



Whitewater Newsletter – 26th May 2023

Five half terms down...one to go! Summer 1 has been rammed full of learning, excitement and rich experiences for our children and there's no sign of let up as we approach the last leg of the school year. The diary is looking full to bursting point so please make sure you have a look at the diary dates at the bottom of the letter.

In school...

Rabbits...

What a wonderful term this has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Let's Go Outside' theme and made the most of our fabulous outdoor area. Last couple of weeks we improved our skills and got better at making sculptures. Rabbits came up with the idea of making sculptures with Lego which wasn't something I had planned for this term. What great thinkers!

Maths lessons can be challenging at times but this week I was amazed at the confidence children showed while using two ten frames and playing taking away games with teen numbers!

Phonics assessments went well and some of us now need to focus on reading all tricky words we have learned so far. You can

Rabbits! I will stick a list in homework books to practise over half term; if you haven't got them all right.

We have managed to produce lots of writing thanks to 'Omar, the bees and me'. We planted bee attracting flowers, made bee baths, learned about the life cycle of a bee, wrote letters to people who live in Rotherwick and delivered seeds for them to grow, to help bees in our village. We loved trying on the bee keeping suits that Mrs Brett kindly brought in while she shared her expertise about Bee Keeping. We have never been so excited about meeting a visitor before, probably because they never showed us a honey comb with real larva inside!

We also have designed and built our own Gurdwaras in RE, we learned about Pentecost in worship and learned new stories from Open the Book. Enjoy the break everyone!



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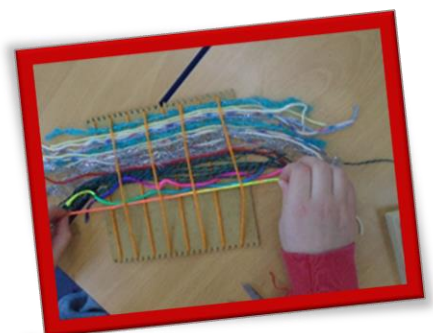
Otters...

What a jam-packed term we have had! We have been so impressed with the children's resilience and creativity over the last few weeks. Weaving takes a lot of patience and every child has given their all in producing a piece of weaving for their art masterpiece based on the book, The Journey.

The creativity hasn't stopped there and in DT we have designed and made our own fruit salads! The children used a range of skills to produce the salad such as peeling, chopping and mixing. I'm sure the children will tell you just how delicious the salads tasted.

Otter Class had an amazing time showing off to family members what they had learnt in their Ukulele lessons. It is never easy performing in front of a large number of people, however, they completely smashed it and were so proud of themselves afterwards, as we were too.

Our Thursday, Book Share mornings have been a huge hit and we have been blown away by the number of family members who come to share a morning read with their child. It is so lovely to see everyone happy and enjoying a book together.



Thank you so much for your support. We wish you all a fantastic half term holiday and we look forward to a brand-new term with new and exciting learning opportunities for Otters.

Hedgehogs...

Yet another few eventful weeks in Hedgehog Class, I can't believe where the time is going. During our English sessions the children have written, published and shared their stories based on the book 'Flood'. Many of these amazing stories are hanging pride of place outside our classroom ready for anyone to read. Along with flood the children have written poems this week focusing on metaphors for a river some children calling them roaring lions, stealthy, slithering snakes and rapid race cars. In art, the children have been creating some beautiful pieces based on 'Starry Night over the Rhone' some even rivalling Van Gough. The children also created their own 3D models of a river and natural landscape to add to our display to really catch the eyes. For design and technology, the children have designed their own bridges and have sawn one side of them showing great focus and determination. In RE they have been delving into the concept of trinity and the importance of baptism for Christians. During our French lessons the children have been asking for different types of food, saying please and thank you all in preparation for our French café we will be inviting the parents to. As the half term draws near and the weather is beginning to get warmer, I hope everyone has a wonderful break and return ready to go for the last push of the school year! Safe holidays and see you all in a week's time!



Foxes...

This week the Year 6s have gone on PGL so it has been nice and quiet in our classroom. The Year 5s have done:

The Galapagos Islands; we have discovered that they have many different species. Here are just a few: Blue-footed boobies, Red-footed boobies and marine-iguanas. We have also written about the landscape of the Galapagos islands; lava piles and shield volcanoes.

We have also been making origami turtles - they turned out pretty good! Skyla even made a turtle family consisting of a mother, a father, three children and a baby.

On Tuesday, we went to Lyde Green Farm. We really enjoyed the experience! We got to go into a field full of cows and decorate a bottle and fill it with a raw milkshake of our choice. The flavours were: chocolate, salted caramel and banana. Just before we left a calf was born and we got to see it!

We got to do a bit of Forest School. In Forest School we built nests in groups of 2s or 3s. Mr Ralph judged them; the winners were Seb and Yehor! We also had some yummy s'mores!

On Thursday, we wrote a recipe...BUT! It wasn't a recipe for food, it was a recipe to make a Forest School. The ingredients were what we need for a Forest School and the method was the different activities we could do there.

This week we also did some Maths; equivalent fractions, time, percentage and decimal equivalents. It was challenging – but we got through it! If we were stuck, we asked someone who had already done it and they helped us.

On Friday, we wrote some community letters as an act of kindness, we put teabags in the letters so they could have a free cup of tea. After half term we are going to put them through letterboxes in Rotherwick.

We would like to thank the four people who made what we did possible: Mr Ralph, Mrs Brett, Miss Ouazzanni and Mrs Nicholls.

By Sebastian and Isla - Year 5 😊



Miss Ouazzanni's Residential Diary...

Monday - After a sunny afternoon the children went to have their dinner of either chicken curry or lasagne which was apparently delicious. All the children had a fantastic nights sleep after playing Catch the Flag.

Tuesday - This morning they have had their breakfast of cereal and cooked food. The sun is shining and they are looking forward to a day of activities including Survivor and Trapeze. We are having so much fun on our residential. We kicked off our second day with a challenge course, embracing obstacles and tackling trails. Following this, the children built dens and perfected their fire lighting survival technique, showing courage and perseverance. The afternoon led to even more excitement - tunnel trails and trapeze! The tunnel trails required the children to pull together as a team and relish collaboration - they loved it. In trapeze, climbing and heights meant some of the children faced their fears. Watching the children be brave, counting them down to jump off the 20m platform and seeing their giant smiles was tremendous - what special moments!!

Wednesday morning started with glorious sunshine. We were quickly up and out to yet another lovely breakfast of sausage, hashbrowns, beans and cereals - the children are really enjoying the opportunity to choose their own meals from wide selection every meal time. Once our bellies were full and we were fuelled, the children worked on building communication, respect and trust through the sensory trail - one of their top-rated activities! When the children removed their blindfolds, they were surprised to see how many obstacles they had overcome - varying terrains, mazes and tunnels. The afternoon brought even more excitement and exhilaration with a combination of abseiling and zipwire. The children loved the zipwire and had three goes each - what a treat! From the top of the abseiling tower, the views stretched from the Devil's Punchbowl to as far as the outskirts of London. Every child saw this incredible view and many discovered that abseiling quickly is harder than it looks. After dinner, the children enjoyed archery tag, where poor Mrs Owen became a human target - thankfully everyone wore masks. At the end of the day, the children reflected on how quickly the week is flying by and how they are achieving so much - they are so proud of themselves and so are we!

Thursday started with two target aiming activities: rifle shooting and archery. The children showed perseverance with these as they discovered getting a bull's eye is not as easy as it looks. With practise, everyone soon saw improvements in their accuracy. The afternoon was incredible! On Jacob's ladder the children utilised teamwork like never before. In groups of three, they supported, encouraged and respected each other to reach the top of the enormous wooden ladder - not an easy accomplishment. We were so impressed with the children showing love and

thoughtfulness for one another, helping each other climb higher and higher. For all those thrill seekers, giant swing was brilliant. Some children were eager to swung from the very top while others challenged themselves to go as far as they felt comfortable - all in all a fabulous experience. The day was topped off with the arrival of Mrs Rolph, who the children were very excited and keen to see. The excitement from the day was buzzed and the children's smiles continue.





Outside Theatre...

On Friday 7th July we will be in the Limelight with 'The Hobgoblin Theatre Company', The company will be performing an outdoor production of Alice in Wonderland. The PTA will kindly be covering the cost for children and parents are invited to come for a voluntary donation. We plan on opening the gates at 1:15pm, ready for the

performance to start at 2pm. Souvenirs, treats and face painting will be available before and after the show for a small donation. Please bring your picnic blankets and chairs. All proceeds will go towards our new play equipment.

Our visit from Paralympian gold medallist, Kylie Grimes...

We are very excited to be welcoming top athlete Kylie Grimes to the school on Friday, 16 June.

Kylie will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and will follow-up with an inspirational assembly, and question and answer session. Please follow the link to set up your child's sponsorship page or return the sponsorship forms and money by Friday 23rd June. <https://sportalsportsforschools.org/events/landing>



Celebrating the Coronation...

What a fantastic afternoon we had, for our Coronation celebration! The sun shone for us and we had a beautiful afternoon enjoying our stunning school grounds whilst celebrating the coronation of our new King and Queen





PTA Summer Events...



Pizza for Papa!

Father's Day pizza and cookies – order online by 10th June <http://doughies.co.uk/products/whitewater-rq27>

PTA meeting Friday 6th June

Whitewater Summer Fair – Saturday 24th June 11am-1pm

Summer disco Thursday 13th July

PTA flower and cake sale Friday 14th July



Change of Date...

The date for Sports Day contingency has been moved to Wednesday 5th July due to the outdoor theatre production. The original sports day remains on 30th June.

Staffing...

Mrs Elie will be absent from school for large sections of the first two weeks after the half term break. Mrs Elie wears several hats, and one of them is a Lead Moderator for the Local Authority. This requires her to visit a number of selected schools to check that their assessments are accurate. This is an expertise which we benefit from throughout the year and which has played a part in our school improvement. Mr Golding and I are amending our diaries to ensure that there remains a senior leader in the school throughout her absence.

As previously shared, Miss Ouazzani is leaving Whitewater this half term and we thank her for everything she has contributed to Whitewater and wish her well for the future. Mrs Rolph was due to cover much of the teaching provision for Fox Class for the remainder of the school year. However, Mrs Rolph has recently been diagnosed with a medical condition which requires immediate surgery and a significant recovery period. As a result, we have made alternative arrangements. We welcome back Mr Greenley to our school as class teacher to Fox Class for the summer term.

Walk to School Week

We would like to thank all the parents and children who took part in our Walk to School Week. It was lovely to see so many of you scooting, roller skating, cycling and walking up to school.

We would like to thank you for all your support this half term. Next terms is looking as busy as ever. We hope you have a lovely half-term break and enjoy the sunshine.

Please make sure you have a look at the key dates and add them to your diary as always

I hope you all have a fantastic long weekend.

Take care

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Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023 Whitewater C of E Primary

HALF TERM – 29/05/23 – 02/06/23

06/06	Years 3, 4 and 5 Visit to Marwell Zoo
07/06	Vocal Ambassadors to South View School
08/06	YR Vision checks for summer born
Wc 12/06/23	Phonics Screening Week
13/06	Hart Think Safe
14/06	Year 6 Leaver's Service in Winchester
16/06	Kylie Grimes (GB wheelchair rugby player) – Sponsored Circuits
19/06	Non-Uniform Day – Tombola prizes
22/06	Group Photos
26/06	Year 7 Induction Day at Robert Mays
27/06	Year 7 Induction Day at Robert Mays
28/06	Bikeability for Y6 and Y5 New Entrants Welcome Meeting
29/06	Bikeability for Y6
30/06	Sports Day
03/07	New Entrants Teddy Bear's Picnic (2pm-3pm)
04/07	Primary Prom at the Anvil
05/07	Sports Day (Reserve) – Date change from 7 th June
06/07	Year 6 at Legoland
07/06	Outdoor Theatre production
10/07	New Entrants Stay and Play sessions (1.15 pm - 2 pm)
11/07	Whole School Move up Morning (9-11)
12/07	Rabbit and Otter Class Visit to Hillier Gardens Fox Class Performance (6.30 pm start)

13/07	Summer Disco for Children
14/07	PTA Flower and Cake Sale
17/07	Year 6 Leaver's Service at the Church (9.30 am)
	Rocksteady Concert (2.30 pm)
	End of Year Reports go home
20/07	Leavers' Assembly (2.45 pm)
21/07	Last day of the Summer Term