

Paddock Wood Primary School

Friday 7
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Term 6

Welcome back to a new term and hopefully many more sunny days! Term 5 rushed by quickly and there is so much news to catch-up on. All year groups have been working hard to complete old and begin new topics and as ever, the focus and commitment of our children can be seen in every classroom as pupils strive to improve and build on their skills.

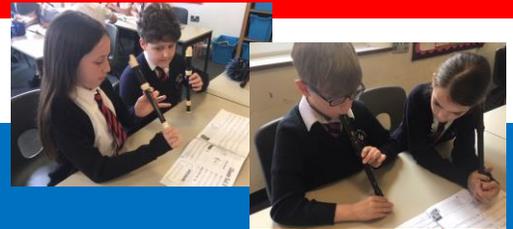
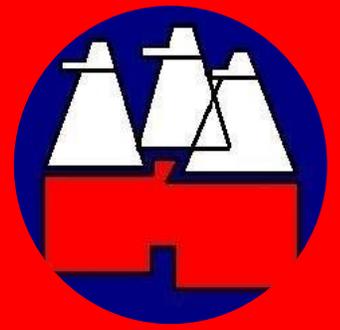
In particular, this edition of the newsletter has to recognise the hard work of Year 2 and Year 6, on the completion of their recent testing. Teachers worked hard to ensure that there was minimum stress placed on the children and they all approached each paper feeling ready and confident they would perform to the best of their ability. As a school, we are proud of everyone!!

Last term, Year 2 also held a cake sale to raise money for outdoor learning equipment. They were amazed by the colossal number of donations which were received and were able to run two cake stalls that afternoon instead of just the one they had aimed for! On the day the children raised an impressive £341.50 meaning over 600 cakes were purchased after school! The staff would like to say a massive thank you for all of the wonderful cakes which were donated and thank everyone who bought a cake to support our fund raising.

The school netball team had a wonderful end to the netball season winning 8-4 against St Matthews. Natalie, Daniel, Teyla, Emily, Laura, Charlotte, Jasmine and Millie were fantastic and showed lots of determination in the match. Their confidence and skills have progressively improved throughout the season and made Miss Highwood and Mrs Maynard very proud.



We would like to congratulate and give a special mention to George and Alfie. To raise money for the British Heart Foundation, a charity close to their hearts, they gave up chocolate for three months, leading up to Easter Sunday! They raised a staggering £1845, in memory of their dad. Well done boys!!



Music with Mrs Knight...

The children in Year 5 have been learning how to play the recorder this term. Using 'Red Hot Recorder', they have mastered B, A and G so far. At the end of this half term, all of the children took part in a performance in class, with many children choosing to play solo; what a fantastic achievement!



Some of year 6 did a spot of Djembe drumming to link nicely with their visit to see The Lion King. They learnt a few different rhythms (all with special food sentences tied to them) and played some games too!



Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

Year 6 residential and day trips (written by Year 6 pupils)

As you may know, Year 6 have recently gone on an exciting trip to Paris, France. Each day we went somewhere new and interesting, like the Louvre, the Sacre-Coeur and the famous Eiffel Tower.

The trip started on 20th May, at 4:30am! After travelling some way through France, we arrived at a French waterpark called the 'Aqua Boulevard'. Here we had an opportunity to enjoy a swim in a fabulous pool with speedy slides and other fun activities in the water. Once we had finished our session at the park, we left to head to our accommodation. Once settled in rooms, we headed off to a pizzeria named 'Da Vanessa'.

The next day took us to the centre of Paris where we did some shopping on our way to visit the astonishing Sacre-Coeur. Afterwards we set off for lunch, before we left to catch a 'hop-on hop-off' bus so we could find some of Paris' most famous landmarks. This was topped off by the amazing views at the Montparnasse Tower, followed by dinner in a restaurant.

On Wednesday, we visited the Stade De France for an English tour of the whole stadium which was a once in a lifetime experience. This was followed by walks around Paris, taking in Notre Dame and The Louvre – amazing! Dinner in another delicious restaurant gave us full tummies at the end of another packed day. The next day everyone was excited to arrive in Disneyland for fun fun fun. The boat ride on our last morning finished an incredible experience, we will never forget!



On Monday, the first day of our activities, we travelled to Chessington World of Adventure. The drive was long (but not as far as Margate!). Once we had arrived at the theme park we split into our groups and only reunited for lunch and for the return journey. There were many great rides: the Vampire ride was my favourite, Dragon Fury which was the most terrifying (all I could do was hold on tight and wait to stop being spun round whilst going up on a vertical slope). I liked the Monkey Spinner too; I did that one a couple of times. The following day we designed our own theme park. We had to decide on: costs, the types of rides and food that was available there – I liked the sound of a Marvel theme park!

On Wednesday, we went to London, by train, for a Disney day. We visited the Pineapple Studio where we learnt the opening number to the Lion King. The Queen was next door, at the celebrations for Sainsbury's – nearly mixing with royalty! Afterwards we went to TGI Fridays, my first time; the food was amazing - even though I forgot to hand in my order at school! Feeling full, we walked to the theatre to watch the Lion King. It was a wonderful experience as we were able to watch the actors as they walked past us to the stage. Their costumes were incredible; there were: elephants, lions, rhinos and leopards. Some actors were children (I wouldn't be able to remember all the lines they had to learn) – brilliant! The next day we created masks based on the characters in the Lion King.



Dates for the diary:

Saturday 8 June – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11 June to Thursday 13 June – Year 2 visits to Hever Castle

Monday 17 June to Wednesday 19 June – Year 1 visits to Bodiam Castle

Thursday 20 June/Tuesday 25 June/Wednesday 26 June – EYFS visits to Wilderness Woods

Friday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers' Disco