

Wateringbury Primary School Newsletter

Term Two 2022



Well, we made it to the end of term! This has certainly been an eventful term in which we have been tested by floods, snow, winds and illnesses - just a plague of frogs to come next! The children have had a fun-filled week playing in the snow, learning new games with their friends and singing together. I knew our work was done when the older children started acting as backing singers during Mariah Carey in our last get together on Friday!

As well as all the fun and games involved in the festive season, we have all been impressed with the children's creative abilities in the infant nativity and the junior carol service. I hope you enjoyed these performances as much as I did. It was fantastic to be able to share these events together with no restrictions for the first time in a while. Our Christingle service was beautiful with the children holding their own Christingle in the dark hall while they sang beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Millar and our Leading Lights for leading the worship and teaching us about the symbolism

There has been some amazing learning happening in all the classrooms this term. I have been thrilled to have lots of artwork, writing and maths proudly brought to my office for me to look at. Key Stage One's learning has been based on their topic of Into the Woods and has involved learning lots about trees as well as travelling back in time to learn about life in Victorian times. Key Stage Two have been enjoying a variety of exciting learning including learning how to play the ukulele, investigating fossils, visiting the museum to learn about Ancient Egypt, swimming, making Mayan masks, creating black out poems, refining sketching skills and creating Greek myths playscripts. What a busy term!

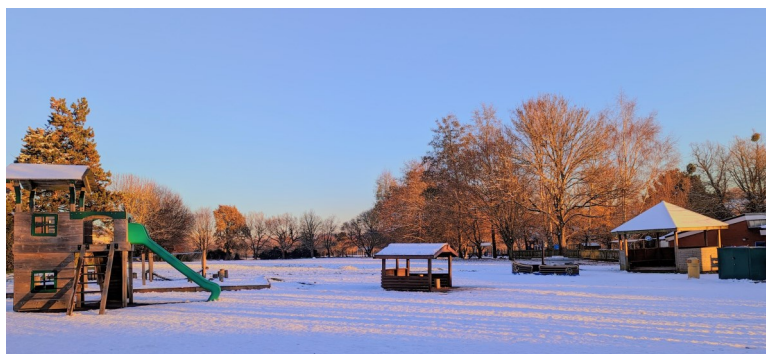
Earlier this week our castle captains organised an inter-castle indoor athletics competition which went very smoothly. The children learned a lot from organising such an event (including how frustrating it can be when children don't listen!!). Well done to them all - I know the participants had a great time and were certainly worn out afterwards!

A massive thank you to all of you for your support this term. Despite the weather and illnesses, there was such a positive feeling around school at the end of term and that is down to the support of our whole school community. I hope you and your families have a fabulous Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 4th January.

Best wishes,

Debbie Johnson

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Headteacher



Thank you very much to Mrs Higgins for this beautiful photo of our school grounds in the snow.

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Young Cooks!

Your invitation to be a Young Cook

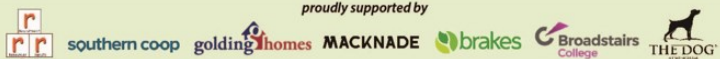


Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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Dates for your diary:

3rd January	INSET day—Staff in school
4th January:	First day back for children
6th January:	No Bright Stars Gymnastics
9th January:	All clubs begin
10th&11th Jan:	10am Reception 2023 tours
10th January:	Clover class to visit National Gallery
16th January:	National closing date for Reception 2023 starters applications
18th January:	Year 5&6 Young Voices at the O2
19th January:	High Hopes Assembly
7th Feb:	Safer Internet Day
10th February:	Last day of school,
20th February:	Back to school



On Remembrance Sunday, Miss Johnson and our head pupils, Anna and Jed, joined the village to commemorate all those who have lost their lives in war. A wreath was laid at the memorial on behalf of the school. Well done to Anna and Jed - you did the school proud. Miss Johnson was also incredibly impressed with the behaviour and respect shown by school pupils who were members of the uniformed organisations.



The children at Watringbury have enjoyed their time with Chewie. He and his owner Gill have supported the children's wellbeing every week this term. Nurture Camp has been successful, offering a safe environment for all the children in Watringbury. We also now have an additional room which offers a and calm space to complete work or carry out quiet activities. This allows the children time to reset before going back to class and continuing with their learning.

Next term, we will be organising a coffee morning for parents to learn more about SEND in the school. This will enable parents to understand the support in place for their children and families.

Mrs Bryant (SENDCo)

Mrs Henry (Family Liaison Officer) and Ms Joyce (Parent Support)



Merry Christmas from Chewie!

Return to School Menu

January 2023

Spaghetti Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread

or

Jacket Potatoes with Filling
with
Medley of Vegetables

Chocolate Cookie

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feeding the imagination

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 3: 03.01.23-10.02.23

Term 4: 20.02.23-31.03.23

Term 5: 17.04.23-26.05.23

Term 6: 05.06.23-21.07.23

INSET days (Teacher training days/ no children in school):
03.01.23, 26.05.23

A King is Born

by **KS1**



Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Sue Bell joined us to watch the nativity.

A King is Born. Review by Sophie star rating ★★★★★

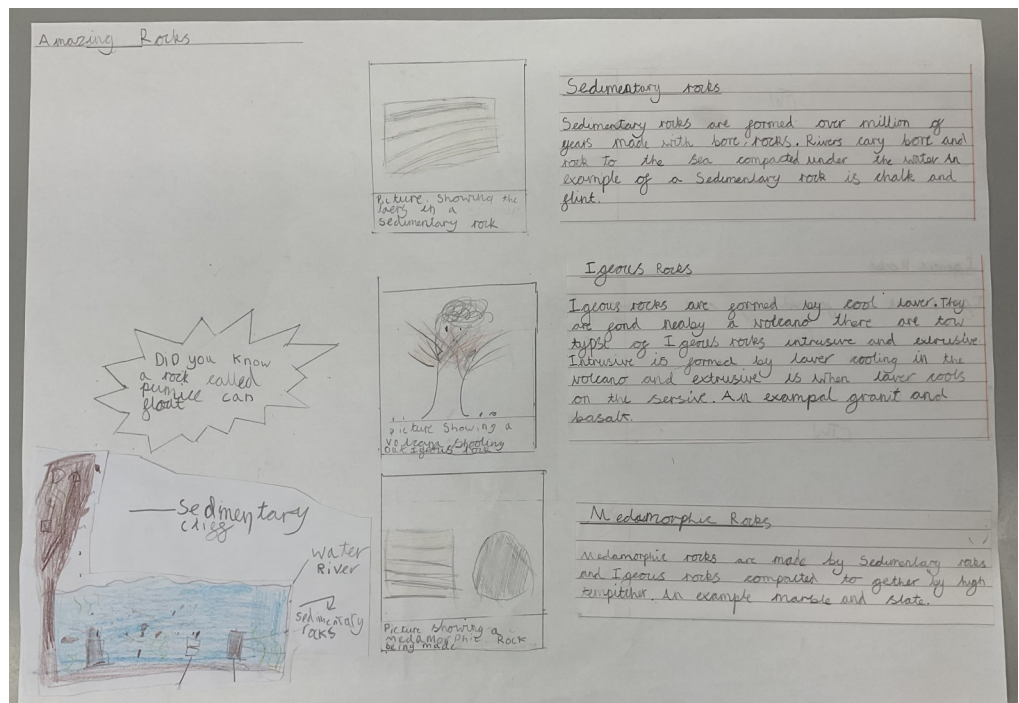
I like it because every body remembered
there lines and did a good job
the songs were great to sing
we all have fun - we all helped
each other

Review written Sophie H, Honeysuckle Class



A selection of nativity scenes drawn by students







When it was Egyptian Day we got to dress up like an Egyptian.

We got to do lots of things including making a Shaduf and a clay Scarab Beetle.

Egyptian Day

My favourite was the pyramid making

By Lottie



Clover class

We saw a real mummified Egyptian! It was Awesome!

We handled some real Egyptian artefacts and mummified an orange.

By Miles

Maidstone
Museum Trip



Music at Malling Workshop

When we were on the piano, we played notes together. We learnt to play in a rhythm. When we were playing in front of the mums and dads, the lines seemed to dissolve in our minds. But it turned out great!

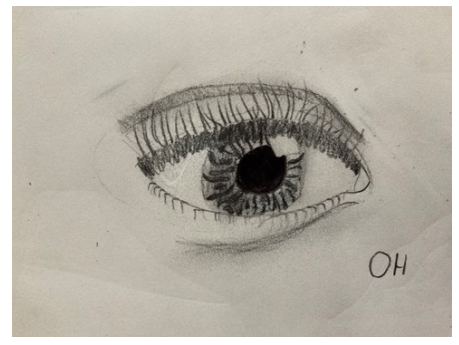
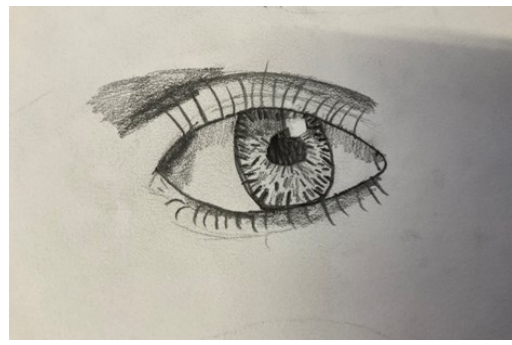
By Sully and Henry



In Year 5 we started the school year travelling back to the Viking times and thoroughly enjoyed our Steps in Time show. This term we have been looking at the Ancient Maya who lived at the same time as the Vikings but in central America. We have been comparing the two and learned that the Ancient Maya were the first people to grow and cultivate cacao! We are presently enjoying making our Ancient Maya masks which we hope to have finished by the end of term. Our Science topic on materials has been very practical and one investigation has certainly left its mark on our classroom's ceiling! Learning to play Tag Rugby in Term 1 was tricky because we had to pass the ball backwards but by the end of the term we were competently playing small sided team games. Our decorated Christmas tables were the envy of the school and such fun to or-

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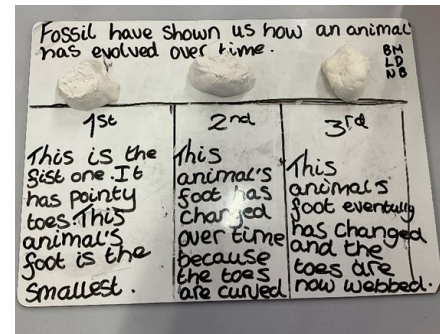
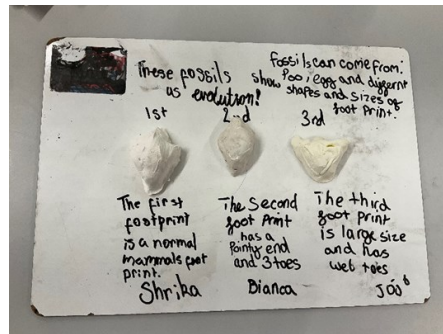
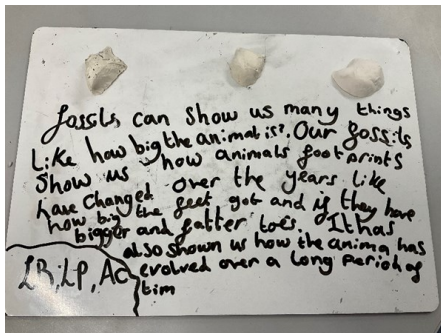
During our art lessons, Year 6 have been sketching the different parts of the face. We found this quite tricky but persevered and produced some amazing results.

Primrose



In our science lessons, Year 6 have been studying Evolution and Inheritance. We spent time investigating fossils and the information they can give us. We learnt that there are 3 different types of fossils: trace fossils, mummification and remains. Trace fossils can be in the form of footprints, eggs or poo. They can give scientists a wealth of information such as what the diet of the animal was like, the height and weight of the animal as well as information on whether they travelled alone or in herds.

We made our own series of fossils to show how an animal may have changed over the course of thousands of years and what this can tell scientists.





KS2 Carol Service at St John the Baptist Church

All of KS2 went up to the church to sing to parents and grandparents. We have been practicing the songs over the last couple of weeks.

The whole church was full of Christmas joy, and everyone sounded lovely. Some people from Choir got to sing two extra songs which were 'Midnight' and 'Child in a Manager Born'. Also some people got to dress up as people from the nativity scene, and acted out as people sang.

The parents and grandparents enjoyed it very much and there was a big round of applause at the end.

By Heidi B, Clover



Christingle

This week we had to bring an orange into school, and we had to put a candle in the top and sticks and sweets on the side and wrap red tape around. The sticks represented the four seasons, the sweets represented food and water. Red tape meant Jesus dying on the cross and the candle represented Jesus' light. We all went into the hall and Mrs Millar talked about the meaning of Christingle and four people dressed up as an orange. We sat in a circle and sang some songs and lit the candle and did a prayer. The turned the lights out and it looked beautiful.

By Alesia D, Clover