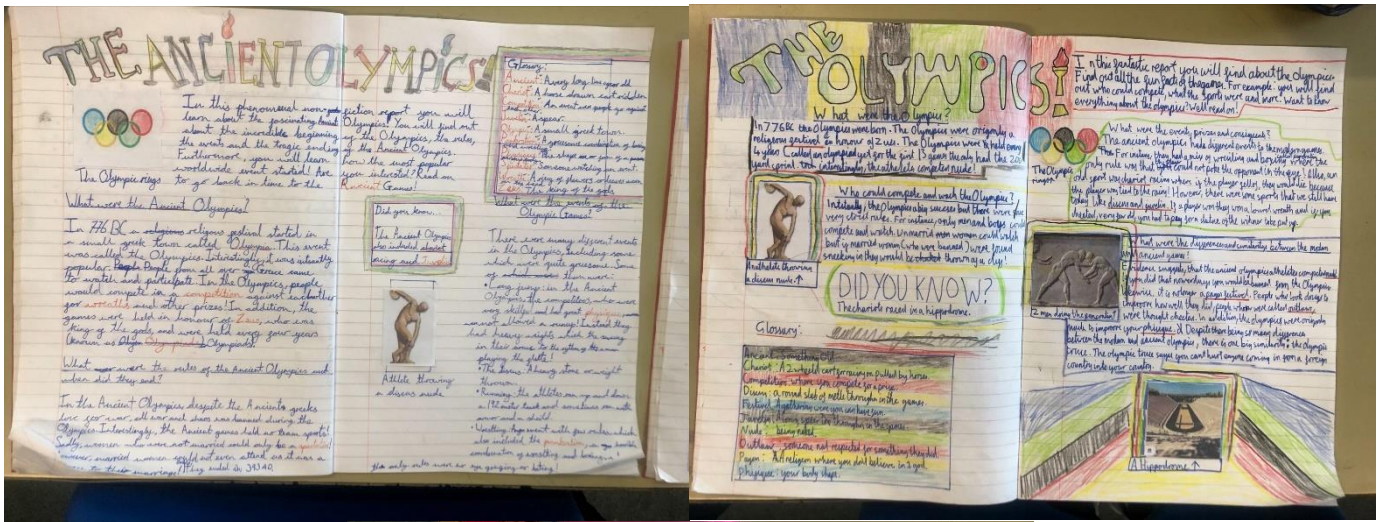
... It had a long, hooked nose and a wide, gasping mouth. For the second time that night I tried to scream, but no sound came out... (Matilda)

News from Year 6 (Oak Class)

Last week, Year 6 headed into the final stages of writing their non-fiction reports based on the Olympics. The children have deepened their understanding through fact finding; have spent lots of time editing, while researching and using technical vocabulary to heighten the readers experience. After all the hard work and editing, Oak Class were then asked to publish their work -thinking of the aesthetics and creative design. Having completed their final piece of work, it was clear that the children were extremely proud of their wonderful reports and so were their teachers! I am sure you will agree from the photos that they really are quite spectacular! A massive well done to Year 6!



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Healthy Schools

We are pleased to be part of East Sussex Health Group. East Sussex Schools Health Service is a team of public health practitioners, led by school nurses who work with children, young people aged between four and 19 and their families. They provide support and advice for a variety of physical, sexual and emotional health and wellbeing issues, and will refer to specialised services when needed. For full details about the service they offer please visit our website: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/school-health-service-east-sussex/

How do you use the service?

- Contact the School Health One Point on 0300 123 4062, available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.
- Make a referral online at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-east-sussex-referral-form/
- Visit the School Health virtual drop-in, Mondays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm at <https://nhs.vc/east-sussex-school-health>

They can offer support and advice to children, young people and families virtually, face to face or via the phone as well as brief interventions and packages of care where appropriate.

Reminder - 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.

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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, 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. Use the link for more information.

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

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.

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