



Newsletter

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INFANTS SCHOOL

It has been a busy term and a half since I started in my role as Head of the Infant School. I've loved getting to know the children, staff and parents and would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

Our main focus has been Phonics which everyone has been working incredibly hard on across the whole year. We are extremely proud to share our results from this year's Phonics Screening Check with you. 87.5% of our Year 1 children have passed this year and 94.6% of Year 2 children have now passed the Phonics Screening check. Both of these percentages exceed the national average from last year.

These incredible results are down to a huge amount of hard work from the teachers and support staff who have fully committed to Little Wandle and ensuring that our children get the best out of every school day. I'd also like to recognise Mrs Edwards who has taken on the role of Reading Lead and has been relentless in supporting the staff across the school. The children have been working very hard every day and should all be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to all parents who have been supporting the children at home and particularly those parents who have been in school volunteering each week to give the children some additional practise.

I'm sure that the last few weeks of term will be full of fun and special moments before we get ready for the summer holidays.

Miss Wright

JUNIOR SCHOOL

The month of June has been extremely busy in the Junior School. The children have been working hard in class on completing Summer term assessments and were also very proud to show you their work at the celebration evening. Rehearsals for the Year 6 production are going very well and we are looking forward to watching Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

We are very pleased that in the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, our average score out of 25 was 22 which compares very favourably with last year's national average of 20.06. Well done Year 4!

We have also been busy with exciting residential and day trips which I hope you will enjoy reading about below.

We finished the month with Clock Sports and Sports Day which were very enjoyable and the children represented their houses superbly. Well done Stuart House for your victory. Thank you to Mrs. Long for her excellent organisation of the two events, and also to the Friends of Farnham Common for their excellent efforts with the after school festivities.

Mrs Hurst

Sports day 2025



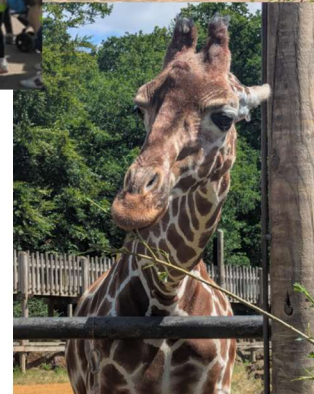
Recently in Nursery

The children in nursery have been learning how to ride a balance bike. They have completed six sessions of Balanceability, learning how to lift their feet and glide and to go safely round a course and stop before an obstacle. They are all Balance Champions! Well done, Acorn.



Year 1 trip to Whipsnade

Year 1 went to the wonderful Whipsnade Zoo, on a particularly hot summer's day. We talked about how the Arctic means bears and the Antarctic means no bears (so this is where the penguins live). We were able to see playful penguins swimming, and then we spotted a flamboyance of flamingos, a pride of lions and even a crash of rhino. The children also enjoyed an educational talk about the different reasons why animals in the wild are different colours – whether to show off, to warn of danger, or even to let us know that they are not nice to eat. The children were beautifully well behaved. Well done Silver Birch and Oak classes.



Year 2 trip to Burnham Beeches

Year 2 went on a fantastic Geography fieldwork trip to Burnham Beeches where they were able to take their geographical learning and apply it in the field! We were blown away by how brilliant they were at recognising and discussing many natural and human-made features on site. The children enjoyed learning how to use the four points (and even eight!) on a compass and were able to practise their new skills in teams, giving each other



directional clues for hidden items in the meadow. The children also had a creative challenge; to create a micro journey of an ant, creating incredible routes and maps in a small scale. They created maps based on their journey with very inventive names!



Year 6 Residential to River Dart

Last week, Year 6 had an amazing residential trip to The River Dart Country Park. The weather was absolutely perfect as it was a little cooler down in Devon. The pupils were put into activity groups led by the fantastic instructors and took part in a whole range of outdoor and adventurous activities during the week, ranging from climbing on Dartmoor, zip wires and the high ropes to rather more damp activities such as raft building, kayaking and the very muddy caving. All of the children did exceptionally well; challenges were met, new skills learnt, and fears overcome. We were very proud of how well all the children participated and their positive approach to everything.

The week was made even better by the fantastic food on offer, as noted by Antonia who said, "The food was excellent and delicious. My favourite was the chicken and rice, along with the sticky toffee pudding."

Dharam commented that, "My favourite activity was the zipline because you could spin around on it and go very fast."

Bianca said, "My favourite activity was caving. I loved it when we turned off our headlamps and were in complete darkness."



Year 6 Enrichment Week

Children not attending the River Dart residential took part in a range of enjoyable activities in and around school. They completed a photography challenge at Burnham Beeches, undertook various art and DT tasks and had a wonderful day at Legoland Windsor. Charlie said, "My favourite day was going to Legoland. The Dragon Ride and Speedway were my favourites."

FCJS Awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag

The Eco Committee at the Junior School have had a very busy year which has resulted in them being awarded with the Eco-Schools Green Flag. Activities have ranged from making bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB Bird Watch to getting the whole school involved in the Keep Britain Tidy campaign this spring, which saw every year group taking part in a litter picks across the school and local community. This term, time has been spent rejuvenating an area of the school grounds near the bike sheds to create a shade garden, as well as planting fruit and



vegetables in the school garden. Eco Schools said 'Through collective effort, you've significantly improved the appearance of your outdoor spaces—clearing litter, planting vibrant new flowerbeds, and nurturing biodiversity in a way that reflects your whole-school commitment to the environment.' Thank you to all the Committee members for their hard work.

Mrs Thomas

The Natural History Museum

Last week, Year 3 had an unforgettable adventure to the Natural History Museum in London! Both classes explored the *Volcanoes and Earthquakes* exhibition, where we learned all about tectonic plates, seismic activity, and volcanic eruptions. The highlight for many was stepping into the earthquake simulator; an exciting (and slightly wobbly!) experience of what a real earthquake might feel like.

Our budding palaeontologists also took part in the **Dinodig workshop**, where we uncovered fossils and discovered how they form. We learned about the fossilization process and were amazed by the variety of dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth.



Of course, no trip to the museum would be complete without a visit to the famous **Dinosaur Gallery**. The awe and excitement on the children's faces as they came face to face with a life-sized, roaring T. rex (almost real!) was priceless.

It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and lots of wonder. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made the day such a success.

Mr Yiacoumi and Mrs Lindsay



Junior School Clay Club



This club, available for year 4 and 5 pupils has been running this term. The children have been learning how to make thumb post monsters, decorative tiles and bowls.

Year 5 Cricket

On Wednesday 18th June, sixteen Year 5 boys completed in the Dynamo Cricket Tournament. They were split into two teams, the A's and the B's. The A team fortunately won 3 out of 4 games. The B team had tough opponents but tried their best. Although it was tough, they all had fun.

Written by Albert and Arun (Year 5)

