



NEWSLETTER

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Words from our Acting Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

What an exciting and busy half term we have had. The school was overcome by 'duck' fever with the opportunity of observing 6 ducklings hatch and staying with us for over a week. The whole school from Nursery to Class 7 produced a fabulous range of work which is displayed by the Junior entrance. It has certainly been a fantastic and fun learning opportunity.

Classes 4 and 5 were truly outstanding in their performance of Jonah: A Fishy Tail. Sometimes it is easy to forget how young they are, but their acting, singing and teamwork were all something we (and they) can be very proud of.

As we round-off a half term filled with new learning experiences and events, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the staff for their continued hard work, support and positivity. I feel we are very fortunate that our children are taught to progress in their learning and supported to grow emotionally in their care at this wonderful school.

I wish you a happy and peaceful Easter holiday.



Mrs Michelle Gravett



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

We would like to congratulate Stuart and Pat Sexton and hope they have a very happy 60th wedding anniversary.

The school and The Parent Teacher Association has presented them with a special anniversary gift of a framed picture where the leaves contain the thumb print and name of every pupil in the school.



WORLD BOOK DAY

An amazing time was had by all children and staff at Warlingham Park, with the love of reading growing throughout the school.

The morning begun with a whole school parade to showcase the range of magnificent costumes that were selected by the children. Following our assembly, we had a real treat with parents coming in especially to share their favourite children's stories with classes. A big thank you!

The children then continued the day in their classes with a range of engaging World Book Day activities. It was wonderful to see some of the older children enjoy sharing a story with some of our younger pupils too.

Congratulations to Thomas for his entry of 'reading in an unusual place' competition – I surely haven't seen anyone reading on a post box before. Also, congratulations to Roseanna for her brilliant character design of the Famous Five on eggs!



Our picture made the local papers





CLASS 1

This half term, Class 1 have indulged in messy and creative art and technology lessons.

They have painted and created collage rainbows learning about primary and secondary colours. They have enjoyed 'junk-modelling' and used their measuring skills to make 1 metre towers.

Class 1 all chose their favourite animals to base their own animal masks on.

They also enjoyed the ducklings and in Science they learnt about the life cycle of a duck.



CLASS 3

What a busy term, Class 3 are really looking forward to the Easter Holidays.

This term we've been finding new ways to add or subtract with larger numbers and have also realised why times tables are useful. We all started to learn about division by using cubes but it can take a long time to share out a 100!

In Technology we built a lighthouse and 'The Lighthouse Keeper' finally got his lunch. We all enjoyed making a real electric light circuit for his lamp and helped each other discover how to make a pulley.

What comes next – we make bread of course!



CLASS 2

Class 2 went straight back into action after the half term break with a visit to All Saints' Church, Warlingham. The Reverend Michelle Edmonds and her team warmly welcomed us and gamely answered all the "why" questions. The visit inspired quite a lot of thought and discussion among the class afterwards. We are now hoping to arrange a visit to a mosque.

Our study of castles has led to us learning about two queens. Princess Elizabeth (later Elizabeth I) was imprisoned in the Tower of London by her sister Mary, and her mother Anne Boleyn was executed there. The children were horrified and amazed at such a sad childhood. Our present queen, Elizabeth II, enjoys living at Windsor Castle, also first built by the same monarch, William the Conqueror. The children have learned that our queen's coronation was shown on a new invention, the television, albeit in black and white – quite a surprise for today's technology-accustomed children.

During our practical and observational study of animals in science, we have been lucky to have a talk from Mr Soday about the fish in the school aquarium, which he takes care of so expertly. The fish have had to be carefully chosen for cohabitation, and their diet includes vegetables! The children have also enjoyed looking at some frogspawn, whose development into frogs we will follow.

We are now thinking about the customs and events leading up to Easter, starting with the making of pancakes, with a choice of toppings to taste.



LANGUAGES

French

Classes 6 and 7 have been learning about French speaking countries around the world combining linguistic knowledge while widening their geographically and cultural awareness.

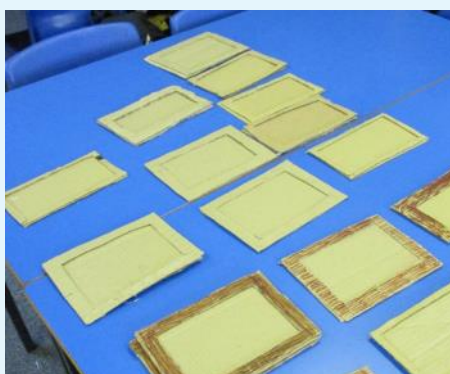


Latin

Class 7 researched authentic Roman recipes at the end of last half term. They were so keen to make and taste their recipes that we started the second half of this term with a Roman Feast. Having learnt about the exploits of Emperor Trajan and his army in their Latin stories, they also had to opportunity to bake and taste Roman army bread recipe.

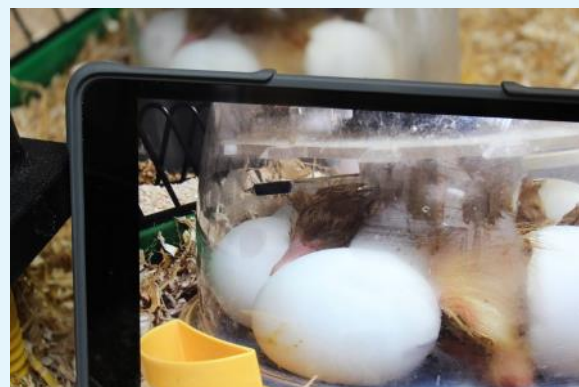
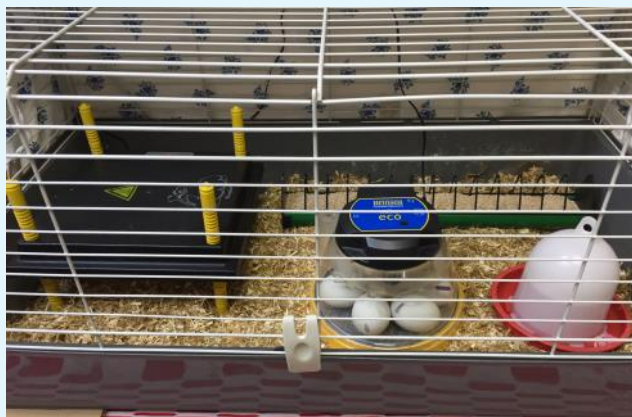


Class 6 have enjoyed learning about Education during Roman times. They have practised writing cursive script in plasticine and have made writing tablets from cardboard filled with wax.



DUCKLINGS

This half term began with the incredible ducklings. The children learned so much watching the eggs hatch and seeing them grow while they were with us. Their brilliant work is on display in the junior cloakroom for you all to enjoy. Please visit the website if you want to look back at the [duckling diary](#).





CLASS 4 & 5

This half term Class 4 and 5 have spent a lot of time together working as a team and preparing for our production of Jonah – a Fishy Tail. Not only did the children have to learn their lines and put on a magical production, they also had to create and make props to use. In Art, the children made fish puppets for the Underwater Scene which were made in three part and carefully assembled. They also drew portrait pirate pictures which were displayed around the Sexton Hall. We had a lot of fun creating jellyfish. The children created elaborate comedy ice creams with range of flavours, toppings and flakes.



The first week back after half term was extremely busy with duckling eggs arriving during the annual cross country event. The ducklings hatched on their due date ranging from early on Wednesday 27th to late into evening. The children from both classes quickly became proud parents and were always looking out to make sure they had enough food and water. They had an opportunity to hold the ducklings and clear up after them which they were less keen on. The highlight of the week was when we held a duck swim-a-thon in Class 5 and all classes came to watch them splash and dive.



Also during this first week, we were raising money for the NSPCC and children had to complete a different sporting activity each day. Day one; the children had an opportunity to play hockey with Mr Fairchild who teaches Colts Hockey at Trinity School on Sunday mornings. They learnt some drills to improve ball skills and finished with shots at goal. They enjoyed it so much that some are attending a morning at Trinity School to see if they would like to join the club. Day two was Taekwondo with Mr Drury who teaches at the Chung Yong Taekwondo Academy in Godstone that the children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed. On day three Ms Radford showed the children how to work your body in different ways with a session of circuit training. Day four, we were lucky enough to welcome Dancing Jo who teaches dance and PE at Churchill School. She taught the children a Buggy Malone routine which the juniors showed to Infants and Pre-School. We finished the week with Dimi from Feel Good Yoga coming in and doing some relaxation along with some very difficult yoga poses which inspired the children.



Amongst all the activity this half term we have celebrated World Book Day where the children were invited to come into school as their favourite character from a book which they brought to share with others. Mrs Lavin (Class 5 and 7 parent) and Mrs Wood (Class 2 parent) kindly came into read to them.

To finish off this half term, we have been lucky enough to have scholastic share their books with us. The children went to visit on Thursday to see if there were any books they particularly liked and wanted to purchase with their World Book Day voucher.

For Geography, the children were looking at extreme weather and learnt about how tornados are created. In pairs, they then made their own tornado using two bottles, tape, washer and water.



Classes 4 and 5 have really impressed us with their topic homework, making and creating landmarks of Brighton and Ancient Egypt. We can see that a lot of time and effort has been spent on this and we thank you for your support.



CLASS 6

Class 6 have been having a very hands-on time with their recent forces topic in Science. They were learning about air resistance and investigating different types of material to make parachutes with. A lot of skills including team work and cooperation were used and the necessity for a fair test and careful recording of results. The children had the opportunity to test their parachutes in the school gym to discover which was the material that was most air resistant.



MUSIC & DRAMA

Classes 1, 2 and 3 have been preparing to sing at the Easter Service, with preschool joining them for one song as well. Class 3 have learned to play hot crossed buns on recorders to perform at the Easter Service as well.

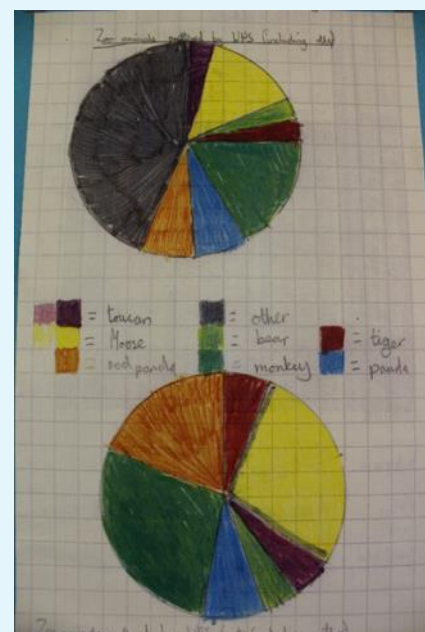
Classes 4 and 5 have performed their production of Jonah, A Fishy Tail. They gave two knockout shows after a fabulous dress rehearsal. The play was a pirate themed musical and featured songs sung as a chorus as well as solo parts, some brilliant acting and the puppeteering of fish puppets they made themselves. It was an 'all hands on deck' ensemble piece with lots of group choreography, an excellent team effort.

Classes 6 and 7 have been on a 'Mission to Mars' responding to Gustav Holst's 'The Planets' orchestral suite as part of the BBC Ten Pieces Programme. They have conducted a mission to Mars role play in drama and written creative responses to the music in space journals. They composed songs on the theme of space for the BBC's 'Earth Mission' which they performed and recorded. If selected, some of the songs may be featured on the BBC ten pieces website or even played on Radio 3 for Earth Day on 22nd April.



CLASS 7

Class 7 have had a fun-filled Spring term. In Maths, the children incorporated their measurement learning into a zoo animal themed project. This involved them carrying out a survey to find out which animals the children in the school would like to see in a zoo. They created pie charts to represent this data and interpreted the results. The children continued to use this data to research the average height of the animals and the area of space they need to live. They then used their knowledge of how many centimetres are equivalent to an inch, metre and a foot, to find the equivalent heights for all of the animals; creating a brilliant comparison display. Despite wanting to break through the classroom ceiling to fit all the animals on the display, they applied their knowledge of scaling so they could showcase all of the wild creatures. Following this, Class 7 incorporated their area knowledge into the unit; using their researched data and their scaling knowledge, to create a birds-eye-view map of their personalised zoo.



In Science this term, Class 7 transformed into detectives while studying Light. Each week, they had to carry out practical tests to prove a suspect's innocence and decide, beyond reasonable doubt, who was guilty! They learned a lot about how light travels and about refraction. The class also produced brilliant kaleidoscopes at home.



World War 2 unit has come to a close this term. The children have been full of enthusiasm and curiosity while studying the causes of the war, and gaining an understanding of what life was like on the home front.

The class had the opportunity to get some of their questions answered when Mrs Phillips's Nan came in to share her experience of being evacuated.

The unit also gave the children the opportunity to design outstanding models of Anderson shelters, demonstrating their knowledge within the designs.



In English, Class 7 showed great interest researching all about Anne Frank and produced excellent biographies.

The World War 2 unit was drawn to a close with a wonderful trip to Chislehurst Caves where the children learned about how the caves were used as shelter during the war.



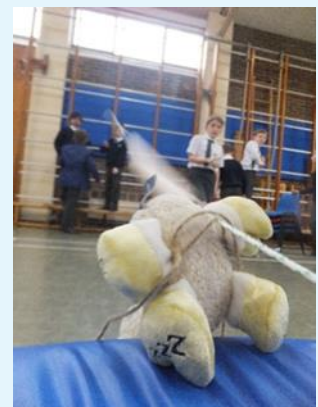
FOREST SCHOOL

During the first week of Forest School we created little homes for the ducklings in the woods. The children thought about where they could shelter, how they could get water and some even built a little play area. If the ducks were allowed in the woods, they would have had a fabulous time.



This half term some of the children have begun making a sling shot using a 'Y' shaped stick, some rubber, leather and some rubber bands. They needed to cut the stick and use the tools provided to put it together.

We have also had some windy weather so we were unable to go into the woods. Instead they did some team building games indoors instead. One of the challenges they had was to create a zip line for a cuddly toy to safely travel from the top of it to the bottom. Mrs Buist provided the cuddly toys, so it was then her job to judge which one she felt had the safest and most comfortable journey!



CHARITIES

The children raised money for Red Nose Day this term by swapping an item of uniform for something red. The children also learned about the purpose and aims of this charity.

They also managed to raise money for the NSPCC and together for both charities raised over £1,000.

The infants took part in a Dance-a-thon where they danced for 5 minutes every hour! The children had great fun and the dance moves were fantastic!

The Juniors were taken part in a range of activities. On Monday, they had a fantastic hockey session with Mr Fairchild, who teaches hockey to 8-14 year olds on the weekend for Trinity Mid-Whitgiftians. On Tuesday, Mr Drury came in to teach the children some Taekwondo moves. On Wednesday, the children experienced a yoga lesson by Dimi from Feel Good Yoga. On Thursday, they learned a dance routine by Jo, a professional dancer who teaches PE and dance at other schools and on Friday, Ms Radford took charge and led a circuit training session.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and your contributions towards the charities!



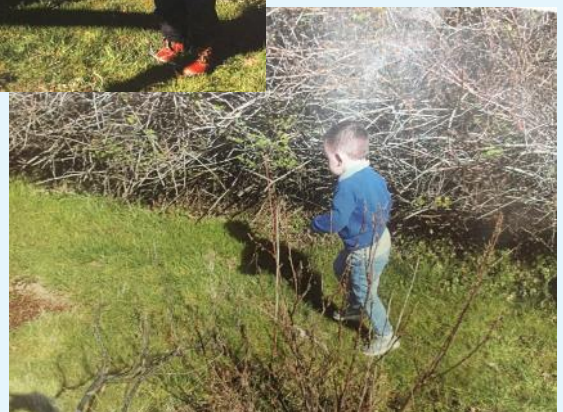
PRE SCHOOL 2

Pre School 2 have had a busy few weeks preparing for Mother's Day and Easter, and thoroughly enjoyed their first play of the year on the play equipment in the spring sunshine.



NURSERY

Nursery have had a fun this half term making cakes for Easter, making Mother's Day cards and they also loved seeing the ducklings. They have also now got their own bit of the garden which they have been making ready to grow sunflowers next term.



PRE SCHOOL 1

Pre-School 1 have continued to explore different types of transport. Including air travel, we did this by painting hot air balloons and working on our pencil control for the baskets. We also looked at different types of trains, we really enjoyed junk modelling to make our trains. We also explored space, this has definitely been our favourite one this term as we learnt about all the planets through the solar system song. Finally, we loved seeing all the ducks hatch, grow and swim.



SPORTS REPORT

Another term over and what an exciting Spring Term it has been. The sun shone down on us at the WPS 23rd Annual Cross Country Championship which was indeed a “roaring success” as quoted in the local papers. The biggest ever with schools in and around the borough and from far afield competing together. A huge congratulations to Michael Jerrom who came an excellent 2nd place in the Mixed U9 race and an equally super performance from Cerys Spilsbury on gaining 4th place and being just pipped at the post in the last 5 metres. Well done to you both. The entire Cross Country team are to be congratulated for their equally super individual performances, the tenacity, hard work and commitment truly paid off and I am very proud of each and every one of you. I look forward to next year’s event.

The netball is going from strength to strength. The U9/U11 team played an away match against Croydon Junior School. The team played with perseverance and eloquence. The match was a hard game and we lost 14-3 however, all the team proved how far they had come from September 2019. It was an exciting and fast moving match P.O.M was Annabelle Lavin. She demonstrated excellent skill, positivity and spacial awareness during the game. The whole team for their great performance and improvement was awarded “The Headteacher’s Award.”

Netball club starts again next term and I’ve included Class 3 to join us so that by next term they will have formerly been introduced to the game and it will give the girls all insight in to the game before they all start playing in September 2019.

The U11 boys played a hockey match against Moon Hall School at home. It proved to be a very competitive match. Moon Hall School were a strong side but due to injuries was cut short. We lost 3-0, M.O.M. was Jack Godfrey (Captain) for his commitment and versatility during the match. Well done Jack and well done to all those in the U11 hockey team.

We were invited by Mr Fairchild and his team mate Mr Pacey to the Mid-Whitgiftians Hockey Club “The Colts” at Trinity School on 31st March 2019. It proved to be very popular and 9 children attended from the juniors. They showed skill, maturity and respect I was told by both coaches which pleased me no-end. As a consequence of the morning several children are going to join “The Colts” every Sunday during term time at Trinity School from 10.30am-12.30pm. Well done to everyone that attended the taster morning.

Next term on Saturday 27th April (the week we come back) at Hazelwood School, Oxted is the “Hazelwood Triathlon”. Swim, ride and run. This event has proved to be very popular and I look forward to some excellent performances.

We also have the Caterham Oxted and Godstone Lions Club Annual Charity Swimathon on Saturday 11th May 2019 at de Stafford pool in Caterham. Six children have been chosen in the juniors. Good luck to you all.

Lastly I will be buying tickets for the lucky 14 children to join me for “Soccer Aid For Unicef” at Stamford Bridge on Sunday 16th June 2019. This event is held every year and it is sure to ‘pack a punch’ when a team of celebrities will be playing for the charity. This is sure to be a fun-filled evening for all.

I look forward to next term with anticipation for the boys Cricket, the girls rounder’s and of course Athletics.

Have a super Easter and God Bless you all.

LEIGH RADFORD
HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT





Pupils go on the run

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THE sun shone at Warlingham Park School's annual cross country event on Monday February 25.

More than 300 children competed in an U9 mixed event and separate U11 girls and boys races. They will race round a course which was just short of 2km and took in the fields and wooded area of Warlingham Park's extensive school grounds.

State and independent schools from across Surrey and Croydon participated and the winning teams were: U/9 mixed – Caterham; U/11 girls – Oakhurst Grange; U/11 boys: Ewell Castle.

Warlingham Park School has been running its' annual cross country for 23 years but this year was the largest event in its history with over 300 children from 19 schools taking part.

Warlingham Park School's new head teacher Sarah Buist said "I am really excited about this year's event, which has been expanded to allow the full involvement of all the local schools."



ON YOUR MARKS: Pupils set off on the Warlingham Park School cross country run





A big thanks to our Parent Teacher Association who provided all the refreshments and helped at the annual cross country event and also distributed Easter Eggs/Chicks to every child in the school this week.

Happy Easter to everyone.

