

Petworth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Children's Work
Ash Class

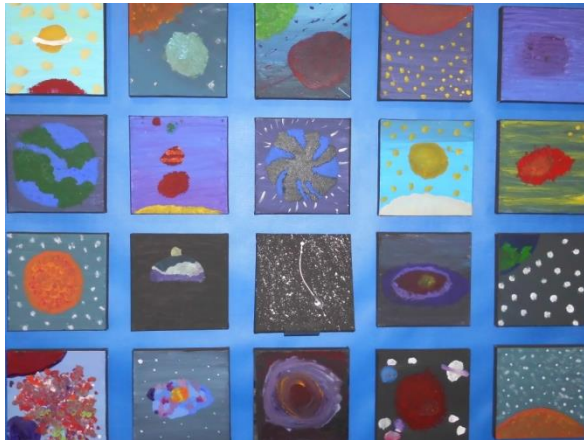
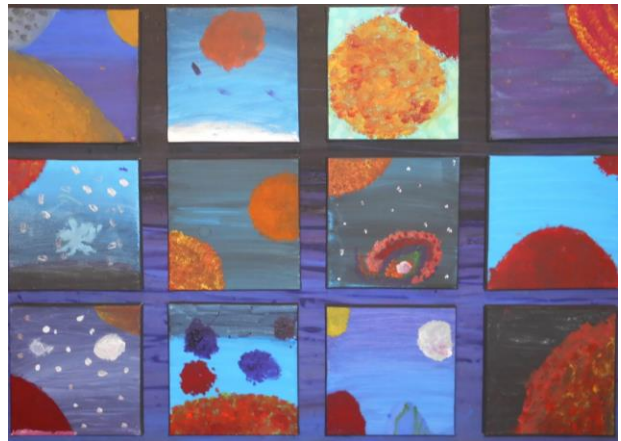
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By Sophie R

Petworth C of E Primary School Galactic Space Sleepover



When Ollie in year 6 suggested an epic sleepover for all the Key Stage 2 children at Petworth C of E Primary School and Mr Galvin, the Headteacher, actually agreed the challenge began! Once the fear had left the teachers and the planning started it quickly became apparent the scale of the adventure the children (and staff) were going to embark upon.

With the South Downs Dark Skies Festival on 10-26 February, this was the ideal inspiration for the space themed adventure. Dan Oakley from The Chichester Planetarium came and started the experience with an incredible computer generated journey through the stars and our night sky from the present day and then back in time to the time of Jesus' birth!

Encouraged by their new found knowledge of our Solar System and the constellations beyond, the children created beautiful pieces of artwork on canvases using acrylic paints. While these dried, and to burn off some excess energy, a massive game of 'Hide and Seek'

throughout the school helped work up everyone's appetites for sausage and chips from Tasty Plaice chip shop in Petworth. This was delicious and left everyone replete and ready for 'Space' script writing and film making.

After much hilarity and a reflection of the incredibly creative minds we have at Petworth, it was time to wind things down a level with a visit from Fr. Mark from St Mary's Church who joined us at 9pm to give us a beautiful candle lit blessing and encourage us to reflect on our evening's experiences.

Finally, to end the evening, the hall was transformed to a sea of sleeping bags and 77 tired but enriched and happy children watching 'Home', a space themed film on the big screen to help everyone drift off. Even those who were still reeling from the whole experience at 1am!

As the children left at 7.30am the next day, after filling up on croissants, an exhausted Mr Galvin was asked if we could have another sleep over again, the answer was 'Yes, definitely! But not until next year!'

Rowan Investigators Sharing Assembly

The children sang and showed their parents and family what they have been learning this term in Rowan.



Year 5/6 Easebourne Tournament

The year 5 and 6 football team braved the cold on Thursday afternoon to take part in a football tournament hosted by Easebourne. The team enjoyed some really close games and came third overall (out of five schools). As always, the children who took part showed exemplary sportsmanship and represented the school really well.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 7th February, this was a really good opportunity to discuss or revisit the rules that children have when using the Internet. It is essential that we keep reminding children of the benefits as well as the ways to keep safe whilst using the Internet. We discuss e-safety during the year in class especially focusing on not sharing personal information, keeping passwords safe and using email appropriately.

500 Word Stories

Please look at the Willow Class blog <http://petworthwillow.primaryblogger.co.uk/> for the children's 500 word stories.

Coats



Please can you ensure your child brings a coat into school to wear at playtimes during the cold and wet weather, there are still a number of children coming into school without a coat.

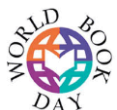
Oak Class Sharing Assembly

Parents and family of children in Oak Class are invited to their Sharing Assembly on Thursday 16th February at 2.45pm.

Author Jill Atkins

Author Jill Atkins read stories to Oak, Ash, Rowan Explorers and Rowan Investigators when she visited on Wednesday.

World Book Day Reminder



The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, there will be no charge for this.

Red Nose Day



We shall be supporting **Comic Relief** on **Friday 24 March** by coming to school wearing pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies for a £1 donation.

Red Noses are now on sale in School at £1 each as we thought this would be easier than having to "hunt them down" in stores which support Comic Relief!

PPSA Film Night

Refreshment vouchers for popcorn and drinks are £2.50 each or £5 per family if you have two or more children, are now on sale from the office for the PPSA Film Night on Thursday 16 February. The film "Zootropolis" will be shown to Oak, Ash and Rowan between 3.30-5.20pm and the film "BFG" will be shown to Beech, Maple, Elm and Willow between 5.30-7.30pm.

PPS Borrowed Clothing

Please can you check to see if you have any socks, tights, pants, knickers, skirts, trousers, polo shirts and PE tops marked PPS, that your child may have borrowed from school and return them to the office as soon as possible.

Midday Meals Supervisors Vacancy

We are looking to employ two midday meal supervisors to work from 11.45am to 1.15pm Monday to Friday, however we are happy to consider fewer days as part of a job share. Please see the advert attached to this e-mail for further details. If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, please come and have a chat with me.

Free Bikeability Training

WSCC Road Safety Team are once again running FREE Bikeability holiday courses in the Easter and Summer holidays.

Applications can be made via the link on the website.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-safety-courses-for-school-children/#school-holiday-courses>

Inset Days 2016/2017

17 February 2017
26 May 2017
05 June 2017

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Mon 9 Jan	Y4 Swimming at Billingshurst 1pm weekly until 27 th March
Wed 11 Jan	Maple Class Forest School Session weekly until 15 th February
Tues 14 Feb	Oak, Ash and Rowan Explorers and Investigators Library Visit
Thurs 16 Feb	Oak Class Sharing Assembly 2.45pm
Thurs 16 Feb	PPSA Film Night
Fri 17 Feb	INSET DAY
Mon 20-24 Feb	HALF TERM
Tues 28 Feb	Parents' Evening
Thurs 2 Mar	Parents' Evening
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 3 Mar	Daffodil Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 8 Mar	Year 5 Trip to Christ Church School Streatham
Fri 24 Mar	Red Nose Day
Thurs 30 Mar	Beech Class to Chichester Museum
Fri 31 Mar	PPSA Spring Ball (disco)
Fri 31 Mar	ALL TEACHER LED CLUBS FINISH THIS WEEK
Fri 7 Apr	END OF SPRING TERM
Mon 24 Apr	BACK TO SCHOOL START OF SUMMER TERM
Mon 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 26 May	INSET DAY
Mon 29-2 June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 June	INSET DAY
Sat 24 June	PPSA Summer Fair
Wed 28 June	MRC Transition Day
Tues 25 July	END OF SUMMER TERM
Mon 4 Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 11-15 Sept	Year 6 Bikeability

Yours sincerely



John Galvin
Headteacher

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancies

Part Time Term Time only

Grade W02 SP10 £7.43 per hour.

Required to start as soon as possible

We currently have two vacancies for Midday Meals Supervisors to start as soon as possible. The posts are for 7.5 hours a week, term time only. The hours will be 11.45am - 1.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. However we are happy to consider fewer days as a part of job share.

Your role will include setting up the hall and supervising lunchtime with the children, supporting play activities, providing pastoral support for the children and generally ensuring they are safe and happy.

This is an opportunity to join our friendly and supportive staff and make a real difference to the children in our school.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Carter for further information or to arrange a visit and an informal chat with Mr Galvin (Headteacher) on 01798 342369 or by email at office@petworth.w-sussex.sch.uk