

Inside Our Classrooms

The Hive have been role playing their socks off. They have experimented by pretending to be first, second and third class passengers on the Titanic. This even included eating gruel! We have been celebrating the onset of Spring by searching for signs of new life in the school grounds. In maths, we have explored the effects of gravity using the water chute and have begun to look at capacity, using new mathematical language. It's been a busy couple of weeks!

Thinkers WOW! What a week we have had! This week Thinker's Class took on a Police mission to help find 'Hefty Hugh' and 'Lanky Len' from Julia Donaldson's 'What the Ladybird Heard', who had escaped Police custody. To do this, we had to go undercover to impress the infamous bandits by showing them that we too could be sneaky and rather cheeky! We hatched a plan to sneak into the staffroom and steal the teacher's biscuit tin – It was a successful mission! Who knew Thinkers could be so quiet! We had heaps of fun getting our plan ready too, using key vocabulary from the story to help us. I am pleased to inform you that because of us, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len have been found!

Inventors This Week in Inventors, we continued focusing on the author Quentin Blake. We moved on from reading and describing the character Mrs Armitage, from 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' to writing a thank you letter to her Uncle Cosmo. Uncle Cosmo very kindly gave Anastasia a new car and she was thrilled! Inventors wrote in first person, as if they were Anastasia Armitage and thoroughly enjoyed thanking Uncle Cosmo for his kindness. Their letters were wonderful and they were all so proud of the writing they have done. Inventors were also visited by the Zoolab Experience. They loved learning all about different animals and were also brave enough to gently hold Giant African Snails, a very tickly Millipede and even Daffodil, the American Corn Snake. What a wonderful week they have had!

Explorers had a very exciting visit from some minibeasts this week! An animal encounter experience 'ZooLab' brought some amazing animals for us to learn about and we had a chance to hold some of the creatures. There were Giant African Snails, a millipede, tarantula, scorpion and a snake called Daffodil. We have also visited 'The Pond of Truth' in English, and created metaphorical poems linked to the Aboriginal Dreamtime creation stories. Each line of our poem is based on an aspect of nature, for example 'Mountains are colossal giants rising from the centre of the Earth' (Alexa B). We have really enjoyed being so creative in our writing

Warriors have had another busy fortnight! Time flies when you're having fun! In Maths, we have been working hard to understand the time, looking at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and then moving onto minute intervals; converting between 12 and 24 hour clocks and even understanding A.M and P.M! In English, we have started writing reports about Earthquakes, thinking carefully about our language choices by writing a section each day really concisely and carefully. We have also worked hard in all our other subjects too: building branching databases to separate dinosaurs; looking at the legacy of the Romans; focusing on how volcanoes erupt; painting trees to show foreground and background as well as developing our tennis skills! Warriors are wonderful!

Ground-breakers have been exploring the fascinating world of Norse mythology. We have taken our learning outside on several occasions when the sun has been shining and used the orienteering course at school to locate multiplication calculations in maths and Norse God/Goddess facts in English. We have distributed our friends representing tens and ones into hoops to divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by single digits and we are moving forward with our understanding of this concept!

Innovators had a fantastic trip to Hever Castle on Wednesday. They had a guided tour of the castle, learning all about where Ann Boleyn grew up, asking lots of brilliant questions and even met a very famous Tudor Monarch! After that, they then had a wonderful, interactive workshop exploring the Tudor society classes from peasants right up to Royalty. Finishing off, they played lots of fun games that children would have enjoyed in Tudor times.



Trailblazers have been planning their routines to become Personal Trainers, and are going to be 'training' year 5 next week. They are writing promotional leaflets for their 'gyms' to go with their routines. Titanic is coming to an end; Trailblazers make their final decisions about 'Who is to blame.' In science, they have been trying to answer the questions, 'How do we breathe?' and, 'What is more important—your heart, lungs or blood?'

Dates for your diary:

1st April FOBs School Discos for KS1 and KS2

7th April Non-school Uniform yellow and blue for Unicef (Ukraine)

7th April Clicker8 Parent Workshop 2-3pm

8th April Spring Celebration Service at All Saints Church (am)

11th-22nd April Easter Holidays

26th April Class Photographs

28th April Daily Mile 10th Birthday

2nd May Bank Holiday

9th-12th May KS2 SATS week

27th May INSET Day

30th May-3rd June Half Term

13th-17th June Year 6 Residential to IOW

20th-24th June Sports Week

24th June Sports Day

27th June-1st July Year 6 Bikeability

Wild Times at Blackthorns!

The children of Blackthorns are a brave bunch! They experienced all creatures great and small on Wednesday 30th March, when Zoolab came to visit. The visit was a great success, with Mrs. Day pleased to discover that a Madagascan hissing cockroach can survive 6 days without its head!



Sporting Success

This fortnight we have been netball crazy with our Year 3 children taking part in a festival at Oathall learning all the relevant skills including passing, shooting, marking and starting to learn about positioning too! The Netball club B team were also in action this week taking on 8 different schools in a round robin tournament!

Blackthorns 0
Bolnore 0

Blackthorns 2 (Immi, Sophie)
Harlands 1

Blackthorns 4 (Rom x 3, Emily S)
Northlands Wood 2

Blackthorns 2 (Joanna, Dylan)
St Wilfrids 1

Blackthorns 2 (Taylor x 2)
Windmills 5

Blackthorns 3 (Immi x 2, Sophie)
Warden Park 0

Blackthorns 1 (Rom)
Birchwood Grove 0

Blackthorns 1 (Joanna)
Birchwood Grove 3

We finished in 3rd place overall so a great achievement. Well done to all that took part and a special Blackthorns cheer goes out to Rom who won the player of the tournament award - brilliant in every position and listening to feedback from her coaches to improve even more!

So far over 80% of KS2 have represented Blackthorns at a sporting event; we aim to have 100% represent by the end of the year and as many of KS1 as well.

Club letters will go out next week on Monday for Summer clubs which will start w.b. 2nd May 2022

Hever Fever

Year 5 had a great trip to Hever castle this week as part of their study of the Tudor period. They really impressed the staff at Hever Castle with their excellent questioning and knowledge. Whilst there, they joined in with interactive experiences, explored the castle grounds and picked up a thing or two about Anne Boleyn. Fortunately, they 'kept their heads' and were very sensible, representing Blackthorns in an exemplary fashion!



Dive Right In

Some incredible swimmers will be taking on a challenge this upcoming Good Friday with the Lions Club Swimarathon. The event is set to raise valuable funds for Chailey Heritage Foundation. Among these amazing people are some of our amazing Year 4 pupils. Margot Trisnan and Isla Cotton. We would like to wish them all the best. If you would like to sponsor them or support the Chailey Heritage Foundation, you can do so here: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/chaileybarracudas/>



Clicker8 Reminder

Mr. Luckhurst's Clicker8 workshop has proved popular, but there are still spaces if you wish to attend. The sign up form was sent out via parentmail earlier in the term—jut click on the link and we'll see you there!

As you may know, we have recently introduced Clicker8 in school and we have been using it to support our writing with some fantastic results. What we really love is that the children are also able to use the same software at home through the unique code that was sent home. The workshop is a chance to learn more about how to best use it at home.

SPECIAL OFFER!

2 ADULT TICKETS FOR THE PRICE OF 1! CHILDREN UNDER 16 GO FOR FREE!

SCAN ME!

OR VISIT LEWESFC.COM/BLACKTHORNS

We have some Blackthorns pupils acting as mascots at Lewes FC. and they have sent us this special offer.

LEWES FC WOMEN
REMAINING 2021/22 HOME MATCHES
FA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
LEWES FC VS SHEFFIELD UNITED – 03.04.2022
LEWES FC VS LIVERPOOL – 01.05.2022

LEWES FC MEN
REMAINING 2021/22 HOME MATCHES
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER
LEWES FC VS MARGATE - 29.03.22
LEWES FC VS WINGATE AND FINCHLEY – 02.04.2022
LEWES FC VS KINGSTONIAN – 16.04.2022
LEWES FC VS BOWERS & PITSEA – 23.04.2022

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds!

Please remember to make sure that the contents of your child's lunch box are suitable for a healthy and happy lifestyle.

We teach the children about the importance of a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle and lunch times are an important part of their day, as it sets them up for their afternoon of learning!