



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had an enjoyable half term break.

It was lovely to welcome back the children.

As part of our wellbeing strategy, we started our Relax Kids sessions with a small group of children. They thoroughly enjoyed this and there has been lots of positive comments. We aim to provide every child the opportunity to participate.

There is much excitement in Saxon Wood at the moment as we eagerly await the arrival of chicken eggs to hatch. This was really successful last year and brought so much joy to the children (and adults!!)

Yet again another busy week at Saxon Wood. We are rapidly developing our curriculum to incorporate planned lessons which include enrichment and life skills.



This week Squirrel class enjoyed lots of pancake fun. Firstly on Monday we explored the different ingredients and equipment needed to make pancakes and then worked on our balancing skills by having pancake races in the hall. On Tuesday we cooked pancakes - the children took part in weighing, mixing and choosing toppings for the pancakes and then enjoyed them all together at snack time. We also launched our Dinosaur topic this week and went on a dinosaur hunt in the garden where we discovered 3 dinosaur eggs and lots of different dinosaurs. We have started looking at their habitats focussing on key words such as: dinosaur, tree, green, brown and also the Makaton signs that go with these. We have also incorporated Dinosaurs into our maths this week using Numicon to create a picture of a Dinosaur and building Dinosaur towers with our number blocks measuring how big the Dinosaurs are.



Badger class had such fun making, tossing and eating pancakes. Initially we had to work out what we needed to make pancakes and we watched a video and recapped the instructions. Then we did a whole school survey to find out what toppings everyone would like and added these ingredients to the shopping list. Finally, came the fun bit of measuring, mixing, beating, stirring, pouring, sieving and finally cooking the mixture.

We have been discussing in school what our special books are and why we enjoy reading them. For world book day we will be asking children to bring in, or a picture of, their favourite book which we will share across the school. We will be looking at special books from other religions and cultures too so if the children have anything they would like to share then please let me know.

We have launched this half terms new topic of traditional tales. The children came into school to discover objects and characters in our classroom linked to a variety of traditional tales. We had a red cape, a basket and a large set of teeth. A bean stalk was growing up part of the classroom with a large sock hanging on a washing line next to a cow and some magic beans. There were houses made out of sticks and a few bricks laying around. Can you guess what the traditional tales were?

In maths we have been finishing off our shape topic and next week we will be starting to work on time. Please talk to your children about time at home. Outline significant times of the day. Look at the clock and help the children to recognise the numbers and hands.

We are combining phonics, reading and comprehension with our traditional tales this week. We will be finding CVC and CVCC words in our books and working together to sound and blend them. We will be sending home sets of words for the children to practice at home and each child will have a traditional tale to share with you from the library.

In PE we have joined up with Hedgehog to start learning about and planning our Saxon Wood Olympics. The children have been learning about the different sports involved and the skills they will learn such as throwing and travelling.



This week in Dormouse class we have begun our new topic all about the Wizard of Oz. We have enjoyed our sensory story exploring Dorothy's visit to Oz. The Good Witch of the North's light up balloon bubbles were a definite hit as were Dorothy's blue ribbons! The children practised using their hands and eyes to identify, explore and begin to label different resources linked to the tale.



Rabbit class this week have been investigating pancakes. Firstly we looked at the ingredients needed and the process needed to cook them then had fun decorating them and of course finally having a taste! Their morning story has been 'What happens if you give a pig a pancake?' In maths they have continued to explore numbers 1-5 and in phonics have practised making different sounds using a beater.



Hedgehog class also had fun making, tossing and eating pancakes at the beginning of the week. They have started a new topic on Ancient Greece and have been busy learning what life was like back then and how the Olympics started. In PE they practised the Olympic sport of hockey and had a dance session. In Maths they re-capped on their knowledge of 3D shapes and in phonics have learnt the split diagraph e-e. As usual they have enjoyed some Friday friendship activities.

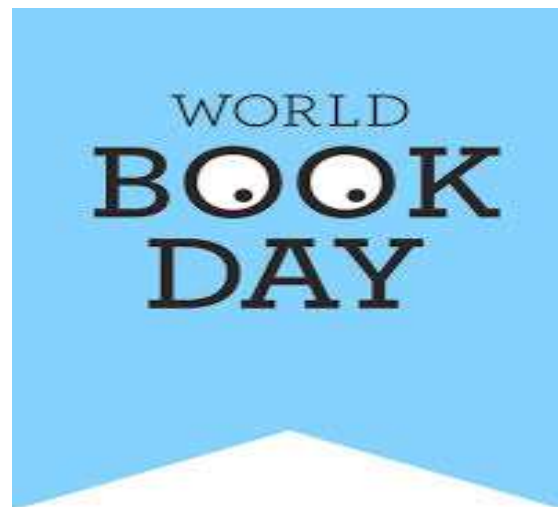
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

As always, any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care

Jakki





On Friday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day

We invite all to come dressed as their favourite character and bring in (or a picture of) their favourite book which we can share within school

World Book Day National Book Tokens will be sent home at the end of the day





All email correspondence, not just absences, must be sent directly to the office at parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday during term time only by admin staff

This email address will be used for incoming emails only

Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you will receive a response either by phone call, or email via the office

If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured that this will be read the following school day and you will then receive a response

If you do not wish to divulge information to the admin staff, then please email to request a telephone call from the relevant member staff. If the member of staff is in class, they will contact you at the earliest convenient time

Teachers and support staff will not respond to direct emails from parents



IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please **do not** send your child into school if they have a high temperature
As is always the case we will ask you to collect your child if we feel they are
too unwell to be in school

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

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



As you may know, as a school we are working towards The Wellbeing Award
This is being led by Tara and Katie but we are building a team of Ambassadors to help
with the changes that the school will be making as part of the award

We are looking for 1 or 2 parents who would like to be involved in this process

If you are interested, please speak to Tara or Katie or email

parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

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 3rd March – World Book Day dress up
- Friday 31st March – Last day of school (1.30 finish)
- Monday 17th April – Children return to school
- Monday 1st May – May day bank holiday (school closed)
- Monday 8th May – Coronation bank holiday (school closed)
- Friday 26th May – Last day of school (normal finish time)
- Monday 12th June – Children return to school