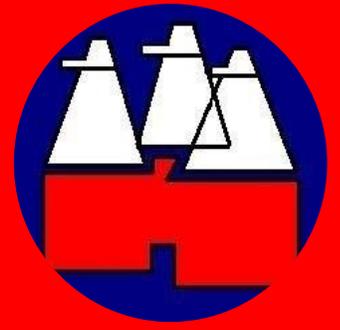


Paddock Wood Primary School



Friday 22
March 2019

Term 4

COMIC RELIEF 2019 – A Big Thank You!

Once again we have been amazed by the hard-work of our pupils in Year 6, as they put together a fantastic day to raise money for Comic Relief. They braved a drizzly, windy and grey day, to ensure the children from EYFS to Year 6 had fun playing a great variety of games and activities; even the teachers joined in the fun!



Equally, the support from parents in setting up the games and providing prizes was phenomenal. Thank you so much to all for donating time and money, to make the day the huge success it certainly was. We have also made the KM this week, so look out for pictures if you have a copy.



On the day, after a final count and having paid for and sold 800 red noses, we raised a grand total of **£1843.30**. We are very proud to have raised such a fantastic amount for such a fantastic cause! The children are looking forward to giving prizes out and sharing the day with the rest of the school next week.

A quick reminder: Please could we ask that you support and respect rules surrounding the use of mobile phones by children on school grounds. If your child brings a mobile phone to school it must be switched off and in their bag (out of use) before they come on to school property. All phones should then be given to the school office or Y6 for safe keeping during the day. This is to protect children under e-safety and safeguarding guidelines. We would appreciate your support in ensuring children are not using mobile phones on the playground, for any purpose.



Science Week...

Following on from our successful Book Week, last week the children enjoyed a science focus in their classes, with an exciting House Day on Wednesday.

Each Year group had a planned focus, with a series of practical tasks, to deepen their understanding and to give hands-on experiences. These included making: periscopes, erupting volcanoes, scented oils and a set of panpipes! They learned to explain their results through discussion and through written investigations.

The House Day involved children designing and building boats to carry a 1KG weight, without sinking! It looks like we have the designers of the future in our school as they were incredibly successful in creating waterproof, stable structures. Once again, it was rewarding to see the pupils support each other and develop their teamwork, in groups of different ages and year groups.

Learning in school so far...

This week's highlights:

In EYFS this week, pupils have continued to focus on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children sequenced pictures from the story and were encouraged to add time connectives (first, then, next, after that) to add more detail to their story maps. In small groups, the children looked at a picture of the bear at the end of the story and thought of words to describe how he was feeling; then they used the adjectives to write descriptive sentences. The children also enjoyed using watercolours to paint background landscapes of scenes from the story.

The school council had a special visitor last week from an organisation called 'Delta Kappa Gamma'. It is an international society for women working in education and as 2018 was the International Year of the Woman, they wanted to continue the impetus through a donation of books to the school. The books are all about inspirational women, from a host of different fields including history and science, who made important contributions to society. Carole Stirling kindly spoke to the school council about the organisation and then presented them with the books, which they will enjoy sharing with others around the school. Thank you DKG!

Year 5 began 'Bikeability' this week, learning how to maintain, control and ride their bikes safely. Before they started, they had to check: the air in the tyres, brakes, chain, direction of handlebars and dangle hazards – the ABCDD check.

They practised steering and braking on the playground by snaking around in circles and through a slalom of cones.

Once out onto the road, they learnt how to do a u-turn safely, looking back over their shoulder 3 times to check for cars or other cyclists and how to turn, using the left and right arm to signal and look for cars behind them before they turned.

'The best part was learning the safety of the road and snaking around the playground. We now feel more confident cycling on the road.'

Over the next week, the remainder of the year group are looking forward to testing their skills...

In the spirit of road safety, could we please ask that parents continue to park safely on the roads in and around the school grounds.



Dates for the diary:

Monday 25 March to Tuesday 26 March – Year 2 classes to visit Foal Hurst Woods
Wednesday 27 March – Year 4 Parents to meet re. Residential Trip
Friday 29 March – EYFS performance: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' at 3pm
Friday 5 April – End of Term 4

Friday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers Disco