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Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is certainly in full swing around the school and captured by one of our pupils who spontaneously stated that 'the school looks wonderful' on her first look at the decorations displayed around the corridors. As a team, we agree! The environment, of course, is enhanced by all the achievements, activities and excitement of the children as the term draws to an end. We have loved viewing the various Christmas performances both in school and within the community. Mrs Steer has taken children to perform at various groups in Seaford all of whom have been both thankful and in awe of our children's confidence and enthusiasm as they perform. Of course, we have also recently returned from St Leonards Church with Years 3 and 4 who conducted a fantastic musical concert. This was the first time we have been able to visit the venue to perform there in three years; it was a real treat! We would like to thank all our members of the local community, Mrs Steer and our class teachers for all the teamwork which goes into staging performances. Thank you to the children too for such fantastic work entertaining us all too.



The Chamber Choir at Abundant Grace

A personal thank you!

As the term draws to an end, so does my time at Seaford Primary. I could not miss the opportunity to sneak in a message to you all. I always say that working in education is one of the best jobs anyone might wish for; it is certainly true for me. Working at Seaford Primary with your children and the team has been an utter privilege. I wish all the children all the best as they continue to flourish and gain the skills they need to realise their dreams in the future. Thank you for some of the most wonderful memories, many more are contained within this newsletter, which I will most certainly treasure!

Our New Playground!



The new playground markings arrived this term and were met with great enthusiasm by the children and adults alike! Each day, pupils make the most of interactive geography and maths games as well as the very popular, 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' activity. We are also pleased to have a very active 'Mile a Day' track. Ten laps equate to one mile. It's safe to say that our 'competitive edge' has come to the fore and we have all had a go completing the tasks (one being hurdles!) which constitute one of the laps. It has been great fun. We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Tucker, our Business Manager, Mr Grounds and our School Council who all enabled this development to come to life!

Maths Week England

The week beginning the 14th November was Maths Week in school. The children undertook a range of activities across the enterprise week which culminated in the sale of their specially designed items. It was fantastic to see maths come alive throughout the celebrations across the week. We saw the children persevere to solve problems together and were blown away by the mathematical vocabulary they used to explain their solutions.



This term, we have also launched Doodle Maths for all pupils in Year 1 and above. The children have reported how much they enjoy using this app which delivers some bespoke activities to help challenge pupils in this area of the curriculum. We do ask, when there is a spare minute over Christmas (!!) for the children to continue having a go at the games set for them. We wish them good luck in their mathematical adventures.

Year 6



Year 6 have had a very busy term. Aside from their fantastic work across the curriculum, pupils also worked on their engineering skills. As part of the Lions Roar project, funded by the Seaford Lions Club, pupils had to collaborate to make a device/item designed to help people. The ideas that the children generated were absolutely fantastic. Mr Davey and I had the opportunity to visit classrooms in the final stages of the project where pupils were putting together advertisements to help promote their constructions. It was fascinating to see the ideas that the children had put together and how many of these linked to sustainability and protecting our planet.



In addition to this, the team have managed to fit in a range of rehearsals for a Christmas Pantomime...oh yes, they have!! Seeing our pupils perform with such confidence and good humour is truly fantastic especially as we remember many of them starting school all those years ago. Of course, the audience loved the performance and we would like to congratulate the children, Mrs Roderick, Mr Robinson, Mr Haydon, Miss Hadley and Mrs Steer for all their hard work helping prepare the children so readily. Well done all!

Year 5



Mr Davey and I had a real treat recently when we were able to accompany our Year 5 pupils to the Tower of London. A trip to our capital, at any time, is exciting and this was no exception! Our children were a credit to our school. It was fantastic to see them absorb all the sights, sounds and, importantly, the history linked to the Tower of London. The children were able to view the Crown Jewels and explore a range of primary sources in each of the prisoner chambers across the museum. I was particularly impressed to hear the children's knowledge and their thoughtful questions throughout the visit. Thank you to all the Year 5 team for organising this exciting trip.

Year 4



Historical explorers were also out in force in Year 4 during the past week. The children had a fantastic trip to Fishbourne Palace investigating the Roman ruins and artefacts at the site. Like Year 5, our children were a credit to the school and embraced all the opportunities they had to examine primary sources. Whilst drawing their Roman study to an end, pupils examined the strategies Roman Armies put in place to succeed during battle. Using the tortoise formation, the children rehearsed a Roman battle and thought carefully about what it must have been like to be a part of the army at the time. It's safe to say that the children have thoroughly enjoyed their topic as have the team around them who made it come alive!



Year 3



Well, what can we say about the endeavours of Year 3? The children LOVED dressing up as smugglers this term in order to fully immerse themselves in the life and times of those people who lived in the past. Across the day, the children learnt how to tie knots and also made some rather wonderful vessels which, had they lived during this historical era, they would have used to transport the precious contraband up the River Cuckmere to Alfiston. Alongside their historical studies, the children have also been looking at the light spectrum. Pupils made the most wonderful spinners to help them recognise what white light was made up from. This practical science task was certainly loved by one and all. Year 3, we know that your teachers have been extremely impressed with your teamwork and effort in all lessons. Thank you to you all and congratulations!

Year 2



Year 2 have been explorers across term 2. They have worked tirelessly to find out about the life and times of Ernest Shackleton and his exciting trip to the Antarctic on board his doomed ship The Endeavour. Our young investigators have thought carefully about what was needed for the trip and what it was like to be on board the ship which became stuck in the ice. We have been thrilled to see the children building on prior understanding of what it takes to travel to new places. They have, for example, discussed the similarities and differences between this adventure and that of Neil Armstrong on his trip to the moon which they studied in Year 1. The writing that the children have completed has also been amazing.



The children have also been extremely busy in their exploration of religious festivals across November and December. They worked very hard exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali. Pupils found out about the festival of light and created their own candles in order to represent their understanding. We could see that the children thoroughly enjoyed this practical task. Well done to you all.



Year 1

Just before the cold-spell set in, Year 1 pupils made the most of our Forest School trail. The children hunted for various materials and used their surroundings to discuss how the seasons change and how changes in the temperature impact on plants and wildlife. To say that the children were excited is an understatement. Across all their learning activities, they demonstrated fantastic perseverance, friendship, enjoyment and respect. We would like to thank all our Year 1 pupils for their observations and hard work in all areas of the curriculum this term.



Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance

It would be amiss to fail to mention the fantastic show we have been able to enjoy this week. The children's Christmas performance about the adventures of the scarecrow was just wonderful. It goes without saying that we are extremely proud of each and every pupil and blown away by their fabulous narration and singing throughout. Congratulations!

Reception

The Christmas Post Office opened in Reception recently and has been expertly overseen by all the children in the year group. They have thoroughly enjoyed ensuring that letters contain stamps and are sorted so that they end up in the correct location. All the children were thoroughly excited when a very famous Christmas character visited the sorting office recently. Father Christmas was extremely impressed with the children's organisation skills and the speed at which they were processing letters. He sent them a 'ho, ho, ho, well done!'

Most recently, pupils from both classes visited the local church to find out about how Christians celebrate Christmas. Father Joe told the children a Christmas story and Reverend Arwen talked about the importance of light at Christmas. The children were particularly excited about the Church bell which was rung at the end of the visit too.



The youngest members of our school community also had the opportunity to 'tread the boards' this week with their rendition of a Christmas play. Like our other year groups, we have been so impressed with their dedication in learning songs and movements and their confidence whilst doing so. A huge well done to all the children.

Orchestra

We were able to join Mrs Steer, our amazing school orchestra and our special guests during one of their final pre-Christmas rehearsals last week. The children, and our visitors, performed all manner of musical treats including Jingle Bells and the theme from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! It is always utterly staggering to see so many individuals performing at one time and in time too. May we take this opportunity to commend all the people who took part as well as Mrs Steer who made the experience fun for those who participated and for the audience too. A wonderful experience!



Mollie's Fundraising Success!!

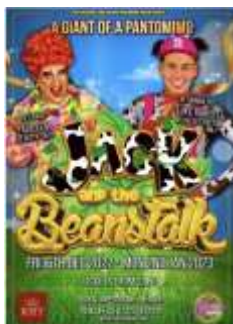
Hearing about charity fundraising events which have taken place outside school is an absolute treat. We are so proud of Mollie who made the brave decision to have some of her hair cut in order to raise funds for the Little Princess Trust. To date, she has managed to build up £169 to offer the charity. This completely exceeds Mollie's initial target of £100. What an achievement Mollie. Well done!

Cross Country

Just a couple of weeks ago, our pupils attended a Cross Country event at Seaford Head School. They demonstrated pure resilience as they completed the course. Most importantly, they did so with huge smiles. Pupils completed the event with huge smiles and a good amount of competitive spirit too!

In other news...

Scarlett is set to perform in Pantomime across this Christmas season. The adventures of Jack and the infamous beanstalk begin on Friday 16th December at the Royal Hippodrome Theatre. We wish Scarlett all the best in each one of the performances.



Attendance (Terms 1 and 2)

Overall: 95%

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 94%

Just a reminder that our school attendance target this year is 96.5% +. Your child's attendance at school is hugely important for them now and for their futures. As a team, we review attendance weekly. If a pupil's attendance drops below 95% their individual record is reviewed to track attendance patterns. Attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school; we are here to support. Should you ever wish to talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team about this, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would like to remind you that the first day back for the children in term 3 is **Wednesday 4th of January**. Mr Davey and the team look forward to welcoming the children back then.

Phew! Our term 2 newsletter draws to a close. Above are just some of the fantastic events which have taken place across this term (we could not include them all in this communication!!). There is nothing more to do than to thank all the children and staff for their hard work and you all for your support. We wish you a safe, restful (if that is possible) and happy Christmas holiday.

Kind regards,

Mr Davey and Mrs Crees