

Newsletter #28
6th May 2022

Hello parents and carers

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the lovely warm weather. Let's hope that it's here to stay.

Although this was a short week, we still had a very busy one. The highlight was the Young Voices concert held at the O2. We are so proud of our children who represented us in the biggest children's choir in the world. The children also sang with and shared the stage with some international stars. What an experience! Thank you to all the parents who supported the children by allowing them to experience this as well as being there in person to enjoy this magical evening. I hope you will all watch out for the next one and encourage your children to join the school choir. A big thank you all the staff who supported the children on the day. But a massive thank you to Miss Chisholm for teaching the children all the songs and getting them ready for their fantastic performance. We are all so proud of you!

As the weather begins to warm up, please remember to send your child in suitable school uniform and don't forget to apply that sun cream. Some children do get very hot in their warm clothes.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of this term. We have a few activities planned and a jubilee picnic too. There will be a separate letter in book bags today so please have a read and send in your replies soon.

Our Year 6 children begin their SATs test next week. Together with their teachers, they have worked hard this year. On behalf of everyone I would like to wish them all the very best. They have been superstars and we are proud of them !

Do have a lovely weekend everyone,
Take care and be safe

Mrs Powys

Year 2 have been doing some photography in their computing lessons this term. We started out by taking photos around the school grounds of close up objects, things in the distance, buildings and selfies!



Josh in Dali was part of the Alford football team that won the Crawley Youth Cup. They won 2-1 against Perrywood and Josh scored the last minute winning goal. Amazing job Josh, we are so proud of you!



Some of our girls Year 5 basketball players had the opportunity to take part in an all girls basketball festival this week. They all played brilliantly, showing off the amazing skills they had been learning in their PE lessons. We were really impressed with how well they worked with children from other schools and how much energy they put into their afternoon!

If anyone in the school is looking to join a basketball team Storm Basketball club are currently recruiting for all ages. More details can be found at <https://stormbasketballclub.com/>



The DAPA choir LOVED joining 8,000 other children at the O2 Arena in London Wednesday night as part of the Young Voices choir.

It was an amazing experience for all! Not only did the choir sing medleys from The Lion King, The Beatles and The Muppets, they also became part of the Beat Box Collective who did fabulous demonstrations for the children and adults who were all encouraged to join in!

The children LOVED competing and partying with the adults who came to support them!

Thank you to all who came to support the children as they performed - we loved finding you in the audience.



On Thursday, Year 6 all became surgeons as they dissected a lamb's heart as part of their science unit on the body. It was great to see all the children get stuck in with some hands on learning!

Wakehurst Place



Year 3 were the very first cohort of the whole programme to take part in the research at Wakehurst Place in conjunction with Royal Holloway University London. All of KS2 at Desmond Anderson will be exploring different habitats and their responses to nature when present, focusing in on their senses and giving feedback in the form of questionnaires and drawings. Take a look at some of the beautiful scenery we encountered on the day, and other year groups have to look forward to!

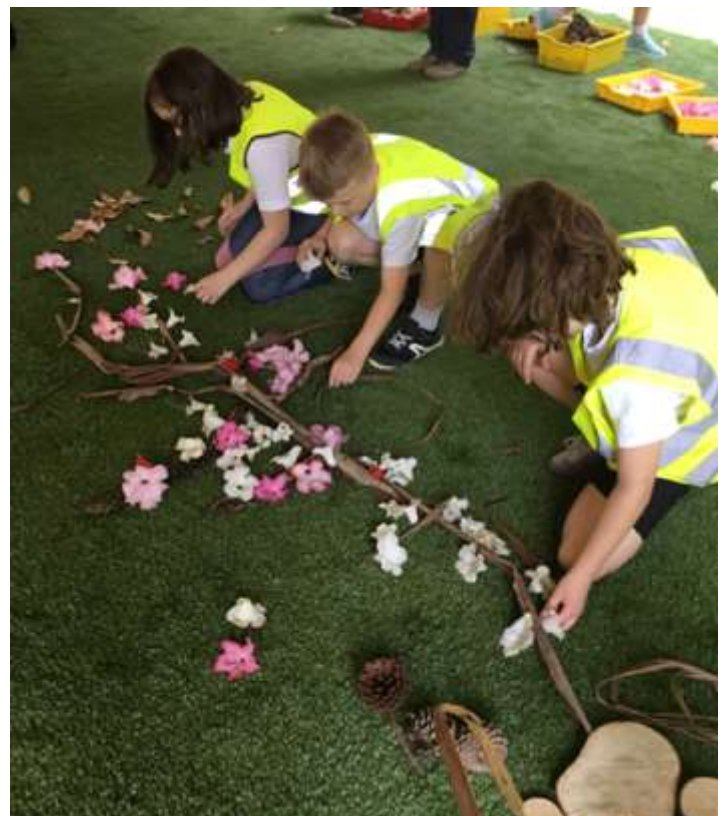
For year 3, this was one of the first times for some they had travelled on a coach or been on a school trip of this nature and we were really happy with their behaviour and their respect for the surroundings they were invited to. All members of the class were lucky enough to receive a voucher for free entry for an adult and themselves to be used in the next year too, a perfect Summer holiday rendezvous so they can re-live the experience with someone from home!



Wakehurst Place



Year 4 had a fantastic day at Wakehurst Place this week. They got up close to nature by listening to, feeling, and smelling the air of the woodlands. They also created some ephemeral art (art which is not permanent) using nature as their inspiration.



JUBILEE DAY!



Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

MAINS

A selection of
scrumptious sandwiches
with your favourite fillings
Pizza whirl, mini sausage roll, carrot and
cucumber sticks and tortilla chips.

DESSERTS

Jubilee cup cake.

Friday May 27th

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Your child should be bringing home information about our Jubilee celebrations today. Briefly, on Friday 27th May 2022 the children will enjoy their lunch 'street party' style on the school playground. Please read the information that your child is bringing home. If you have any queries, speak to the office or your class teacher.

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Kandinsky -	Cara
Klimt -	Decordova
Van Gogh -	Summer
Cezanne -	Raegan
Mackintosh -	Matiullah
Matisse -	Noah
Gardner -	Marley

KS2

O'Keeffe -	Ayan
Turner -	All of Turner Class
Monet -	Tom/Whole of Monet class
Miro -	Callie/whole of Miro Class
Picasso -	Thomas
Dali -	Isabelle
Hockney -	Lamin
Escher -	Jessica
Wiltshire -	Asim

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

Term 5

(5 weeks)

May 2022

Mon 9th May
Tues 24th May
Thurs 26th May
Friday 27th May

KS2 SATs week starts
Reception Trip to Washbrooks Farm
Year 6 Trip to Wakehurst Place
Queen's Jubilee Picnic (more info to follow)
Break up from school – normal time

30th May – 3rd June May Half term Holiday

Term 6

(7 weeks)

June 2022

Monday 6th June
Tues 14th June
Friday 17th June

Term 6 starts (Summer Term) - Back to school
Year 5 Trip to Wakehurst Place
Year 2 Trip to Wakehurst Place

July 2022

Friday 22nd July

Break up from School at **1.30 pm**

Come and join us



Coffee Morning!



Friday 13th May

8.45 - 9.45



It's a chance for you to get
to know your school better,
chat with and meet other
parents and
enjoy coffee & refreshments!



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