

Weekly Newsletter

6th October 2023



Year 2 ART

In art, year 2 have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his land art. We explored the school yard to find a variety of natural materials such as leaves and sticks which we then painted and arranged to create our own installations, taking inspiration from some of Andy Goldsworthy's artwork.



Year 4 virtual visit to a forest.

Year 4 were really excited to use the 4D room to immerse ourselves in a forest. We listened closely to the sounds of the woodland, observed the world around us and took in the atmosphere of the forest. We used this experience to inspire us and help us to create some amazing vocabulary to describe the setting for our current book 'Journey'.



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HELLO YELLOW DAY

The children and staff at Four Oaks will be taking part in the Hello Yellow Day this year on Tuesday 10th October to raise awareness of young people's mental health. Good mental health is being able to cope with challenges, handle stress, build strong relationships and recover from setbacks. The children will be reflecting on the resiliency lessons they have had since the beginning of term and discussing how they can help themselves and others to maintain good mental health.

Please help celebrate and promote the cause by sending your child to school wearing something yellow, whether it's a scarf, sticker, hat, socks, T-shirt or an old bow tie! Dig out anything yellow you can find and get your child to wear it with pride for Hello Yellow Day! Don't worry if you don't have anything we'll give the children a sticker to colour in with a yellow picture in school. This is an optional non-uniform day. Children can choose whether to wear uniform or not. We don't mind either! Thank you for your continued support.

Dear families,

Hello again and we hope you have enjoyed reading our Newsletter this week and seeing just some of the things that our children have been doing.

Throughout the week I spend time walking around school, visiting the classes and speaking to children both in class and at break or lunchtimes to see how the learning is progressing. I always feel very privileged to be able to do so as the children's enthusiasm is infectious, and it is so clear that they are engaging well with their teachers and the opportunities put before them.

We regularly invite educational experts into school to spend time observing lessons and engaging in professional dialogue with our teachers. They often speak to children to ascertain their views too. We are always striving to be the best. Mr Williams (ex-senior HMI) observed Reading lessons across KS2 and was impressed with lessons. He also reviewed our KS2 results for 2023. I have copied comments from his report below:

- In line with the national average, the combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics scores provide pupils with a good grounding for secondary education and beyond.
- [In lessons visited] there was excellent modelling of reading, fluency and prosody by the teachers. As a result, pupils were engrossed and read chorally very effectively in the same style as the adults, including in the use of punctuation, annunciation and pronunciation. The teachers' strong checking of key vocabulary, taciturn for example, and their modelling of questions enhanced pupils' understanding well.

We are looking forward to sharing aspects of other reports with you over the course of the year and inviting you to see your child's work in the November Parent's Evening. (Details will follow in a separate letter.)

Have a lovely sunny weekend,
Mrs Robinson, Headteacher.

Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.

	100% Very best chance of success	99-97% Off to a flying start	96-93% Less chance of success	92-90% At risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee	Less than 90% Persistent Absentee
Rec	97%	97%	96%	96%	98%
Year 1	97%	96%	96%	98%	93%
Year 2	97%	96%	96%	98%	94%
Year 3	97%	96%	96%	98%	94%
Year 4	97%	96%	96%	98%	94%
Year 5	97%	96%	96%	98%	94%
Year 6	97%	96%	96%	98%	94%



The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done years Reception, 1 and 4.

