

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



A Positive Start to the Half Term.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school following the half-term break. The children have made an incredibly positive start to the new term, returning with enthusiasm, excellent attitudes to learning and plenty of stories to share from their week away.

I couldn't help but notice the many tanned faces around school this week after the glorious weather we were fortunate to enjoy during the holiday! It is always lovely to hear about the adventures, family time and outdoor activities that our children have experienced before settling quickly back into their routines at Muskham Primary School.

The start of the week also provided us with a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our readers across the school and announce the winners of our Reading Raffle. Reading continues to be at the heart of everything we do, and it is wonderful to see so many children embracing books both at school and at home. A huge congratulations goes to Katy, who was selected from the raffle box and received a family day-trip voucher to White Post Farm. We are already looking forward to our next raffle and the opportunity to celebrate even more of our enthusiastic readers.

I recently met with our local Parish Councillors to discuss my concerns regarding the main road outside of our school. I am pleased to report that we had some very positive discussions and are already exploring measures to improve safety for our children, families and local community. These include seeking ways to reduce traffic speeds to 20 mph, with the potential introduction of speed bumps and, fingers crossed, the appointment of a Lollipop Warden. These developments are still in the early stages, but I will, of course, keep parents updated as discussions progress.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey that was sent out just before half term. We have received some extremely positive feedback, alongside thoughtful and constructive suggestions about how we can continue to improve. Your views are incredibly valuable to us and provide a genuine insight into the experiences of our families. I firmly believe that building strong bridges between home and school is essential if children are to thrive and make the very best progress possible. Your support, honesty and partnership are greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to another exciting and successful half term ahead.

Mr Pearson

What's coming up...

Friday 12th June - World Cup Day
Friday 19th June - Year 6 Camping
Thursday 2nd July - Transition Day (children into new classes)
Tuesday 7th & 8th July - The Wizard of Oz Performances
Thursday 9th July - Reports out to parents
Friday 10th July - Sports Day
13th July - 15th July - Residential
Friday 17th July - Summer Fayre
Thursday 23rd July - Leavers' Assembly



It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

Foundation children have been busy applying their cutting and sticking skills to create a special holiday-themed artwork. They carefully selected materials, cut out shapes, and arranged their pieces to reflect their chosen holiday idea. It was lovely to see their creativity shine as they planned, designed, and assembled their creations.



Mrs Keane's Class

The children have thoroughly enjoyed returning to the allotments, where they have been busy planting pumpkins, courgettes and onions. They also checked on their sunflowers, taking care to observe how much they have grown. This hands-on experience has helped them to develop their understanding of how plants grow, as well as learning how to work together to care for our shared outdoor space.

Alongside this, the children have also been introduced to coding using Scratch on the iPads. They have been learning the basics of programming by creating simple animations and sequences, developing their problem-solving skills and creativity in a fun and engaging way.

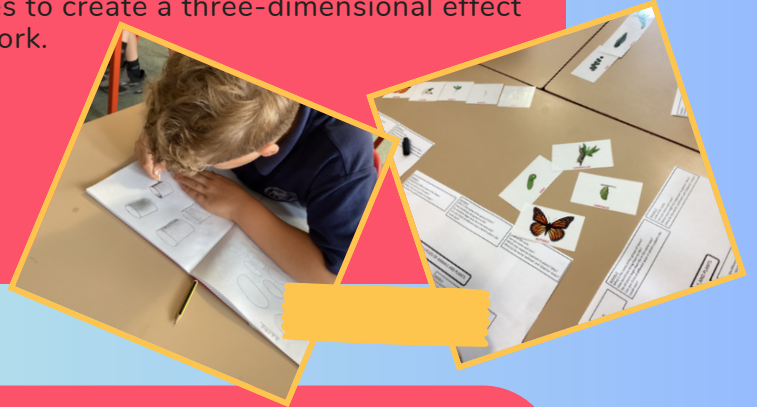


It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

Children in Year 4 and 5 have returned to school eager to learn. This week, we introduced our new Science topic on the life cycles of living things. Working in groups, the children explored a range of resources and answered questions to demonstrate their existing knowledge.

In Art, the children sketched a variety of shapes, experimenting with tone and shading techniques to create a three-dimensional effect in their work.



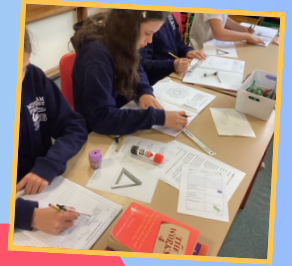
Mrs Hough's Class

Class 2 have made an exciting start to their new Water topic this week. In Maths, the children have been exploring capacity and volume, beginning with hands-on investigations using different containers. They practised reading the volume on a variety of scales and showed great curiosity as they compared how much each container could hold.

In English, we have started our new story, Bubbles. A magical pot of bubbles takes the girl on an unexpected adventure, and the children have already learnt the story with enthusiasm. They have also been exploring Rainbow Grammar features linked to the text.



It's all happening in the classroom...



Miss Baker's Class

It has been a wonderfully busy first week back for our pupils! In English, we have been exploring the features of formal and informal emails, using the music video Titanium as our inspiration. To deepen our understanding of the main character, we took part in a "conscience alley" activity, offering advice and stepping into their shoes with some thoughtful discussions.

In Maths, Year 6 have been developing their skills with compasses, carefully constructing a range of shapes. They even tackled some 'impossible' shapes, which certainly challenged our thinking as we explored fascinating optical illusions that tricked our eyes!

Meanwhile, in French, Year 5 and 6 have been learning the names of ten different school subjects, building their confidence with new vocabulary.

Across Key Stage 2, Years 4, 5 and 6 have also begun rehearsals for their upcoming performance, and it has been exciting to see everyone using the stage and starting to work with props.

A fantastic and energetic start to the term—well done, everyone!



Mrs Ellison's/Mrs Sheldon's Class

Class 3 have continued to work on their art project this week. Having finished their collage before half term, they have been using their prior learning about drawing figures to draw a silhouette figure in the shape of a Greek Olympian. They will then be designing and creating their own printing block to be able to print a repeating pattern across the top and bottom of their piece of artwork.



Bikeability!

Some of our oldest children recently took part in Bikeability sessions, and it has been wonderful to see them developing their cycling skills and confidence. Learning how to use their bikes safely, particularly when travelling on roads, is such an important life skill.

It was lovely to see the children set off on their journey through the village, putting into practice everything they had learned. The adults from Bikeability were extremely complimentary about the children's manners, behaviour and positive attitudes throughout the sessions, and they were a real credit to our school.

Well done to all of the children who took part!



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