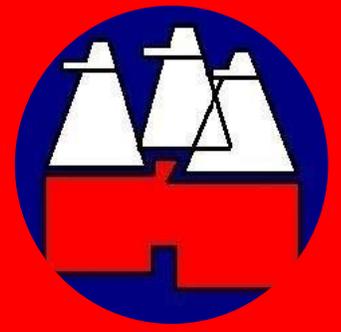


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 12
October 2018

Our Weekly Newsletter Returns

Good afternoon

This Friday marks the end of another busy week in our school, in a full and jam-packed Term 1. Our children have, over the past six weeks, worked hard to find their feet in their new year group, classroom and with their new teachers. We would like to once again welcome our new staff, who are already bringing so much to our hard-working team.

Today we celebrated Harvest, with contributions from children across the school, sharing their thoughts on its meaning; from poetry, to an exploration of where in the world our food comes from (quite a distance as year 6 found out!). We are again receiving and passing on donations to The Community Storehouse here in Paddock Wood; thank you to all who have generously sent in items so far.

As we come to the end of our first term, we would like to say thank you to parents for your help and support in getting our school year off to a terrific start. We are impressed by the hard-working attitudes to learning that the children come in with each day; they certainly will be ready for a half term rest.



On Wednesday 26 September, we marked the European Day of Languages. This was an event to celebrate the 200+ languages spoken in Europe. Mrs Ait Mansour led an assembly, where we shared many of those languages spoken in our own school by our bilingual and plurilingual children.



BBC World Music Day 2018

Celebrating through song.

This year, we marked this day together in a whole school assembly.

Each year group selected a song to learn and perform to each other; these ranged from songs in Italian and French, to songs about perseverance in life and even David Bowie's 'Starman', which became the theme for Year 5 as they study Space as their topic.

We are proud of the confidence our children all show in singing, and this was reflected in the way they performed with enthusiasm on the day.

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed learning about Africa. The term started with a trip to Tanzania (imaginary unfortunately!) and a wonderful visit to Howlett's Zoo for an informative talk about elephants. Writing has been based on the book 'Meerkat Mail' and the children wrote blogs, letters and newspaper articles about the central meerkat's journey around parts of Africa. Following this, the children have been researching elephants and making notes ready to write their own elephant report.

Watercolour paints and mixed media collage, created their African wildlife inspired art.

Year 6 participated in a fantastic interactive performance of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. Led by professional actors from the Young Shakespeare Company, they were immersed in the world of treachery and power-struggles in Scotland, through one of his most exciting plays. Alongside the actors, they took parts, read lines and gained a real understanding of the plot.

They are now applying this experience in their writing and topic work back in class, producing writing with real depth.



Dates for the diary:

Monday 15 - Tuesday 16 October The Book People return. The children will have the opportunity to explore the books on offer, so look out for those wish lists coming home.

Thursday 18 – Friday 19 October The Book Fair is open for you to browse and buy.

Friday 19 October End of Term 1.

Monday 29 October Inset Day (School closed to pupils).

Tuesday 6 November and Thursday 8 November Parent Consultations.