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

24th May 2019
Summer Term No.2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Beech Class Day in Petworth Park

Beech class had the "best trip ever" on Wednesday 22nd May. We spent the day in Petworth Park. The day began with some maths (as usual) but this maths involved finding out the ages of trees, or measuring lengths of natural objects. Some children chose to do problem solving puzzles using sticks, others chose patterns or symmetry tasks. After an exciting playtime with all the adults playing games too, we created tree poems. Some of these were read and celebrated between the 500+ year old trees.

After lunch, the day continued with sketching the park landscape. Using pencils and charcoal we carefully observed the scenery and created some lovely artwork. Everyone then enjoyed having a go at bark rubbing. Following this, we ended the day by making our own human 'sculpture garden' next to the pond. We are sure the park visitors never guessed we were real people! Such a good day, the whole class want to go again.



Maple Visit Bignor Villa

On Tuesday 21st May, Year Four enjoyed a trip to Bignor Roman Villa. During the day we had a guided tour of the museum dressed as different members of the Roman household and role played a day in the life of the Roman family! We learned about the different rooms in the villa, how the hypocaust would work and spent time in the ancient bath house. During a hands-on workshop, we ground corn to make flour using quern stones, wrote using the Roman alphabet on wax tablets and made mosaic coasters using tiles. A fun day of cross-curricular learning was enjoyed by all the children.





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Saltwater Creations

Children in KS2 were visited this week by Saltwater Creations – a charity which helps young people overcome challenges in their life through surfing. Children were told an inspirational story by the visitor about how she used surfing, friends and compassionate acts to help her recover from a personal loss. Children were encouraged to reflect on how this might relate to the challenges they face in day-to-day life and what they could learn from this. At the end of the session, they had a brief 'surf' lesson and decorated pebbles from the beach for others to find.

PAS Cross Country

On Thursday 23rd May Petworth CofE Primary School organised the latest sporting event for our local schools. Once again we challenged the children to run a cross country course, which is approximately three quarters of a mile.

Five schools attended with 41 girls and 61 boys running a very undulating course. The girls were first to go and as usual there was a stampede to reach the gate first. As the parents waited by the finish line the girls started to appear over the crest of the hill. Everlyn was narrowly beaten and finished second; Mae was 7th, April 13th, Ferne 20th and Eve finished 27th. Also running were Maria, Caitlin, Sophie R, Evie, Lily Rose, Jasmine, Layla, Bethany and Poppy. Overall the girls finished 3rd in the team event.

Next were the boys, who were very keen to get going. Of course the initial sprint occurred and you could hear the whispers of, 'They won't keep that speed up.' Of course some of the boys suffered due to their initial speed whereas some kept up a relenting pace. Once again we waited patiently at the finish line and Lloyd finished a close second place; Jack R 6th; Marley 9th; Brook 10th; Hendricks 16th. The rest of the boys team were Jack B, Archie, Shay, Jack T, Mark, Hayden, Oliver D, Jak, Liam and Lewis. Due to these fantastic results our boys team won the team event.

I am very proud of all of our runners as they all tried their best to beat the person in front of them, challenged themselves and tried to beat their previous result.

SPAG FACT

Grammatical Feature : Hyphen

Definition : Punctuation which joins one or more words or adds a prefix to a word.

Example : Happy-go-lucky

Dates for your Diary 2019

- Fri 24 May Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
- Mon 3 June INSET DAY School Closed
- Tues 4 June Back to School at 8.30am
- Thurs 13 June Willow Class Forest School Group 1
- Fri 21 June Non-School Uniform Day
(bring a bottle for the PPSA Summer Fair)
- Tues 25 June Year5/6 Rounders Tournament 3.30-5pm
(details to follow)
- Sat 29 June PPSA Summer Fair
- Mon 1 July Year 6 Leaver Service Chichester Cathedral AM (details to follow)
- Wed 3 July MRC Transition Day
- Wed 10 July KS2 Athletics Watersfield
(details to follow)
- Wed 10 July KS2 Production Darwin Rocks 5pm
- Thurs 11 July KS2 Production Darwin Rocks 5pm
- Thurs 11 July Elm Class Countryside Day Ardingly
- Fri 12 July Sports Day 1.15pm
- Mon 15 July Leavers Service Eucharist 9-10.30am
- Mon 22 July Year 6 Sports Evening 3.30-5pm
- Tues 23 Jul Last Day of Term finish at 3.15pm

Inset Days (school closed)

- Monday 3rd June 2019
- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Friday 25th October 2019
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 1st June 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020