



# Newsletter

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## INFANTS SCHOOL

We have had a great start to the year at the Infant School. The children have started in their new classes and are now really settled. We have been particularly impressed with how quickly our youngest children have adapted to school life. It is lovely to walk through Acorn and Reception where the children are all busy and engaged with activities and getting to know one another.

We've hit the ground running with Phonics with all classes enjoying their daily lessons. From Rhyme Time in Acorn to consolidating sounds in Year 2, the children are working hard and are already making good progress. We have also started a new Maths programme focussing on fluency and number sense. The children in Reception-Year 2 have four additional sessions a week of Maths which will help them in their main lessons.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

The start to the Autumn term has been very exciting and busy with many varied events happening across the Junior School, from theme days to football matches to Bikeability. Well done to Year 6 for the commendable way in which they approached the Secondary Transfer Test and I expect that they then truly welcomed their fantastic visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum the following day. At the other end of the school, the Year 3s have settled in well and we are enjoying having them as part of the Junior school community. Welcome also to pupils who have joined us in other year groups, along with Miss Morris who has joined us, teaching in Year 5. The last few weeks of this half term look as though they are going to be equally busy and enjoyable; we have many things planned.

## Year 2 Recreated the Great Fire of London

Year 2 had a great time in the woods this week recreating the Great Fire of London. They created houses out of paper and set them up in the shape of Pudding Lane. We took Pudding Lane out to the woods and set fire to the bakery. The children were amazed at how quickly the fire spread from house to house. Once Pudding Lane was burnt to the ground the children suggested creating a fire break just like they had done in 1666. Another street was set alight with a fire break and the children were relieved to find that the fire break

stopped the fire from spreading.



## Year 4 Greek Day

Year 4 had a great day at our Ancient Greek day. We began in the market making a range of crafts from wax tablets and clay amulets to pendants and mosaic tiles. At the same time, the Battle of Marathon was going on so we had to listen out for updates and gossip spread around about whether the Persians had been beaten. The fun continued in the afternoon as the stage was set for a banquet. The children split into groups to prepare some entertainments ranging from the Dance of The Sea to The Story of Odysseus before we finished the day with a feast!



## Year 5 Viking Day



Year 5 had a brilliant day hosting Bjorn the Viking who came to tell us about everything Viking! We learnt where they came from, why they came and then stayed and what happened in 1066 to end their reign!

The children tried on clothing, examined artefacts and handled weapons from the era. We found out what they ate and some of their medicinal 'cures'! There were Viking board and dice games which we will definitely be bringing out for wet play! We experienced a Viking raid and then a funeral all before lunch!

The children particularly enjoyed trying on the helmets, lifting a full chainmail shirt and then battling for best shield wall during Viking troop training. The children were brilliant, Bjorn complimented their interest and enthusiasm and we are so proud of our Year 5's!

## Burnham Beeches

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September our year group (year 6) were lucky enough to share our posters about staying on the paths with the Sheriff of the Lord mayor of London. Important people, that are connected to the Lord mayor, walked by whilst complimenting on our posters. It was really exciting to share our work and meet all of the people. It was also interesting to learn about why keeping to the paths is so important.

After they had looked at our work, the Sheriff climbed up a ladder and pollarded a tree – it was really cool to watch.

By Albert and Daniel



## Year 6 Visit to The Chiltern Open Air Museum

Year 6 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum to learn about life in World War II linked to the book 'Goodnight Mr. Tom.'

On our trip we had to take part in some chores...including washing! We had to rub a red soap onto a washing board, then we rubbed a piece of clothing onto it. Next, we put the clothing into multiple-barrel-like containers, mixing it around with wooden tools, such as a dolly. Next, we dried the clothes by squishing it with a mangle and finally pegged it up. It was a very long process! John A, Year 6.



## Orchard Day

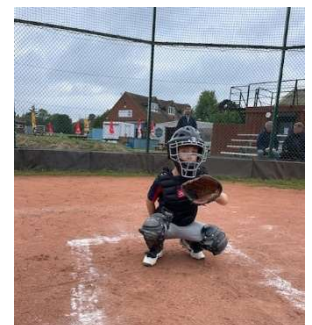
On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, pupils from the Junior School attended the Farnhams' Orchard Day at The Dell. Thank you to the year 6 pupils who helped to run the Wellbeing Colouring Stall and the Human Fruit Machine. The Junior School Choir sang a collection of songs twice during the afternoon and their performances were very well received. They were joined by some members of the Infants School, along with other siblings and past members of the choir. Thank you to all the children who joined in.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, either through contributing cakes or coming along to eat them.

## Youth National Baseball Championship

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Lewis played in the Youth National Baseball Championship. His team, London Youth Baseball, finished - brilliant third place nationally after a great tournament including bid wins against Greenwich Giants and Guilford. Lewis scored one run in the game against Guilford, which was also his first ever game playing as Catcher like his favourite player Harry Ford. Well done Lewis! Thank you to Lewis' friends from school who came to cheer him on.



## Bikeability

This week, some children in the Junior School have been taking part in Bikeability lessons. Year 3 and 4 children, doing Level 1, have learnt about maintaining their bike, keeping control of their bike as they cycle and being aware of their surroundings. Year 5 and 6, doing Level 2, have developed their confidence and skills cycling on the road as well as learning about signals, signs and road markings. Thank you to the Bikeability trainers for helping the children to develop these important life skills. And well done to the children who took part.

## **Become a Proud Sponsor of Farnham Common Junior School Football Team!**

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