



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Last term we had taster dance sessions from a company called "Move Momentum." These classes are extremely inclusive and include dance sessions for wheelchair users. The children thoroughly enjoyed the dance session. I am pleased to announce that we have asked Move Momentum to come back to Saxon Wood, for weekly dance sessions with all classes. They will take place every Friday. I am sure the children will be very excited to have them back on a regular basis.

This morning Wendy Morgan, our Chair of Governors, carried out a health and Safety walk with myself and Amy, using a robust template. These walks are important as it helps to highlight any possible risks or hazards. Thank you to Wendy for her time this morning.

Over the next few weeks, we will be changing our website as we have signed up to a different company to help us maintain this. Please bear with us as we do this and watch this space for a new website look!

The children have been busy again this week and it is lovely to celebrate this at the end of the week where we recognise those who have had a 'Wow' moment. Last week's children who received a head teacher's certificate were:

Jacob – For super writing and being brave coming into school

Demi – For being kind to all her friends

Emily – For working hard in the class shop

Malita – For working hard on her eye gaze

Ellis – For engaging well in his Identiplay session

Juliette – For using her eyegaze

Elliot – For putting his hat and sunglasses on



A big well done. I am so proud of your achievements.

As I mentioned, it has been a busy week as always:



This week **Squirrel** class have been enjoying our 'Under the Sea' topic. We have had lots of fun during water play and have been working on our coordination using the fishing rods and the nets to catch the fish. We have also been enjoying the book 'Clumsy Crab' and have started to make our own paper plate crabs. In Maths we have been doing lots of work around colours which we have incorporated into our play and have had lots of fun fishing for specific coloured fish. We have been learning the signs for blue, yellow, green, red and orange and have also been working on identifying the difference between 'one' and 'lots'. Dough Disco has become a firm favourite activity in class and the children have been working their fingers hard, poking, prodding and squeezing the dough to develop their fine motor skills.

This week in **Badger** class we have continued with our money theme and have been exchanging coins for larger coins and adding money together to find totals. The children have enjoyed roleplaying shops and using the till. In phonics we have looked at the 'air' sound and 'ff' 'ss' in words. The children have enjoyed looking at Monster Phonics books in groups answering questions about what has been happening in the story and predicting what will happen next. Badger class has been joining in with Hedgehog class to play tennis together this week in PE. It was great fun learning new skills such as balancing the ball on the racket and traveling around the room. The children worked really well as a team and we all had a lot of fun taking part in races. Our focus in English is looking at non-fiction texts. We have been looking at the features of a non-fiction text and sorting books into the correct category. The children have all enjoyed reading a non-fiction text as a class. At playtimes we have been having great fun with all the ice we have been finding, breaking it up, melting it and making our own ice sculptures. There is of course a warmer option for those children who did not like the cold. Jakki kindly gave our class some remote-controlled cars so we have been using them inside, making a car track weaving in and out of the furniture. The adults have to watch carefully where they are stepping!

This week in **Hedgehog** class we have been experimenting with sinking and floating and have been busy designing our boats. In phonics we have focussed on 'tch' and 've'. In maths we have continued with money and have been learning how to make £1.00. In literacy the children have been planning their travel brochures for a trip around Basingstoke.

This week in **Dormouse** class the children have been exploring the weather using lots of different sounds and textures. They have also enjoyed a sensory story of 'The Snail and The Whale'

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Keep warm as it looks like the cold weather is set to continue.

Kind regards

Jakki





Below is a link launched from the NHS through Healthier Together which gives helpful advice on symptoms and also when children can attend school

Please **do not** send your child into school if they have a high temperature

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>



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 – Dormouse class assembly (2pm for refreshments before start of assembly at 2.30pm)
- Friday 10th February - Last day of school
- Monday 13th – 17th February – Half Term
- Monday 20th February – Children return to school