



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish everyone a peaceful new year. We hope you enjoyed the gifts and craft goodies the children brought home for you last term.

It was delightful to welcome the children back to school on Wednesday. They returned refreshed, excited and ready to learn. When I visited the classrooms this week, I was convinced they have all got much taller over the Christmas break!

Even though we have only been back in school for three days, the children have been busy.



In **Dormouse** class we have begun our new topic of "Extreme Earth". In order to explore our topic thoroughly it has been necessary to prepare some resources in class to help with our lessons. A favourite for the children was helping make a bulk batch of playdough. We felt, studied and tasted ingredients of all different textures such as soft, smooth flour and grainy, salty salt! Children used their problem solving to work out how to get ingredients out of cups, experienced contrasting textures such as oil on a metal spoon and carefully utilised their core vocabulary such as in, out, more and stop!

Some fabulous maths work occurred throughout and the colourful, delicious smelling dough has already been utilised in maths and literacy sessions. It has taken shape as snails, sausages and sandcastles and every child has had a great time studying, splatting, tearing, feeling, squeezing and catapulting it! Can you guess which your child enjoyed most?!



In **Badger/Rabbit** class we have been settling back into school, telling all our exciting news about the holidays and Santa visiting! In phonics we have searched the classroom and outdoor area looking for items that begin with certain sounds. We found objects for most of the letters in the alphabet! In maths we have been setting up our class shop. Please can you send in any old packets, bottles or tins that we can use in our shop. For outdoor art we have started to look at Andy Goldsworthy statues and we have used natural materials to make our own sculptures. On friendship Friday we looked at playing games and taking turns. All the children have a reading book and a library book, please record when you read with or to the children in their reading record.



A very big Happy New Year from **Squirrel** Class. The children have settled back into class routines really well and we have introduced a brand new concept into circle time. We are now exploring 'Sensory Days' where each day has a different colour, smell, texture, taste and music genre. So far we have enjoyed Yellow Wednesday's which taste like lemon and sound like Reggae music and Green Thursday's which smell and taste like mint and sound like Jazz music. All of the children have really been enjoying this session. We have also started reading the Rainbow fish in our literacy lessons and the children have made some beautiful collage rainbow fish. We have also recapped on 'SATP' in phonics and on our numbers 1-5 in maths. On Thursday we joined up with Dormouse class and enjoyed a parachute and football session as part of our PE lessons



In **Hedgehog** class we have been settling back in and discussing our new year's resolutions. We talked about our Christmas and made a display of what our Christmas was like. We made a whole class visit to the library and chose our books. In Phonics we have been focussing on our high frequency words and in maths have started looking at money and different coins. This afternoon we are visiting the sensory garden.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and remember my door is always open if you have any questions, concerns or any suggestions to make our school even better.

Take care

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Saxon Wood Association

We are looking for new members to join our Saxon Wood Association to help with organising events to raise money for the school

Please let us know if you are available to help



Please ensure that any communication regarding your child is emailed through to the school office at adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk this mailbox is continually monitored so any urgent messages can be passed directly onto class. This also includes any copies of medical appointment letters.

The school nurse team are available in school all day and can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk



Dates for the Diary



- Friday 10th February 2023 - Last day of school
- Monday 13th – 17th February 2020 – Half Term
- Monday 20th February 2023 – Children return to school