



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

### *Whole school trip to Woburn Safari Park...*

We are all looking forward to our whole school trip to Woburn Safari Park after the Easter holiday on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. As of this morning however, we only have 62 children who have made the voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the trip.

**Unless the number of contributions increase we will be unable to go ahead.**

Please make contributions and provide consent for your child to attend as soon as possible via your ParentPay account.



# WOBURN

Safari Park

### *Girls Football report...*

The girls football match was amazing, it was played on Thursday 13th of March. Before we get into the match review, we would like to thank these helpful people; Miss Whitehead for boosting our confidence and being an amazing coach, Sam Harris for refereeing our game and coming to join us, Emma, Max and Leo for training our goalie and staying whilst it hailed and rained and last of all, the wonderful parents for coming to support our team. Now getting into the match!

The players were; Cali.C [our captain], Cleo, Senara, Aria, Ava, Divine, Josephine, Daisy, Phoebe and Milana. They all played brilliantly and endured the hard hail and kept on going. It was a hard game, the opposing team (Overstone) had very tall and talented players, but that didn't let the team give up. A few minutes in, one of their players scored an eye-catching goal. At the end of the first half, we were one-nil down but Divine had saved quite a few shots. They were a very strong team, but we came out stronger after we had a team talk.



Then it was the second half...

Five minutes passed and they scored another. We didn't lose hope. Ava was now in the goalkeeper position and their defender booted it towards the goal but...AVA SAVED IT! We went wild. Soon after, Ava passed it to Senara who then passed it to Cali, she was in full control of the ball so she ran it down the left wing and nobody could stop her now. She dribbled past lots of players and kicked in into the top left corner and knocked the pink hat off of their keeper. It was a world class goal and all of the parents were blown away. Sadly, they scored another goal from the halfway line...it was a good goal though! In the end, it was 3:1 but we all played amazing. They named Cali their 'girl of the game'. We all came out happy and jolly. WELL DONE HIGH ASH!

*Written by Cali and Cleo*

**Foundation See us Shine...**

Our next 'See Us Shine' open morning will take place on **Thursday 20th March at 9am**. You are invited to come into the Acorn classroom and spend some time with us. We will have activities linked to their learning for you to explore with your children and we will share what we've been learning this term. Please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance.

**Foundation Parents Focus Group meeting...**

Mrs Bird will be hosting a parent focus group meeting on **Wednesday 2nd April from 9.00-9.45am**. The date has changed from Wednesday 26th March. We look forward to welcoming our Acorn parents along to our parent forum. We will reflect on how our year has been and have feedback from you to help us to celebrate successes and reflect on how we can make things even better for our families next year. We can also answer questions you may have about the Early Learning Goals and preparation for transitioning your child into Year One.

We hope many of you are able to join us. If you would like to attend please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance.

**Class Photographs...**

Whole school class group photographs will take place on **Wednesday 19th March from 9.00am**. All classes will be photographed as well as our Year 6 Mixed Football Squad, Year 5/6 Girls Football Squad, Choir Club members and Year 6 Leavers. The football squads will be provided with our team kits to change into at school. Please ensure you send your child to school **smartly dressed in their full school uniform to include the school logo jumper or cardigan** and send them to school with a hair brush so they can tidy their appearance prior to the photographs being taken. Thank you for your support.

**Comic relief...**

On **Friday 21st March**, it is Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)! This is an important event to raise awareness of reducing poverty across the globe. We are inviting all children to come into school wearing a red nose for the day, but it will be **school uniform as normal**. During the day, each class will be learning about how the charity fundraises help communities across the world.

**Availability in Wraparound...**

If you need ad hoc spaces please email the office. We have availability in a morning and afterschool but it is important a request is made in advance to ensure a place is still available.



**Y3/4 Swimming...**

There are only two more weeks of swimming left this term. The children have all done really well and we hope they have enjoyed the lessons. We cannot charge for swimming lessons as these are part of the national curriculum, but if parents wish, you can make a voluntary contribution to the cost of transport. The transport actually costs more than the lessons themselves. If any parents from Year 3 or 4 would like to make a voluntary contribution, the payment items are still available on ParentPay.

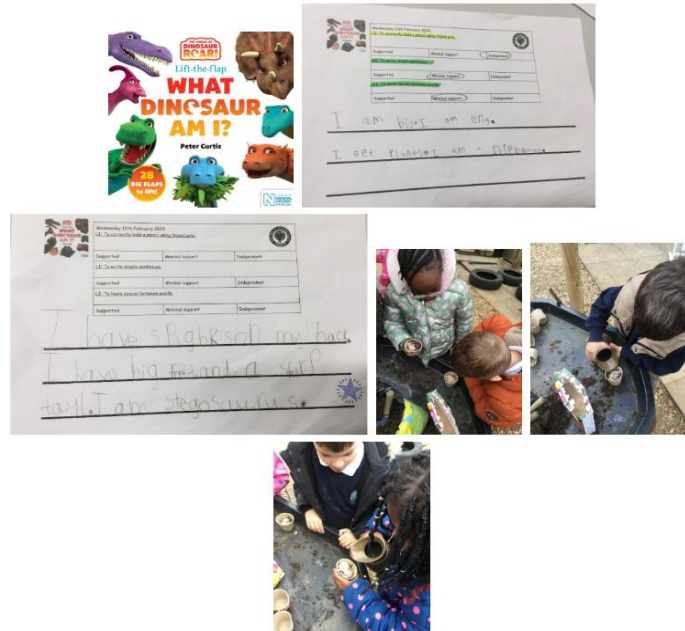
**Learning highlights this week...**

Acorns

A stomping good week in Acorns this week! We have been finding out facts about dinosaurs and talking about what we notice about them. How some have sharp teeth and others have blunt teeth. We were inspired by our book 'What dinosaur am I?' by Peter Curtis to begin creating our own dinosaur fact sentences. The children tried so hard to say and remember their sentences, pinch the sounds and write it. They also had to remember to use a capital letter and a full stop as well as ensuring they had finger spaces between their words.

We have been practicing our counting in Maths this week, looking at the numbers 1 to 10 and being able to use the stem sentences '   is one more than   ' and '   is one less than   '. We have really focused on deepening our understanding of the place value and relationships between the numbers so that we are better prepared to look at the numbers to 20 and beyond.

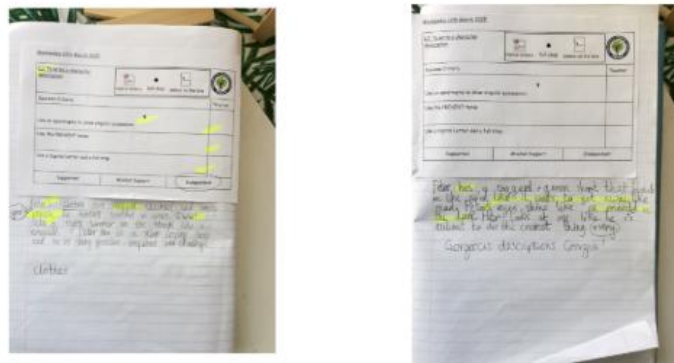
We also looked for signs of spring this week and began talking about Easter! The children could explain how they knew they received chocolate eggs at Easter and that they celebrated with family. In the next few lessons we will talk about the real meaning of Easter and why it is important to Christians. As part of our learning about Easter and Spring, we enjoyed planting wildflower seeds in pots that we will look after and grow.



#### Year One and Two-

We have had another swashbuckling week in KS1!

In English, we have been looking at the story of Peter Pan and using it to help us write our own character descriptions. In Year 1, we are working on creating a Wanted! Poster to help us capture Captain Hook; using a variety of openers to help us. In Year 2, the children have been developing their character descriptions using a possessive apostrophe.

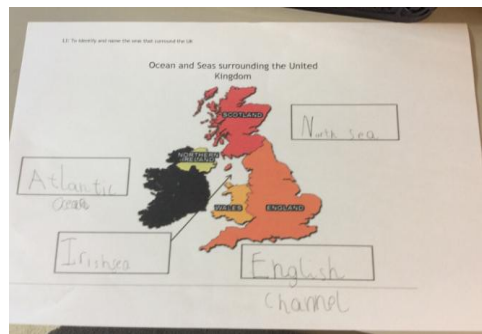


In Maths, Year 1 have finished their addition and subtraction unit by becoming masters at finding the missing number in a variety of number sentences. The children will be starting to look at place value to 50. In Year 2, the children have been using practical apparatus to consolidate their understanding of multiplication and division.

In Science this week, we completed an investigation for Captain Blackbeard to help him discover which materials are waterproof and which are absorbent to help him make a new ship. We enjoyed using our prediction skills and then observing to see if we were correct.



In Geography, we learnt about the seas which surround the UK; North Sea, The English Channel and the Irish Sea. We learnt that all of these seas are a part of the Atlantic Ocean.

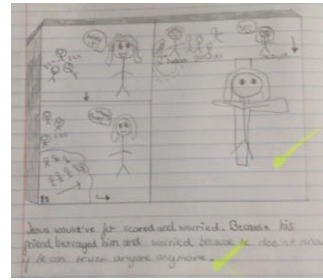
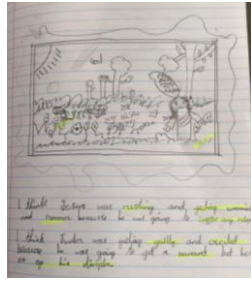


In class reflection, we were tasked with spending time in nature and around the trees in the school grounds. We spent time reflecting on how this made us feel and why it is important to get outside as much as we can now the weather is slowly getting better!

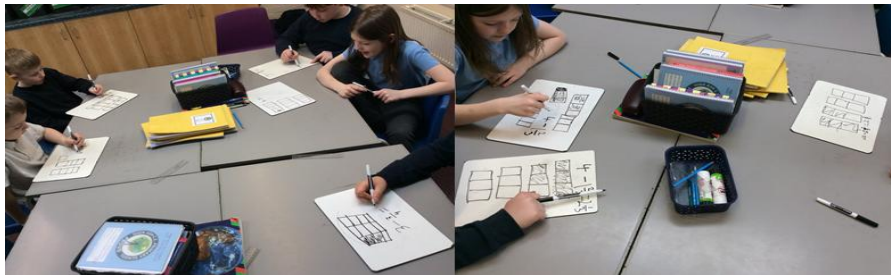


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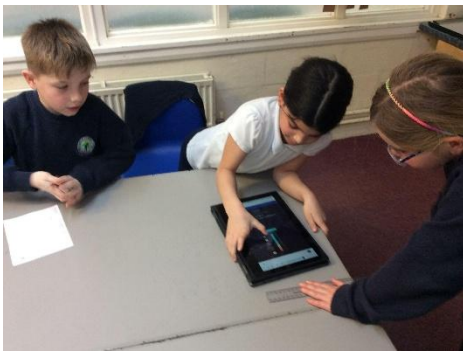
This week in RE we have been looking at the feelings of both Jesus and Judas after the last supper and in the garden before Jesus was arrested. We took the time to think about what happened and then about how we would feel if we were Jesus. To understand a little more, we decided that we would ask Jesus and Judas some questions in the form of hot seating. We had some brilliant questions and answers. We then created a cartoon script to show what happened and how each person would have felt.



In Maths, we have focussed on subtracting fractions from whole numbers. Some of us used bar model diagrams to help with our understanding. We imagined chocolate bars and leftover (!) pieces.



In Science we have been looking at sound and if we can find patterns between pitch and volume. To do this we conducted a quick experiment. We used bottles, chimes and rulers to see what would happen if we changed the pitch - by filling the bottle up more, using more of the ruler to flick or using a lower note on the chime bars.

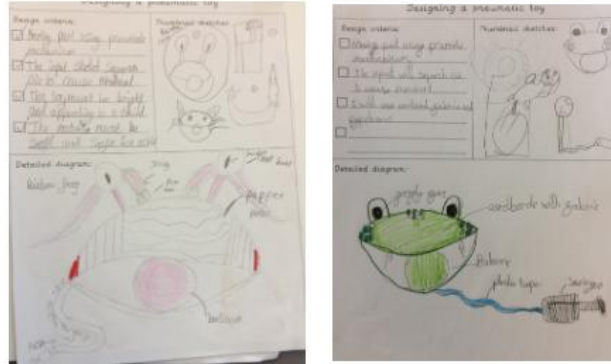


In Music, we have been using the glockenspiels to perform the pentatonic scale. We have been performing given melodies using the 5 notes and then composing our own.



In DT the children began to think about the process of design. We were given a design brief and the children then wrote a design criteria to ensure they would be successful. The children all thought

carefully about how they could design a toy with a moving part for a young child that uses a pneumatic mechanism.



### Year Five and Six-

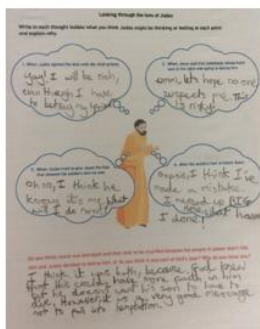


On Monday, we had a visitor from Hazard Alley to discuss the dangers of knife crime with us. It was a lovely session in which we learned about the impact of making a bad decision can have on our futures. We considered why people may carry knives and then listened to a story to make us reflect on the choices and options that we have.

In Mrs Gray's maths lessons, we have been learning about perimeter this week. The children know how to find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and regular polygons and were asked some really challenging questions. How would you find the answer to this head-scratcher?

7 The length of a rectangle is 4 times its width.  
The perimeter of the rectangle is 85 mm.  
What is the length of the rectangle?

In Maths, Year 6 have been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We have investigated how fractions and decimals represent the same amount in a different way before looking at percentages, understanding what "percent" means and how this relates to fractions.



In RE, we have been considering the events of Holy Week and their implications. We studied Luke chapter 22 verses 39-52 in detail (the betrayal of Jesus by Judas) and considered how both men would feel and why. We pondered whether either man had free will or if these events were fate and expressed our opinion using some of the subject specific vocabulary we have been learning such as: crucifixion, forgiveness, incarnation, Pharisee, Pilate, resurrection, salvation saviour.

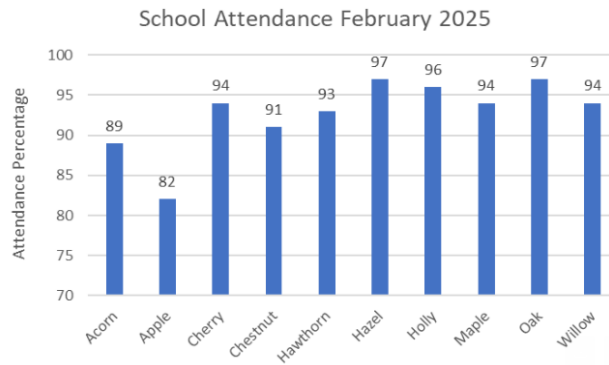
This week in History we have looked at Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn, researching facts about her and assessing the impact she made on Henry and his reign. Following this, we looked at Jane Seymour's reign and assessed the impact her short tenure had, deliberating on how significant it was. We were challenged to summarise this in no more than 150 words, which some loved! In Geography, we have been plotting the positions of Henrician forts, commissioned by King Henry VIII when he thought we



were under threat of attack. Using GoogleMaps, we found the locations and recognised that these were primarily built on the south coast of England due to their proximity to mainland Europe who were the threat.

**Attendance...**

This week's attendance is 95%, this is an improvement so keep on sending the children into school!



**Reflections this week...**

This week's reflection has been based on showing appreciation and gratitude to nature during Lent. We were using the 3 Rs - Reflect, Repent and Reconcile. The children enjoyed going outside to worship and look at the trees. We also thought about the bible reading: *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.* Psalm 96:11-12



We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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