



Newsletter

January 2022 no 8

A Love of Learning for Life

Dear All,

You will be aware that the largest teaching Union the NEU have voted to take industrial action. Taking industrial action is not a decision that has been taken lightly by any of the teachers, who remain committed to providing the best possible quality of education for all pupils both now and in the future.

On Wednesday 1st February, I hope that all classes will be able to remain open. Those classes affected by the strike may be covered by Teaching Assistants and the full curriculum will not be delivered on these days.

Due to the number of teachers indicating that they may take industrial action, if there are any further sickness absences, I may need to close a class on short notice as there would be insufficient cover

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Bennett

Arts Award

We are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Arts Mark Award. The Arts Mark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by the Arts Council England. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education. This reflects the wonderful opportunities that the children are provided with and engage with.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Within the newsletters, each half term, we would like to bring you a newsletter from each one of the Subject Leaders. Attached to this newsletter is an Overview of our Science curriculum.



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Owl Area

Thank you to Mr Glover and Mrs Winter who have been working to revamp our OWL pond area. It is always a favourite of the children to go pond dipping but in recent years the pond had become very overgrown and sprung a leak. The whole area has been re landscaped and is ready for a new liner. Roll on the spring for new planting!



Inspire Day

Some children from year 5 joined others from Exmouth to participate in a sports Inspire day- they even got a chance to dive!



Little Wandle Phonics

When teaching early reading and phonics, in school we use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

A reminder that Little Wandle have a whole host of free resources to support parents.

[For parents - Letters and Sounds
\(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to listen to the full Bournemouth Symphony orchestra at the Great Hall in Exter last week. An incredible performance.





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Spring 2023 Dates for the Diary...

February

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Thurs 2nd	2:40	Parents	Parent Information workshop	Looking After our Mental Health
Fri 3rd	9:00	Yr 5	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Mon 6th			Sports Event day	Workshops in the hall
Mon 6th		Rec and Year 6	School Nurse Service- Weight and Height Checks	Letter from NHS previously emailed.
Wed 8th	3:00pm – 3:50pm	Parents and children	Food sampling and kitchen staff meet.	Pop in and sample some of the dishes we serve in the kitchen. This will be in hall.
Thurs 9th		Yr 4	Performance 2pm & 6pm	Letter for tickets has been emailed out
Fri 10th			Girls Football competition	Yr 5 and year 6 selected children from after school club
13th- 17th			Half term	
Fri 24th	9:00	Yr 2	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

March

Date	Time	Who	Event	Information
Wed 1st		Yr 5/6	Hannah Foley Author visit	
Thurs 2nd		All	World Book Day	Children are welcome to dress up in a simple costume. A range of book related activities throughout the day. Author visit- Claire Welsh
Fri 3rd	9:00	Yr 1	"We Present our Learning"	9:00- 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to join us.
Fri 17th	9:00am- 9:50am	Sunflowers and Poppies	Craft Session	Parents are welcome to join us in the hall from 9:00 for some crafts with their children.
Fri 17th		Yr4&5	Celebration of dance festival	Groups of children participating
Thurs 23rd	2:40	parents	Parent Information workshop	Developing Listening Skills



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Poppies and Sunflowers

We've had a super visit to the Browsing Bus. A lot of time has been spent reorganising it and it looks great! We will try our best to keep it tidy and enjoy the wonderful range of books



Year One

In art this week, Year One have been exploring the use of different materials to create bug sculptures. We used paper, tin foil, plasticine and pipe cleaners.

It was so much fun twisting, rolling, pinching, scrunching and bending to create our bugs. Can you guess what some of the bug sculptures are?



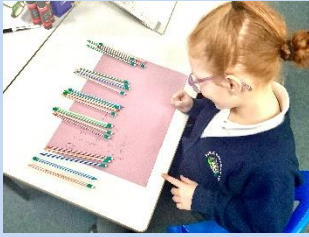
Year Two

This week in OWL, Year 2 have been continuing their learning about Romans. The children made Roman coins, clay pots and had the opportunity to be archaeologists.



Year Three

In maths, Year 3 has been busy exploring fractions. We know what fractions are and investigated fractions of different amounts and objects



Year Four



Year 4 have been using silk paints to create their own Indian inspired textile piece. They look wonderful so far!



Year Five

In English, year 5 became quiz masters this week. We carefully read through different pages of our non-fiction class text, 'The Genius of the Ancients' and worked together to ask interesting questions for others in the class to answer.



Year Six

This term, Year 6 are learning about World War Two. So far, we have learnt about evacuation, The Blitz and we are now focusing on our key learning question: 'Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important?' We shared some of our learning so far in our Year 6 Assembly this week.

