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Job 34:4 'Learn together what is good ...'

Dear Parents/Carers,

15th November 2019

Autumn Term No.4

Democracy...

On Friday Beech, Maple and Elm classes learnt more about democracy as they debated the argument, 'Was Guy Fawkes trying to end democracy?' as part of our Parliament Week. During the week, all of the children learnt about the facts of the case and then they had to interpret the information and make up their mind to see if they believed what Guy Fawkes was doing was right or not.

The children learnt a multitude of vocabulary as well as learning about the supposed etiquette of the House of Commons; how to argue and justify their argument; and hopefully gain some understanding of the complexity of why Guy Fawkes was part of the Gunpowder Plot.

Hockey Tournament

Last Friday we took twelve players (two teams) to participate in the latest MRC sporting event. Our children were enthusiastic with their mouth guards in, shin pads on and hockey sticks at the ready. After a few warm ups they were ready to play. Considering none of them had ever played a hockey match before, they managed to move the ball around well, which is refreshing to see as our P.E. lessons do focus on the generic fundamentals of sport e.g. finding space and tracking your opponent.

Both teams played four games with each team drawing two and losing two. The games the children lost were narrow defeats and with any sporting match, with a little different luck, we may have sneaked a win.

I am extremely proud of the players as they managed themselves and played in a very sporting way.

Rotary Music Festival

Last Wednesday sixteen children from year 3 and 4 participated in the Rotary Music Festival at MRC. Standing on stage in front of a packed audience and surrounded by five other schools, you can imagine this can be quite daunting for some of the children. However our children coped extremely well with the heat and sang their hearts out.

The children sang two songs and were a credit to our school. We hope to hear them sing in numerous other events over the festive period.



Remembrance Services

Like many of you, I attended the Remembrance Service at 3pm on Sunday 10th November at St. Mary's Church. It was so good to see so many children there from Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as two representatives (School Ambassadors Rose and James) from our school.

We held our own Remembrance Service on Monday with Iona Harrison kindly playing the Last Post for us. During the morning, Ash and Rowan learnt all about why we have different poppies and what each poppy represents. The children made a banner for our hall, so we will remember.



Petworth Town Visit

On the 4th of November year 1 and year 2 undertook what is becoming an annual trip to Petworth town. The purpose of the trip is to think about what our town has to offer, what it is like to run a business in town, what the makeup of the town is and what some of the shops sell. The children were invited into a variety of shops and had a fantastic time trying on diamond rings, learning about some of the designs used in rug making, finding out about different foods and who buys them and looking at the array of books in the Bookshop. Year two also visited the Petworth Cottage Museum, and in between showers tried to conduct a traffic survey. We crossed through Petworth House to seek cover in the Sports Pavillion and had a lovely warm, dry lunch there, and an extremely muddy post lunch play! Thanks to Mrs Thorpe who organised the use of the Pavillion for us, and Mrs Drury and Mrs Briggs who helped us on the day.



Elm Class Butterfly Lion

On Wednesday 6th November, year 5 went to the Festival Theatre in Chichester to watch the production of 'The Butterfly Lion'. The children were very excited for this performance as it was something, we had been looking at for much of last half term. We had read the book and the children had many learning opportunities to delve deeper into the story and plot including; drama, story board making as well as a writing focus of newspapers and persuasive letters. The children were well prepared and keen to answer questions and get involved with the mornings workshop activities. Following a short interval for lunch, the children took their seats and were mesmerized by the incredible graphics, puppetry and sound effects the afternoon had to offer. The show brought the book to life for the children with several of them calling it 'amazing!'



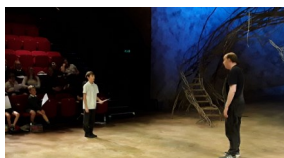
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Camp Out

On the 11th November, Year 1 and Year 2 had a camp out! The children were most excited when the door stayed closed at 3.15 and at half past we went onto the field to make the most of all the space and good weather! We followed this with some traditional games, such as Grandmother 's footsteps, duck duck goose and stuck in the mud.

During this time Mrs Ashton-Smith and Mrs Durrant were running the fire circle and children had the opportunity to toast a marshmallow and make s'mores, which they loved.

After some board games and puzzles we adjourned to a huge tent, kindly lent to us by Cookie and Hawk from Beavers, and we had sausages, hot chocolate and some stories...though we could not hear much over all the giggling and excitement! It was a fantastic few hours and as ever, thank you to all the adults who gave up their time to help us.



Parking Reminder

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from residents and other site users, that a few parents are still driving/parking on site and down the lane that runs behind South Grove leading to the Old School House. Please can I once again remind you that that Blue Badge holders only are allowed to drive onto the site and park. Please do not turn around in the entrance to the site; this applies to parents/relatives/friends/childminders etc. who are dropping children off for the early morning sessions and collecting from After School Clubs. The children's safety is paramount and we want to do all we can to avoid any accidents occurring. With this in mind, please can you park outside and walk your child onto and off the school site.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you to park considerably outside of the school site, not blocking residents' entrances, not parking dangerously on pavements or on the green in South Grove. Many thanks.



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Dates for your Diary 2019

Mon	18 Nov	Beech Class Butser Ancient Farm Visit
Weds	20 Nov	Petworth Fair 3.30-6pm
Fri	22 Nov	Dance Festival at MRC 2-3.30pm
Thurs	28 Nov	Forest School Maple Class Year 4
Thurs	5 Dec	No Fun Fitness Club
Thurs	5 Dec	Last Teacher Led Clubs
Fri	6 Dec	Basketball Festival at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	6 Dec	PPSA Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Tues	10 Dec	KS1 Production Afternoon (details to follow)
Thurs	12 Dec	KS1 Production Evening (details to follow)
Mon	16 Dec	Year 1 Lord and Lady Egremont's Christmas Party
Tues	17 Dec	KS2 Panto Capitol Theatre Horsham
Weds	18 Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thurs	19 Dec	Carols at Petworth Cottage Hospital 10am
Thurs	19 Dec	Whole School Christmas Party 12pm
Fri	20 Dec	End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan School Holidays		
Mon	6 Jan	Start of Spring Term at 8.30am
Fri	17 Jan	Indoor Athletics at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	31 Jan	Cross Country at MRC 2-3.45pm
Mon 17-Feb Fri 21 Feb Half Term		
Mon	24 Feb	Inset Day (school closed)
Tues	25 Feb	Back to School Starts at 8.30am
Fri	6 Mar	Tag Rugby at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	3 Apr	End of Spring Term School at 3.15pm
Mon	20 Apr	Back to School Start of Summer Term at 8.30am
Fri	24 Apr	Tennis at MRC 2-3.30pm
Fri	8 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri	22 May	Netball at MRC 2-3.45pm
Fri	22 May	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Mon	1 June	Inset Day (school closed)
Fri	17 July	End of Term School Finishes at 3.15pm
Mon	20 July	Inset Day School Closed

Inset Days

Monday 24th February 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020