

Weekly Newsletter

7th October 2022

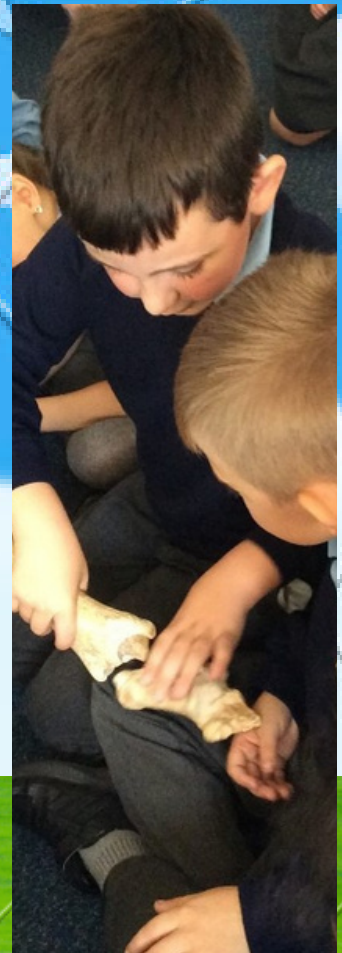
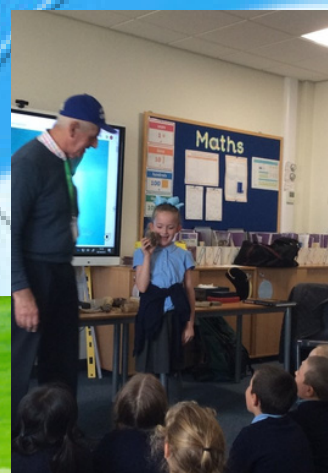


Art in year 2

In Art this half term, year 2 have been studying the sculptor, Andy Goldsworthy. We learnt he uses natural materials to make his 3D sculptures. We decided to look outside in Four Oaks' gardens to find some different leaves and twigs to make our own class sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

Archaeologist Visit to year 3

In year 3 this week we had a local archaeologist come and talk to us about the Stone Age. We looked at, handled and discussed different artefacts that he brought in, including megalodon teeth, flint and iron. This brought our history topic to life!



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Sophia, Louie, Charlie and Alfie are Chess Champions!

We were delighted to receive an invitation to a chess tournament organised and hosted by NLA. Four of our Year 6 pupils practiced their strategic chess moves with Mr Price at lunchtimes before the tournament.

Their skills shone through as they were awarded 3rd place! Brilliant!!

Mrs Colville accompanied our chess champions to the tournament and was very impressed by the wonderful welcome offered to children and staff alike. Mrs Colville added, "It was a lovely event and very well organised. The NLA students did an excellent job of putting our children at their ease. They were also very supportive by moving around the players and offering constructive advice about which moves were allowable and making suggestions of their own both before and during the games. All the players learned a lot from the games. All four children can't wait for the next tournament!"

Sophie and Charlie excitedly said, "We couldn't believe it was so hard to win and lose. When we got there, we had a small tour before a rehearsal game to get us ready. After that, we were paired with Faith School who we won against. We then played another team before playing NLA. At the end, we got a medal and a goody bag to take home with us (and free biscuits!) It has spurred us on to get even better at chess and take part in future chess competitions."

FUN FACT: Mr Price used to be a Chess Champion when he was at school! He still loves the game.



A message from Mrs Robinson,
 We have had another couple of busy (and wet!!) weeks. I have been really impressed with all our wonderful children who never fail to impress me with their impeccable manners and positive attitude towards all aspects of school life.

This was brought to the fore last week when I showed a visitor around school who was an ex-HMI Inspector. He wrote to me afterwards to say, "...pupils, as evidenced in my tour of the school today, continue to behave well and display positive attitudes to their learning." Mr Williams also added that he was impressed by the excellent relationships evident between adults and children, adults to adults and children to children all of which contribute to a positive learning environment. Well done everyone for your positive attitudes and hard work!

I also wanted to add my heartfelt thanks to all the families and children for their wonderful generosity in contributing cakes and cash to raise £351.57 for the Macmillan fund raising event. The children have told me how much they have enjoyed the day, especially as everyone had cake!

Finally, a special well done and thank you to our chess champions who represented our school so well. I hope you enjoy reading their article on this page. Children, if any of you are interested in learning to play chess, please let your teacher or Breakfast Club staff know. We have lots of chess sets in school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, Mrs Robinson

Wow!!
 The cake sale for Macmillan raised £351.57. The charity will be delighted as it will make a real difference to people affected by cancer. Thank you very much for your generosity

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.

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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							
	90%	90%	96%	92%	98%	94%	99%

The school target for this academic year is 97%