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Upcoming Events

Tuesday September
3rd- school opens to
children.

Autumn Half Term
Monday 28th October
-Friday 1st November

End of Term
Friday 20th December
-Friday 3rd January

Spring Term Begins:
Monday 6th January

Nursery News

We have enjoyed learning about 'Minibeasts' in Nursery this term. We had the opportunity to make our own ant restaurants and paper-shell snails to take home. We have also had a visit to Marquis Drive to try and catch Naughty Norris, a dragon that had been knocking down the fairies house. We made forest bogarts and even had the chance to do some magic ourselves!



As part of our sports day we enjoyed wearing our team colours and participating in a carousel of activities, trying our hardest to run, jump and balance!



Reception News

Miss Lewis' class were excited for the arrival of some pet fish. We had a vote and named them Sonic and Goldie. The children have enjoyed watching them and Evie brought in a lovely plant to put inside the tank. Thank you Evie!



We enjoyed the day that the fire fighters came to school. We had a go at squirting the hose on the school field and Mrs Rock even dressed up as a fire lady.



One of our favourite days has to be our visit to Ash End Farm where we got to meet and feed lots of animals and we collected an egg to take home.



We all enjoyed our sports day recently. The weather was lovely and we had lots of fun. All the teachers were very proud of us for taking part.



Year 1 News

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town; they were able to experience many authentic Victorian artefacts and enjoyed visiting the Victorian shops that are replicated around the site.



Year 1 children enjoyed taking part in sports day with their peers; all children had lots of fun and were cheered on by their families. It was lovely to see the amount of grown-ups that came to support the children.



The children thoroughly enjoyed planning and making our items for the enterprise market. The children made a selection of edible treats and crafts that could be brought at the market stall. They have big plans for our profits.



Year 2 News

On Tuesday 4th June a circus, called 'Circus Sensible', came to visit Year 2. We watched a show and then took part in some workshops to learn circus skills. We juggled with scarves and clubs. We had a go at spinning plates, rolling and catching flower sticks, and balancing a peacock feather on the tip of a finger. We walked on balance pots, walking wheels and stilts. We had a go at using a giant hula hoop and spinning a diabolo. We had a great time and used our experiences to write a story with a circus theme.



Year 2 News

Here are some photographs of our day and comments from Year 2 children.

Year 2 Miss Wright's class



Willow



Sasha

Ryan said - "I liked juggling with the scarves and I liked when Gary did the little show."

Mimi said - "I liked playing with the ribbons and the diablo."

Zach said - "I liked going on the walking wheels because I could go forwards and backwards really fast."



Oscar said - "I liked going on the stilts. I was really good because I walked on them."

Mason said - "I liked spinning the plates and I have some at home too."



Year 2 Mrs Robinson's Class



Elliot



Charlie

Dylan said - "A friend had to help me on the balance wheels, but after I had practiced I could do it on my own."

Isabella said - "I enjoyed balancing the feather on my hand and making it jump."

James said - "The diablos were fun. It didn't work at first but then I became better."

Year 3 News

Pupils in Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed making their endangered animals as part of their homework. All art work has been displayed outside the Year 3 classrooms.



Rhinos have enjoyed writing adventure stories in pairs and in groups. They have come up with some fantastic story lines.



Pupils in Year 3 were enthusiastic about their Stone Age to Iron Age Day. They enjoyed dressing up and enjoyed participating in all of the activities.



Leopards have even created their own Iron Age village in their classroom!



All pupils in Year 3 enjoyed their Enterprise Day. As part of their science work, the children sold plants which they had raised and nurtured from seed.



Year 4 News

Children in Hawks have written metaphor poems about the moon based on the poem 'What is the Sun?' by Wes Magee.

What is the Moon?

The moon is the white face of a demon,
Staring deep into starry space,
It is a porcelain coloured pearl,
Bobbing along in the mysterious Atlantic Ocean.
It is a cotton white snowball,
Thrown forcefully into a gigantic oak tree,
It is a slice of extremely delicious banana,
That is carried around the whole world.
The moon is a beautiful daisy, a white diamond,
Which shines brightly every night.
by Elysia-Mae Peters

Working in a half class group, Mrs Gosling's class 'hot housed' ideas about what should be included in a non-chronological report about Forest School. Ideas were organised into categories of information which would then form the basis of paragraphs of the report. Pupils agreed on an alliterative sub-heading for each category and allocated each to a pair of children. These sections were then assembled into the completed report.

Forest School Report

Forest School takes place on a Thursday morning at Five Ways Primary School in the forest area. Year 4 do forest school at the moment for half of the term. The activities still take place even if it rains or snows. The only thing that stops it is lightning!

The leaders for Year 4 Forest School are Mrs Gosling, Ms Anslow and Mrs Hayward. Forest School encourages people to get off screens and enjoy going outside. Working outside is what makes Forest School so different.

Staying Safe

Safety is important because some activities could be dangerous. Children learn to keep themselves safe. For example, when the 'Duck Whistle' sounds, pupils come straight back to Mrs Gosling and do 'Sticky Elbows', which makes sure all the children in the group are there. Children are told they can go anywhere that the teacher can see them and they can see the teacher.

If a fire is built, children can only go in the fire circle if the teacher invites them. Everybody shouts Hot! Hot! Hot! as a warning. Water is used a lot for the activities, eg washing hands or making rivers. However, it is also useful for putting out fires!

Amazing Activities

Forest School is a massive opportunity for people to go outdoors, have fun and explore the world of nature. One of the games played is called 21s. This is a game in which you hide from a 'seeker'. The hider cannot move from the spot they are in. The seeker has to find them. It is a fun way to explore the local area.

Pass the Pine Cone is a game where a pine cone is held in the hands of one player behind their back. The person who is 'on' has to guess who has got the cone.

Popcorn is a type of food you eat. It is really scrumptious and exciting. Cooking it is a chance to learn how to stay safe around fires and avoid burns.



Learning for Life

In conclusion, Forest School is fantastic for learning about nature. However, it is also about learning to work together and cooperate. It will probably be one of the best things children do in Year 4. They get outside, have fun and learn lots!

Reception and Year 4

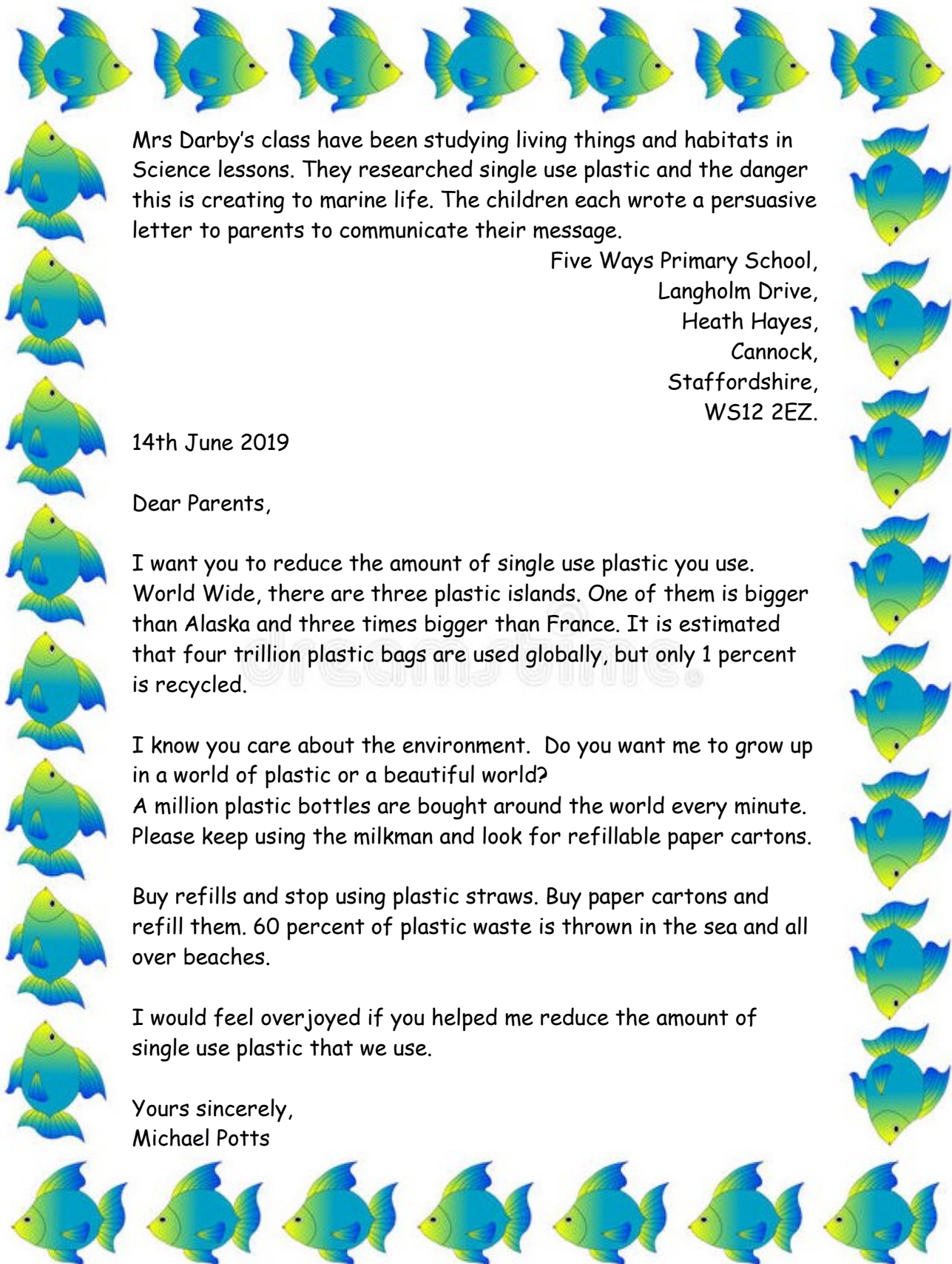
Mrs Goslings' class invited Mr Ferguson's Reception class to join them in the Forest School area to do some forest art.

In Year 4, we have been lucky enough to make extensive use of the Forest School area. One of the ways we thought we could develop this is to encourage other year groups to hold their lessons there. We invited Reception along to experience some of the fun of creating natural art.

This gave us a chance to work with younger children and to teach them what we had learned. We were able to encourage them to find useful materials and to use these to make imaginative pictures and patterns. Each Year 4 child was responsible for one or two Reception children. Although we helped them to make the pictures, we made sure that the ideas came from them.

While we were showing the little ones how to work sensibly and safely in the area, we also had the chance to make new friendships, and to develop our conversational and instructional vocabulary. Our younger friends were full of ideas and questions which we did our best to answer.





Mrs Darby's class have been studying living things and habitats in Science lessons. They researched single use plastic and the danger this is creating to marine life. The children each wrote a persuasive letter to parents to communicate their message.

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14th June 2019

Dear Parents,

I want you to reduce the amount of single use plastic you use. World Wide, there are three plastic islands. One of them is bigger than Alaska and three times bigger than France. It is estimated that four trillion plastic bags are used globally, but only 1 percent is recycled.

I know you care about the environment. Do you want me to grow up in a world of plastic or a beautiful world?

A million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. Please keep using the milkman and look for refillable paper cartons.

Buy refills and stop using plastic straws. Buy paper cartons and refill them. 60 percent of plastic waste is thrown in the sea and all over beaches.

I would feel overjoyed if you helped me reduce the amount of single use plastic that we use.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Potts

Year 5 News

Year Five have had a productive and fun filled Summer Term. Events include:

Anglo Saxon Day

This term Year Five experienced an Anglo Saxon enrichment day delivered by Timezone. The children, who also dressed up for the day, had hands on experiences of life as an Anglo Saxon. Whilst handling authentic ancient artefacts, the children learnt about Anglo Saxon family structures, food, textiles and pastimes.

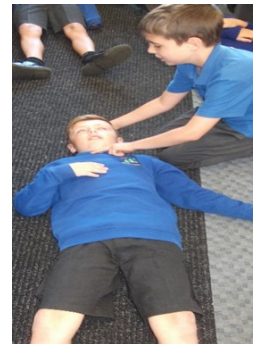


The day culminated with the children becoming an actual Anglo Saxon army ready for battle with spears and shields! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day which enabled our study of the Anglo Saxons this term to come to life!



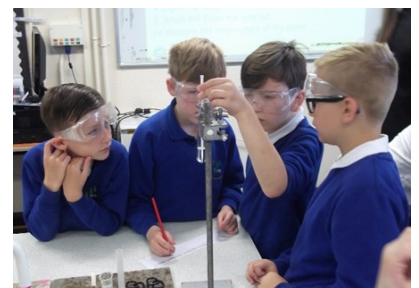
First Aid

The children enjoyed taking part in First Aid training which was delivered by St. John Ambulance. They learnt vital skills including communication and casualty care, carrying out a primary survey of the casualty. Identifying any risks to the patient, they placed the patient in the recovery position ensuring their airways remained open. Finally, the children were taught how to bandage a severe bleed. The children were very sensible throughout the training and they all received a certificate.



Visit to Kingsmead

Throughout the summer term, Year Five have been developing their cooking skills in design and technology. They have been learning about the importance of balanced diets and creating a range of delicious healthy meals. On 1st July we had the fantastic opportunity to visit Kingsmead High School and used their cooking facilities to make 'Brain Food Pizzas!' we also explored the Science labs and carried out a variety of experiments to test a variety of foods and drinks for sugars and starch. The children enjoyed having an insight into High School!



Year 6 News

Laches Wood

Recently Year 6 visited Laches Wood. They had spent five days and four nights away from home. Each day was full of fun filled activities. These activities helped the children progress their outdoor learning.

Laches Wood is a place where children work together and make friends. All of the instructors (who look after everyone) don't make any of the children do anything they don't want to. One of the activities most children liked was the high ropes: it was breath taking and thrilling!

The dormitory's are one of the things which children look forward to at Laches Wood. Boys and girls are split into different dorms.

There are activities which are really fun like rock climbing, caving, canoeing, high ropes. It is a really fun experience.

By Layla Walton

The children who went to Laches Wood had an amazing time. As always the Year 6 pupils that went to Laches Wood came back with a smile on their face. Every child that went was glad their parents made them go, they had a brilliant time.

At Laches Wood there are a lot of activities to do such as canoeing, which is a really fun activity because you get to play lots of games and the two teams have a competition to see which team is the best. Also there is archery. Most of the children have fun in archery, the instructor looks for a Maid Marion and a Robin Hood. Another activity is the high ropes, the students climb up a pole and stand on a platform. The children help each other to the platform and then they lean back holding hands and jump back down. There is also bush craft which is fun because you toast marshmallows and build dens.

By Maisy Jones

Creating and Imaginative Leaflet

By Ruby Powell

Laches Wood is an outdoor education centre where you sleep over for a week and do activities in the day. Year 6 go to Laches Wood for a week but Year 5 go for one day to try it out. When you go to Laches Wood, the activities are really fun. Laches Wood is enjoyable too.



At Laches Wood, there is: rock climbing, highropes, canoeing, biking, caving, archery and lots more. Also you go on a trip called Carding Mill Valley.

Biking is fun but very tiring; you have to keep peddling. There are lots of challenges.

When you do rock climbing and highropes some people get scared but when they do it, they love it and want to do it again. At Laches Wood people love canoeing on the canal. Canoeing is a very fun activity because you get wet and do challenges.



Caving is scary; it is really dark and gloomy.



Caving has very tight claustrophobic tunnels in there. You can bring a torch in the cave too.

So why not come to Laches Wood and come and do the activities with the kind instructors that are here at Laches Wood. Come to Laches Wood and do the scary caving, also the fun canoeing and lots more.

Please visit us at lacheswood.com for more information.

The following children have achieved 100% attendance for the whole year.

What a fantastic achievement!



Samuel B, Oliver B,

Ava-Grace B, Jay B, Ryan C, Joe D,

Ruby D, Emelia F,

Thomas F, Finley F, Charlie F, Tyler F,
Lauren G, Lucy G, Charlotte G, Holly H,

Callum H, Seth H, Poppy H, Elliot H,
Ethan H, Benjamin H, Erin H, Charlie K,

Kian L, Owen L, Harry M, Elliot M,

Jack N, Jessica N, Lily O, Harriet P,

Ava P, Ruby P, Charlie R, Oliver R,

Ariana S, Archie S, Ava S, Luke S,

Riley S, Isabella T, Joseph T, Freya W,

Harriet W, Iwan W, Teejay W



The following number of pupils in each year group have achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term:

Reception 28

Year 1-33

Year 2-39

Year 3-37

Year 4-33

Year 5-43

Year 6-32

Well done everyone!

Mrs Mander would like to say

Thank you to everyone who has supported Five Ways throughout the year. I wish all leavers good luck for the future and welcome all new pupils and families to the school.

We have had a busy year and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.