

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Two weeks have really flown by and we have seen some wonderful learning experiences taking place at Sauncey Wood. Our first day back after the short break saw Year 2 taking part in their Florence Nightingale day with History Off The Page. I was so impressed by the quality of the outfits that the children were wearing. It really was a complete immersive learning experience and the feedback from the children was just wonderful.

Ms Donnelly has been instrumental over the past few weeks in also encouraging our children to become involved in various learning opportunities, including Young Voices where we took over 30 children to Wembley Arena to be part of something truly spectacular. This was also followed up by her supporting us through the Spring Festival rehearsal and an assembly on raising awareness on World Down Syndrome Day. We were also very fortunate to have Teddy join us for a short time in school too!



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Lloyd

Letters gone out this fortnight:-

- 03.02.2023 Spring Festival Concert
- 10.02.2023 Donations to Turkey and Syria
- 10.02.2023 Staffing Changes - Summer Term
- 20.02.2023 Visit to Science Museum - Year 5
- 20.02.2023 Visit to Science Museum - Year 6
- 20.02.2023 World Book Day
- 27.02.2023 Staff Update February 2023

School News

Spring Festival Rehearsal

The school was packed the other day with over 200 children from local primary schools here to run through the first official rehearsal for the Spring Festival which takes place on 8th March. It was lovely to have our children involved and to hear the wonderful sound of a choir of 200 children singing. We are looking forward to the upcoming show.

Year 3 and 4 Easter Production

Work is well underway thanks to Miss Photiades and Mrs Wiltshire for the end of term production that is going to be led by Year 4 and supported by Year 3. The children really do enjoy and embrace these opportunities being up on the stage, acting, performing and singing. We are excited to welcome you to the show on the 28th and 29th March. More information to follow soon!

Boys Football

We saw two games take place last week with both of our boys' teams involved. The A team lost 2-0 to Kimpton A and our B Team held Kimpton to a 1-1 draw. Great performances all round!

Sunflower Challenge - World Down Syndrome Day

Teddy took charge of leading the planting of the seeds, and we are super excited to see how much they have grown in a few weeks time!



Governor Corner

We were pleased to welcome our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner (HIP) into school a few weeks ago, to look in detail at both our Early Years and Art provisions. The HIP joined Miss Harkness and her team in Reception class to look at the learning environment, displays and activities available, as well as talking to the children as they learned through play and observing how the staff interact with them, how they play with the resources etc.

She then spent some time with Mrs Maclachlan (our Art Curriculum Leader) discussing how Art is taught throughout the school, as well as observing an Art lesson in one of the classrooms and talking to groups of children about their opinions on learning Art at school.

The report we received following this visit was incredibly complimentary, and reflects just how hard both Miss Harkness and Mrs Maclachlan have worked to ensure that both our Early Years and Art provisions are as strong as they can possibly be. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved, not just in the visit, but in delivering fantastic learning opportunities in these areas to our children.

There was a Governor present at each stage of the visit, both of whom thoroughly enjoyed their time in school, and we were delighted to receive feedback from the HIP that the Governors added value to the visit and demonstrated a strong commitment, interest and a genuine care for the school.

Bridgett & Colin - Joint Chairs of Governors

FRIEND'S NEWS

Tickets for our eggs-citing Easter egg hunt are now available through Classlist. Please be aware booking closes on Friday, 24th March and there will not be any admission for late comers we are afraid. Tickets can also be booked by popping the money in a named envelope into the FoSW postbox at the office. Tickets are £2.50 per child and please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to Amazon smile fundraising. Unfortunately, this scheme has now ended but due to your support we raised £150.31 with some more to come! Thank you so much.

There are lots of fundraising opportunities going forward into next term so please do get involved. Car wash, disco and Colour Run to name a few.

We are always looking for volunteers and help to run events. Even a small amount of time can really help. We really do appreciate all your support. Have a look at the playground noticeboards to see how much we raised last year and where it was spent!

Have a great weekend!

Clare and Gemma





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