



Newsletter 11 - Friday 23rd February 2024

Welcome to our Newsletter

We hope that you had a lovely half term break! Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'CommuniTEA' this week.

Term 4 Learning Fun in Early Years and Key Stage 1

What a fantastic start the children have made this term. The children have been learning well and getting excited about the term ahead.

This week **Early Years** are developing their DT skills by constructing vehicles of their own design inspired by the text 'Toot Toot Beep Beep' by Emma Garcia.

They have been thinking carefully about how to cut, join and assemble different materials. It has been so exciting to see the children's designs come to life.



We are looking forward to sharing our vehicle creations with parents during our vehicle exhibition on **6th March**.

This week, **Year 1** began their 'Exploring Watercolour' project in Art. This first session involved the children experimenting with the watercolour paints to try to understand the different effects they could achieve.

Inspired by our focus artist, Emma Burleigh, they explored the 'wet on dry' and 'wet on wet' techniques and had great fun mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. We can't wait to see the masterpieces they create later on during this unit of work.



Year 2 have had a really exciting start to this term. 'Jaws-n-Claws' paid a visit to each classroom with lots of exciting reptiles. The children were able to hold and stroke the different animals and learnt lots of facts about each one.



Today the children were dressed in their finery for a Knights and Castles Day. The children enjoyed medieval dance, designed a coat of arms and created medieval moving pictures. What a busy week they have had.

Term Dates 2023-24

Last day of spring term: Wednesday 27th March

INSET Day: Thursday 28th March – academy closed to pupils

INSET Day: Monday 15th April – academy closed to pupils

First day of summer term: Tuesday 16th April

Half term break: Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

INSET Day: Monday 3rd June – academy closed to pupil

Last day of summer term: Tuesday 23rd July 2024

TERM DATES 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2nd September to Friday 20th December 2024

Half term break: 28th October – 1st November 2024

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April 2025

Half term break: 17th – 21st February 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half term break: 26th – 30th May 2025

INSET day dates

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Well done to these wonderful children who have been consistently showing our academy qualities and have been Ready, Respectful and Safe this week.



Cricket Qualifiers

On Friday 2nd February, 8 boys from Years 5 and 6 represented the academy in the Indoor Cricket Mid Sussex Qualifiers. The boys played 4 games against strong opposition but were able to come through some tight finishes and win all of their games. For topping the qualifier group, the boys now progress as one of the final 4 schools to the Mid Sussex Finals.



Does your child love to sing?

Rebecca Redfern is a singing teacher with over 20 years' experience working with children of all ages using a varied repertoire of 'classical', musical theatre, folk and pop. This half term, she has space for a year 2/3 to join a group singing class on a Tuesday afternoon. From the Summer Term she will also have more availability. Email rebecca.redfern@westsussexmusic.co.uk

PTA News

Spring is just around the corner and the PTA events are ramping up! We can't wait for the upcoming Quiz Night, Talent Show and Comedy Night. Tickets for the comedy night on 11th May will be going on sale shortly so keep an eye out for the Parent Mail.

We hope you have been enjoying the ease of the new purple wheelie bin to donate any Lindfield uniform or dressing up costumes. Please can we ask that no shoes, tights, socks or underwear are placed in there. Thank you to Susan and Julia for organising amazing KS2 Discos, the children had a blast! Thank you also to the huge numbers of parent volunteers and staff who gave up their time to help. It was a huge success and that was thanks to everyone's hard work. Thanks also to Keri for her hard work in organising hundreds of uniform items for the uniform sale. Also to the PTA Exec team for braving the rain to set up, sell and pack up! **Next Meeting:** Please join us for the next PTA meeting on Monday 4th March, we would love to see some new faces.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are very excited to be welcoming the wonderful Brighton book shop 'Aforri Books', to our academy for a book fair on **Tuesday 5th March**. The children will be spending the afternoon being introduced to new and exciting books of black origin. They will have the opportunity to browse the books on offer before the shop opens at 3pm for purchasing until 4pm. **Please come along and take a look at the wonderful range of books on offer celebrating culture, diversity and inclusivity and support this fantastic Brighton book shop between 3-4pm in the school library area.**

Competition Launch! 'Reading in Unusual Places' begins 4th March



Where is the most unusual place you can read? Send in a photo to be in with a chance to win a prize for the most creative reading!

Send in your photos via Seesaw or email by Monday 18th March

Competition Launch on 4th March!

As part of our WORLD BOOK DAY Celebrations, we are encouraging children to find creative and fun places to read! Children can send in their photos to stand a chance to win a prize for the most unusual and unique reading places! Photos can be sent via Seesaw or email by **Monday 18th March**.

Considerate Parking

Thank you to everyone for adhering to our requests not to drive onsite unless a blue badge or permit holder. Please do not park in disabled parking bays in any other car parks around the community.



TT Tournament Time

We launched the Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament yesterday. It will run over the next five weeks. All the classes in years 3-6 have been drawn out of a hat and placed in pools. These groups will play each other over the next three weeks before the semi-final and then the final. To keep it fair, children can play in any game type and the first five minutes score of each day will be counted. Every point counts so make sure your child logs on.

Final scores will be announced on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Your uniform provider Sussex Uniforms has now rebranded to Monkhouse Schoolwear. You can now shop at monkhouse.com for a fantastic online shopping experience and simple ordering. Your local high street store has re-opened under the Monkhouse name where you'll be able to find all your uniform essentials as usual. Check updated opening times at monkhouse.com/our-stores.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 – 29 Feb: parent consultations – all year groups
Tue 5 Mar: Year 1 & Year 5 Planetarium workshop
Tue 5 Mar 3-4pm: Aforri Book Fair
Thu 7 Mar: World Book Day – dress up day
Wed 13 Mar: Yr 6 Harry Potter dress-up day
Wed 20 Mar: Yr 6 Voice in a Million concert
Tue 26 Mar 9am: Yr 1 Phonics Pop-in
Thu 18 Apr: Yr 3 first swimming session
22, 23, 29, 30Apr: EY Health screening sessions
Tue 30Apr: Yr 3 Egyptian workshop
Thu 2 May 6pm: Year 6 IOW Parent Meeting
13 - 16 May: Year 6 SATs