



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear All,

We have reached the end of another half-term and it really has rushed by. We hope that you have a lovely break ready to gear up for the last part of the year and the excitement it brings.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the community afternoon on Wednesday. The children worked incredibly hard to clear the playground and to work in our garden area. I'm sure you can see the results of their efforts.

Thank you also to the friends who organised the scoot and ice cream after school. It was a little bit chilly but everyone had a great time.

Have a lovely weekend and a wonderful half-term.

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

## This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** We have been learning about the Queen and her plans to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee next week. Some of the craft activities have included making crowns and decorating lollipop sticks to represent the Queen's Guard whilst watching Trooping of the Colour. There has been a theme of red, white and blue within the paint and play dough activities and the children enjoyed decorating a chair with material, making their very own throne. A new activity for the children this week was making some gloop, experimenting with mixing water in with cornflour. A lovely sensory activity with the children exploring the texture as they worked together, mixing and pouring. We then added some watered down paint and syringes so the children had the opportunity to learn about colours and patterns.

**Blackbirds:** The children in Blackbirds Class have been really excited to have a go at coding this week. We have been using the iPads and all the children have learnt how to use block coding to make vehicles move when you click on them. We have also had fun learning about the artist Yayoi Kusama. We are learning about where different places in the world are, so we looked on the map and found Japan, where she comes from. We discovered that she loves to do art work covered in dots and we looked at some of her spotty dog sculptures. The children used plasticine to make their own spotty animals. They took great care to think about what colours of spots would stand out and look good. On Wednesday afternoon, we had the work afternoon in school. Blackbirds class worked really hard washing our equipment in our outdoor space, sweeping up and getting rid of leaves. Mrs Witham did a fantastic job in the garden and on Thursday Blackbirds all spent time helping to finish planting and digging and to make some strawberry planters out of milk bottles.

**Wagtails:** This week in Wagtails we have been looking at forces and in particular magnets. This has involved lots of different experiments testing the strength of different magnet types. The class all produced an excellent collection of graphs and charts to show their data and used them to back up their own scientific theories. We put all of this new knowledge to use by creating magnet games based/themed on the UK. We had everything from swimming around the entire coast line; cycling a route from John O'Groats to Lands End to even fishing for the different marine animals that inhabit our coastline. Finally, we held a gaming event so they could all try out each other's games.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have had another busy week's learning in the final week of this half term. In science we have learned all about the water cycle and how much we need to appreciate it! We also explored other life cycles including food chains in different biomes. Y6 enjoyed another afternoon's fun in the surf, thanks to Mrs Tuffin and Mrs Forton. The end of the week was concluded by celebrations with the Queen's Jubilee and messy church too! Home learning challenge for the class over the holidays: Look at the ingredients for your favourite pizza. On a world map, can you show where all the ingredients came from? Extra hot challenge: How far in total, have your pizza ingredients travelled to get to you?!



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**Forest School News** We have been having a great time playing, making our own fires and eating marshmallows! The children have shown such great problem solving and perseverance when it came to their fires. Great job guys! If anyone is having a clear out over half term we would be grateful for any of the following: wool, thread, cotton, any fabric big or small, good strong pallets, any hooks (like meat hooks), rope, carabiners. If you have anything you would be willing to donate, then please drop them into the office. Thanks in advance!

## Dates for your diary

**Year 6 Forest School** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July

**Year 5 Forest School** – Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June, and 13<sup>th</sup> of July

**Year 4 Forest School** - Thursdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July

**Y2/3 Forest School** – Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the 14<sup>th</sup> of July

**Blackbirds' Forest School** – every Tuesday afternoon

**Year 6 surfing** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of June **and** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June

**Year 6 leavers' service** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.15am – more details to follow

**Messy Church** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm @ St Mary's Church – all welcome!

**End of Term** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July

**Charity Fundraiser** Thank you so much to everyone who supported the fundraising event for Oak and Willow. Everyone enjoyed the scooting, obstacle course – and, of course, the cakes which followed! We raised over £60 which will be shared between Nelson's Journey and the RSPB.







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