



Newsletter #33 17th June 2022

Hello parents and carers,

It is really lovely to be writing this newsletter on one of the hottest days so far. We did wait for it for a long time. I hope you had a good day and did not get too hot.

As the weeks are going by, we seem to be getting busier at the academy. This year we've had a record breaking coach visits to various venues by almost all the classes and there are still a few more to go. We hope to keep this practise well into the next year too. As you are fully aware one of the things that holds us back from travelling a lot is the cost. We need a coach to get to just about anywhere. And that is often a huge cost to parents. The PTA is doing its best to raise funds to help with this going forward. But if anyone has any idea of companies willing to help us with grants or donations, we will gladly accept any help we get so that we can make our children's learning that much more meaningful. Thank you to all the parent helpers who so readily come forward to assist with trips as well.

It is Parent's evening in a few weeks' time. Don't forget to book your slot and come in to have a quick chat and an update about your child's progress and how they can get even better.

You would have noticed that we did not ask you about choosing friends for your child for next year. That is because we have decided not to shuffle all the classes every year. We need children to build on good relationships and bond with their class mates before they make new friends. Where we find an imbalance in the classes we will shuffle those classes. We may also need to separate groups or pairs of children and we will do this once we have spoken to the parents. But for next year, most children will remain with their current classes. I will be telling you shortly who your child's class teacher will be next year. I am in the process of finalising our staffing.

Just a heads up as well; shortly you will receive a letter about the times for the school day starting in September. If you remember, the current school times were adapted to allow for a staggered start and finish during COVID times. But in the new year we will be reverting to the original start times. This is just a brief notice to you. I will send out clear times for all year groups soon.

Please take special note of the following: We have lots of children using the play equipment and climbing frame and slides in the back playground at the end of the school day. Can I ask all parents to supervise their children at all times. The school cannot take any responsibility for any accidents whilst the children are in your care. The equipment is also not for children in secondary school. If children are playing unsupervised we will have to re-think the use of this equipment. And all children on scooters should be using the MUGA (the games area on the field) or the back of the playground and not ride between people. We need to keep all adults and children safe at all times.

Have a lovely weekend and a happy Father's Day to all fathers out there,

Mrs Powys

Let's jump to it!

Year 3 have started this summer trying to jump further and run faster than they ever have before as they gear themselves towards Sports Day. Turner class are very excited at the prospect of using their boundless energy to achieve sporting greatness, and began this term with working on their long jump technique, and practising relay running. There wasn't a single dropped baton to speak of!

Can you spot any future Olympians ?



Sewing Bees



In DT lessons over the past few weeks, Year 2 have been learning and practicing their sewing skills.

They have been using different types of stitching and have almost mastered them!

This week, they used the skills they have learnt to make these magnificent monster toys!



Wood you believe it?!

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Why are we telling you this? We have recently begun investing time and resources in creating our own forest school to learn more about this new way of teaching and learning. We have recently started some sessions!



Here you can see year 3 using natural materials to complete a scavenger hunt. The children then used these to build a house for a fairy or troll or similar.

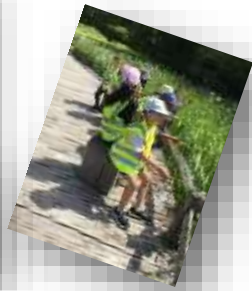
Later they got to play the fire stalker game where the children had to steal a stick from a blindfolded friend.

In other sessions, children had a lot of fun making a *dragon sneeze*. (actually making sparks for for lighting) learnt how we stay safe in the fire circle. And using loppers to make fire wood.



*** WATCH THIS SPACE—More Forest School Action next academic year!! ***

Naturally, it's Year 5!



Earlier this week, Year 5 got to enjoy a wonderful day out at Wakehurst Place!

If you've never been there, it's less than half an hour's drive and it's situated in the High Weald of West Sussex. From our experience, Wakehurst provides a perfect setting for an outdoor classroom and it's a lot of fun finding out about nature in their woodlands of the world—we find that children of all ages are inspired when they visit.

Year five spent the morning using their senses to explore the nature around them—being at one with nature. They had to walk around certain habitats and ask how it made them feel. There was a chance to do some pond dipping!

The afternoon involved comparing the percentage of types of plants in a shaded area compared to a sunny area. Everyone had a fabulous natural, learning time!



This is why we're proud of our school



Wendell in Escher class represented the school in the pupil parliament this week, where UoBAT asked the children what they were most proud of in their school. Here's Wendell's own account of his experience:

On Wednesday I represented the school at the pupil parliament for all schools in the University of Brighton trust. There were lots of different schools from Y2 up to Y10. All our lovely school councillors visited their class and asked them what they're most proud of in our school. They had remarkable ideas like: our teachers who helped us in COVID with Teams calls, all our sports fixtures and we're proud of how children in our school are kind to each other.



All the brilliant ideas were passed on to Miss Roden and we looked at them together. We then scrutinised all the ideas and put them in groups. Miss Roden gave me a script so I had an idea of what to say. We rehearsed and checked our lines. At 11.30, it was introduction time and I was feeling anxious. I had butterflies and my mouth was dry. Miss Roden reassured me and I had a drink of water so I felt better - which was a relief. I took a deep breath when Miss Roden clicked to unmute and respectfully greeted everyone good morning. I introduced myself and gave my ideas while everyone listened. I was really proud of myself and it was great to get so many nice replies!

You should be proud of yourself Wendell and we'd like to thank and congratulate you for your hard work and dedication in representing our school.

*** A quick reminder about Sport's day on Tuesday 12th July! ***



We're so proud to announce that this year we are holding it at the K2! It is our first time having it there and we are expecting great things from our present and future sports stars!!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Kandinsky - Ava
Klimt - Zeyad
Van Gogh - Jaden
Cezanne - Hudasir
Gardner - Joshua

KS2

O'Keeffe - Louie
Turner - Alden & Simona
Monet - Theo
Miro - Aiden
Picasso - Jess
Dali - Omar
Hockney - Ada
Escher - Wendell
Wiltshire - Beau

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

Term 6

(7 weeks)

June 2022

Thursday 23 June
Friday 24th June

New Reception parent meeting at 6pm(School Hall)
Coffee Morning; 8.45 AM **ALL WELCOME!**

National Writing Day!

Governor's Day

Monday 27th June

Parents evening #1 [face to face]

Tuesday 28th June

Parents evening #2 [face to face]

July 2022

Wednesday 6th July

Meet your new teacher

Saturday 9th July

Summer Fair!

Tuesday 12th July

Sports Day @ K2 [*Our first time at the K2!!*]

Friday 22nd July

Break up from School at **1.30 pm**



Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

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