

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



Think. Test. Discover.!

This week at Muskham Primary School has been a truly inspiring one as we celebrated our annual Science Week. Throughout the school, classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, creativity and the unmistakable excitement that comes when children are given the opportunity to explore the world around them through scientific discovery.

It has been a joy to walk through the corridors and see so many wonderfully inquisitive minds at work. From carefully planned investigations to hands-on experiments, our pupils have embraced the spirit of scientific enquiry with enthusiasm. There have been bubbling beakers, creative problem-solving challenges and plenty of thoughtful questions as children tested ideas and explored how and why things happen.

One of the highlights of my week was having the pleasure of spending time teaching in Miss Baker's and Mrs Palmer's classes. Together, we explored the fascinating world of aerodynamics, discussing concepts such as wind resistance, drag and gravity. The real excitement came when the children set about designing and constructing their very own paper aeroplanes, carefully thinking about how shape and structure might affect how far and how smoothly their creations would fly.

The classroom quickly turned into a hub of experimentation as planes were tested, refined and tested again. There was fantastic teamwork, perseverance and plenty of laughter as each design took to the air.

Now, I'm certainly not one to brag...but let's just say it took the Headteacher to demonstrate exactly how it's done when it comes to building the ultimate paper aeroplane! I'm pleased to report that my model flew rather impressively – although I suspect some of the children may already be planning improvements for next time.

Science Week has once again reminded us just how powerful curiosity can be. Watching our pupils question, explore and learn with such enthusiasm has been a real privilege. A huge thank you must go to our dedicated staff for creating such engaging opportunities for learning, and of course to our wonderful pupils whose excitement and inquisitive thinking make events like this so special.

I look forward to seeing where their scientific curiosity takes them next.

Mr Pearson

What's Coming Up After Half Term...

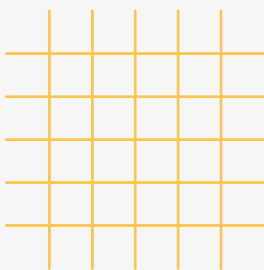
Monday 12th March - Neuro Diversity Week

Friday 27th March - Rock Steady Performance to parents and carers (2:15pm)

Friday 27th March end of term awards plus Reading Raffle winner announced!

Friday 27th March - Break Up for Easter





It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

Foundation have been busy being space gardeners! This week they've been wondering what plants need in order to grow and whether those things can be found in outer space. To test their ideas, the children set up a fun experiment comparing how cress seeds grow here on Earth with how they might grow in a Moon-like environment. There was lots of excitement as they watched for the first signs of growth.



Mrs Keane's Class

This week, the children enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to step outside and explore the first signs of spring emerging around our school grounds. Armed with curious minds and keen eyes, they set off on a nature walk to see how the world is beginning to wake up after winter. The children spotted buds forming on branches, tiny shoots pushing up through the soil, and early spring flowers adding splashes of colour to the environment. Spring is certainly on its way—and the children can't wait to see what changes come next!



Mrs Ellison's/Mrs Sheldon's Class

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in British Science Week this week. They have learnt about chimpanzee scientist Jane Goodall in Whole Class Reading, and taken part in a series of mini experiments throughout the week. The children experienced the actions of a 'lung' using a plastic bottle, balloon and funnel. They also experienced 'capillary' action, making stars with cocktail sticks and water. They also investigated what happens to Skittles when warm water is poured on them. Class 3 also enjoyed making 'birds nests' and testing them with 'wind' and 'rain' for their strength.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

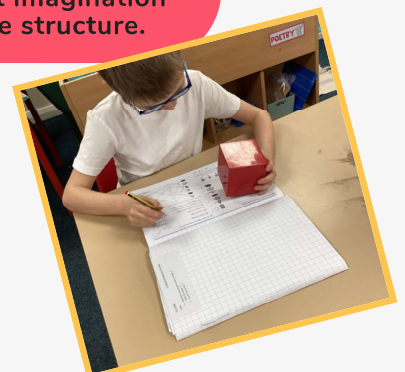
As part of Science Week, children have enjoyed lots of fun Science activities this week: making and testing boats; test materials to make the best hankies, constructing an ecosystem and exploring the best paper aeroplane design. In English, we shared the story 'Escape from Pompeii', which we used to inspire our diaries as characters from the story.



Mrs Hough's Class

In Maths, the children have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes using real objects and picture prompts. They've been naming each shape, discussing its properties, and comparing the number of sides, edges, faces, and vertices. Their hands-on investigations have sparked lots of curiosity and confident mathematical talk.

In English, the class stepped into the world of Wallace and Gromit and wrote from Gromit's point of view. They used a variety of conjunctions to explain their thoughts and feelings as they reviewed the Snoozatron — an invention that seems far more enjoyable for Wallace than for poor Gromit. The children showed brilliant imagination and growing control of their sentence structure.



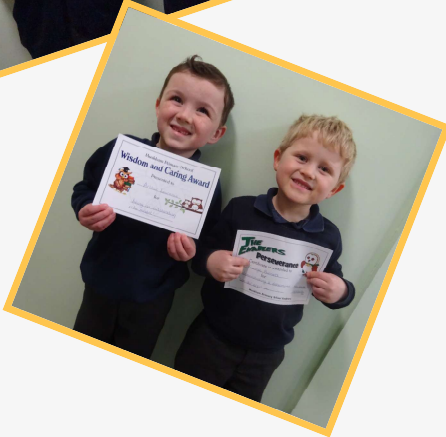
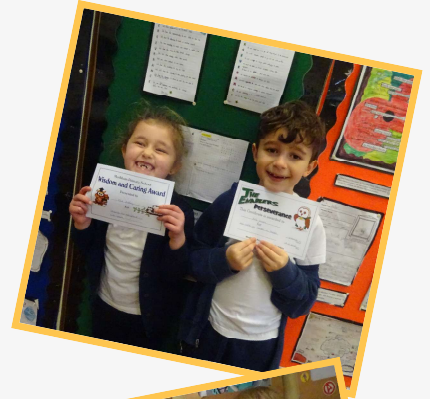
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Miss Baker's Class

Class 5/6 have thrown themselves into Science Week with brilliant curiosity and teamwork! Throughout the week, pupils explored a range of fascinating scientific questions, including "How can you tell how old a shark is?", "What's the best design for a paper aeroplane?" and "Does toast always land butter-side down?" Their investigations sparked lively discussions, careful testing and plenty of enthusiastic experimentation. In DT, the class have also been busy honing their baking skills in preparation for their big Easter celebration. Children practised key techniques such as whisking eggs, creaming butter and sugar, and icing — all with impressive focus and creativity. It's safe to say they're becoming confident young bakers!



Well Done Superstars!



Well done to all our Superstars this week. You are all fantastic ENABLERS and we are very proud of you!

Our girls' football team put in a brilliant performance this week, battling through extremely wet and windy conditions in a hard-fought match. Despite the challenging weather, the team showed real grit, teamwork and resilience from start to finish.

In a closely contested game, the girls were narrowly defeated 2-1, but the scoreline didn't reflect just how well they played.

A huge congratulations goes to Bethan, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding effort and contribution throughout the game. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the parents and carers who braved the rain and wind to support the team.

