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AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates To Note

- 04.11 INSET Day
- 04.11 Christmas card order deadline
- 05.11 All children return to school
- 06.11 Year R Open morning
- 06.11 Parents evening
- 06.11 School Photos
- 12.11 Parents evening
- 14.11 Year R Open morning
- 15.11 Children in Need Day
- 19.11 Year R Open morning
- 21.11 Year 3 Open morning
- 27.11 Panto Production to Children
- 04.12 Parent forum
- 11.12 Year R Craft session
- 13.12 Christmas Jumper day
- 16.12 Year 3 and 4 Christmas play AM
- 16.12 Year 5 and 6 Christmas play PM
- 17.12 Year 1 and 2 Christmas play AM
- 17.12 Year 1 and 2 Christmas play PM
- 18.12 Year 5 and 6 Christmas play AM
- 18.12 Christmas lunch in both schools
- 18.12 Year 3 and 4 Christmas play PM
- 19.12 Year 1 and 2 Christmas play AM
- 19.12 Nursery & Year R Christmas play PM
- 20.12 Nursery & Year R Christmas play AM
- 20.12 Christmas parties
- 20.12 Last day of term

Please see our Diary Dates on the website for more information about events.

What We're Learning Next

Year R : Colour and Light

Year 1 : Our School

Year 2 : Frozen World

Year 3 : Frozen Kingdom

Year 4 : Rotten Romans

Year 5 : Active Earth

Year 6 : Mayan Mystery

NOTICES

Please do name all clothing—it is much easier to return lost property to your child if we know who it belongs to.

Scooters and Bicycles should always be pushed across the playground, and not ridden.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club charges should be paid in advance, either by cash to the office or by card on Arbor.

Now that the weather is changing, please make sure your child always has a waterproof coat.

As we move towards winter, if the school has to close suddenly due to bad weather we will notify all parents by email from Arbor and we will update the county council website here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

If your child needs medicine during the school day, this must be handed in to the office, and a form completed. Please note that all prescription medicines **must** be in the original box, with the information leaflet and the prescription label.

Please do park considerately in the neighbourhood and do not block residents' access or garages.

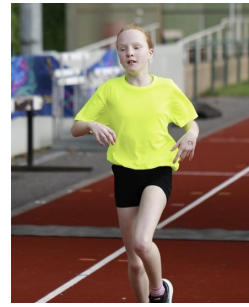


CELEBRATE OUR PUPILS' SUCCESSES



Congratulations to Phoebe P in Year 6 who came 5th in the Year 5 Schools Laser Run and 5th in the U11 British National Laser Run competitions in Wales.

Well done Phoebe!



Please do send us your child's significant achievements if you would like us to share them!

Congratulations to
Adam Kamas and Phoebe Childs
who are our
Head Boy and Head Girl
this year.

PE Reminders

PE Days: Year R—Friday
Year 1— Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2—Monday and Wednesday
Year 3—Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4—Thursday and Friday
Year 5—Monday and Thursday
Year 6—Tuesday and Friday

PE Kit is dark, plain shorts, joggers or tracksuit with a plain white t-shirt.

Ducklings



At the start of September the onsite preschool has become part of the Infant School, extending our age range down to 2 in a Nursery Class, which has been renamed Ducklings!

This is what Ducklings have been up to this half term...

We have had a wonderful first half term in Ducklings. We have welcomed many new families and are so proud of how well everyone is settling in.

This month we have enjoyed exploring and developing our knowledge of shapes and colours; through construction, arts and craft activities, and within our natural world.

We are loving our new Summer house for smaller group activities and stories, and the new resources in the mud kitchen are great; we love to get messy and make mud pies!!

We can see increasing confidence building in our children and look forward to all the fun that will come after half term as we begin our new topic of 'Nursery Rhymes'.

Helpful Websites

Our website:

<https://www.winkleburyfederation.co.uk>

Free School Meals Applications:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Coolmilk:

<https://coolmilk.com/>

Hampshire County Council Education:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning>

School Emergency Closures:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures>



Highlights From The Last Half Term

Gilbert White Visit

Year 6 donned their wellies and headed off to the Gilbert White Centre to enhance their current learning about rivers. When we first arrived at the centre, the children wowed the instructors with their already existing knowledge of the different features of rivers. They then carried out a variety of activities including building a model of a river using nature; orienteering using bearings and most excitingly getting in the river. Whilst they were in the river, the children explored looking at the levels from riverbank to riverbank; measuring the velocity (speed) with an apple race and exploring what creatures lived in the river.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this visit and the centre staff commented on how brilliant they were and had such lovely manners.



Climate Unity Conference

The Federation joined schools from all over Hampshire for the first ever massed learning focussed on Climate Unity, all classes (including our newest Ducklings class) shared the wonderful book 'The Crown' by Emily Kapff to get us thinking about our world as it is now and how we would like it to be. There were workshops from the David Shepherd Foundation and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust which were thought provoking and fun, especially crafting elephant friendly ways of protecting crops (please ask your child for more information!).



Police Visit

In October, Y6 and Y5 pupils were visited by two police officers from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary to learn about on-line safety. Each class had an hours interactive presentation which covered on-line gaming, using the internet, smart phone safety, social media and the law. The children were very engaged in the sessions and asked lots of questions; some were also able to give good advice in response to questions about safety. Parents/guardians were sent a guidance sheet, from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, that covers the topics discussed; the same document is attached to the newsletter for parents/guardians of younger children who are interested in knowing more about how to support safe on-line activity for their children.

Highlights From The Last Half Term, continued.

Nursery Rhyme Day

In Year R, we have been focusing on the topic of nursery rhymes for most of this half term and our dress up day is a day where we consolidate and celebrate all of our learning on this topic. Throughout the half term, the children have focused on a different rhyme each week and we have deepened their learning through each rhyme by focusing on key literacy objectives such as listening skills and exploring new vocabulary, rhyming words, alliteration as well as identifying how many syllables in words. We have also developed the children's learning in other areas of curriculum through this topic by linking in opportunities for maths, physical development, understanding the world, and expressive arts and design. The children have really enjoyed this topic have shown lots of enthusiasm and engagement throughout.



Year 3 Owl And Raptor Visit

On Tuesday 8th October, we had a very special visit from Dan and the owls from the Owl and Raptor Centre. We enjoyed watching the owls as they flew over our heads, whilst Dan explained lots of facts about them and in particular the barn owl, which we've been reading in our story about "The Owl who was afraid of the dark."

We met Hayes the barn owl (photo underneath), Eileen the tawny owl and Bindy and Zazu. Dan said that the children were amazing with their knowledge of facts, and also how well behaved they had all been. Well done, Year 3!

