

Paddock Wood Primary School

Friday 14
June 2019

Term 6

We have had another busy week at school, following a fantastic Summer Fayre over the weekend. The rain did not put off the stall holders and visitors, as a tremendous number of you came along to support our school. Fantastic! The PTA would like to thank all the volunteers, committee, staff, children and everyone who came to spend money. The final figure is not quite available, however we know that over **£4000** has been raised – what an achievement!

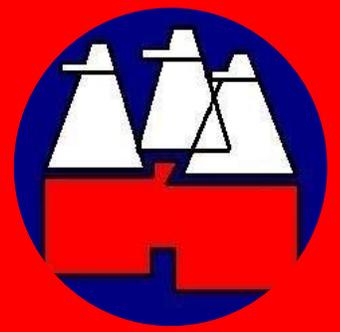
In EYFS this week, the children enjoyed taking part in forest school activities. They created mini-beast shelters, played parachute games and travelled through a spider web (made with plastic tape) carrying water. In child-initiated time some children set up a cycling world cup; they scored the children competing and made flags to cheer them along.

They were also incredibly lucky to have some furry friends delivered to school: caterpillars! The children enthusiastically watched them grow, beginning to record their observations in a caterpillar diary. All are excited to watch them change into butterflies. The children also designed their own 'super bugs' and used different parts from a range of mini-beasts, such as bee wings and a beetle's body.



WET WEATHER:

Sadly, the sunny days have been interrupted by summer showers; please could we remind parents that children must have a waterproof coat in school every day, as they will not be able to play outside without one. There is little shelter on the playgrounds and no-one wants to be soggy!



Year 2 at Hever Castle...

This week Year 2 went on a fantastic trip to Hever Castle as part of their topic: Knights and Castles.

The classes had a private tour of the castle, where they discovered what life was like for Henry VIII and his six wives, even seeing rooms which Henry himself may have slept in.

The staff at the castle were impressed by the fantastic questions asked by the children and even commented on their exemplary behaviour.

The children particularly enjoyed the water maze despite a few people taking a dip! Luckily we packed some spare clothes. Thank you to all the volunteers who came along on the trip to help.



Learning in school so far... This week's highlights:

3A have been looking at the Japanese artist Hokusai this term. The artist is mentioned in their class novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and it is also the inspiration for the cover of the book. The children researched many different works of Hokusai and discussed how he was the creator of some of the stylised cartoon drawings, now known as 'Manga'. His most famous work, 'The Great Wave', became their inspiration as the children created a version of their own, using a mixture of watercolours and oil pastels.

Year 3 and 4 members of the choir also gave a fabulous performance at the summer fayre last weekend, performing extremely well in windy conditions. The response from the audience was lovely and the children deserve a massive congratulations for a job well done. The choir is finished for this year but will be up and running again in September, ready for the new term. Thank you to everyone who has taken part; Miss Armstrong looks forward to seeing some old and new faces joining in September.



Year 5 have been continuing their studies on the countries of Europe and their cultures. In 5P, as part of a study on France, they have worked on paintings of the Eiffel tower using different perspectives, in a modern style. As a part of the Geography curriculum, they have also focused on human and physical features of a number of European countries, including: the Rhine River, mountain ranges of Europe and landmarks of Eastern Europe.

In English lessons, the children have created their own narratives based on the Russian folklore tale: 'Baba Yaga'. They have loved this story and developed the characters, setting and their own personal twist on the tale, to demonstrate flair in their own writing.



Dates for the diary:

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
Monday 24 June – EYFS Sports Day 9.30am to 10.30am
Tuesday 25 June – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9.15am to 10.30am
Tuesday 25 June – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day 11.00am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 9 July – Year 6 performance of 'Wind in the Willows' 2pm
Wednesday 10 July – Year 6 performance of 'Wind in the Willows' 7pm
Friday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers' Disco