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Term 3 2021 Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an unusual couple of weeks with plans changing due to the increased number of Covid cases we have had across the school. The children have been amazing and the staff have been very adaptable in ensuring the learning at school can be accessed at home.

We have had to make sure that classrooms are well ventilated and the Co2 monitors are regularly checked with adaptations made to activities as required. We have spoken to the children about wearing extra clothing to make sure they are warm so please allow for them to wear additional items under or over their uniform should they wish to, thank you. We greatly appreciate your support.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs class for their attendance of **100%** last week and to Underwater for their attendance of **94.7%** this week.

Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

100 Points	Underwater: Wyatt High Peaks: Marni
200 Points	Underwater: Samuel H High Peaks: Ellie
400 Points	Underwater: Georgie
500 Points	Underwater: Woody High Peaks: Mia
600 Points	Underwater: Henry
700 Points	High Peaks: Franklin
800 Points	Jungle: Arlo

PHONE LINES

Thank you so much for your patience with our faulty office line. We have engineers booked to resolve the issue and will update you on this as soon as we can. In the meantime, please send emails if you can and if you need to speak we will call you back. It's the calls made to us that seems to be the issue!

ECO UPDATE

The Eco Warriors met last week for their first meeting after the Christmas holidays. It was great to see them all again. Following a letter from one of our intrepid Eco Warrior's Maisie, we went to look at the school's 32 solar panels located on the south side of the hall roof. We learnt how many there are, what they are made from and how they work. We then went to the servery where we saw the big grey inverter on the wall that turns all that solar power into electricity that we can use at school. We also saw the solar panel meter that tells us how much spare electricity we have sold to the national grid! Incredible!

This time Eco Ernie is awarded to High Peaks for incredible recycling and turning off lights! Well done!

Diary

January

25th Y5 Swimming
26th Y5 Forest School
27th LSA Bag2school

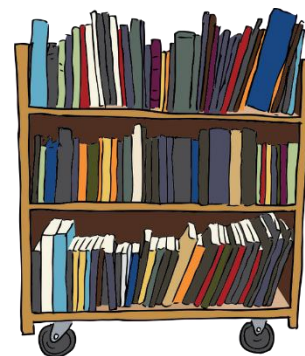
February

1st Y5 Swimming
2nd Y5 Forest School
8th Yr 5 Swimming
8th LSA meeting, 2pm
9th YR 5 Forest School
9th Underwater learning share 2:30pm
11th Last day of term
21st Children return to school

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Unfortunately, due to the rising COVID cases in school, we had to cancel our library session which was due to start this week. Our first borrowing session will now take place on Tuesday 1st February and will continue to run every other week on a Tuesday afternoon 12-3pm.

If you are interested in helping out with the library sessions, please contact the school office or Ellen (George T's Mum in Underwater). Training takes 10 minutes and, even if you can help out for an hour once a month, it will be lovely to have you on the team!



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Henry W, Rose, Flossy and Arlo in Jungle class who qualified for the cross-country finals which they took part in yesterday. Congratulations to Flossy who finished 5th in her race and to Arlo who finished 16th in his race. Both are through to the next round.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on **8th and 10th February** will open on Monday 24th January at 4pm. You will need to use your parent e-School login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Please see the attached flyers regarding holiday clubs for the February half term.

INFLUENZA NASAL SPRAY

We have had a message from Public Health England asking that we remind parents that you can still visit a clinic to get your child's influenza nasal spray. The Brighton office is 01273 696011 x 3789/4270 if you need guidance on this.

COVID UPDATE

Many thanks for all your support during our recent upsurge in Covid cases. With your help, continuing to test your children, we have managed to fair better than many other schools.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone some of our topic days and hope that they will take place towards the end of this term.

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU

ESCC are working with The National Children's Bureau (NCB) to provide some free workshops to parents of children aged 5 and under to promote home learning for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The webinars are, however, suitable for any parent who wishes to help their child at home so is open to all parents, not just those of children with SEND. This is also an excellent opportunity to develop Parent Partnership. Every attendee will receive a free Treasure Bag together with inspiring ideas on how to use the content. The sessions last 2 hours and will be held virtually using Zoom. Please see attached flyer.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

We thought you may be interested in some information you may have seen advertised about The Big Garden Birdwatch. It is a great activity for families to take part in and an opportunity to see some of our wonderful wildlife. Taking part is easy, all you need to do is simply count how many of each species of birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or local park for 1 hour between 28th - 30th January 2022, and then record your results online. You don't need to be an expert, the RSPB have guides online to help you with the different species and any question you may have. Follow this link for further information:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?from=Homepage>



FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th February, 2pm** at the school, please drop in if you are able to!

The next Bags2School collection has changed from the previous newsletter and is now booked for **Thursday 27th January**. When you are having a sort out, please can you separate out any school uniform and Christmas jumpers or tops and either leave them with the office or pass them on to a member of the LSA for our next sale. Thank you!

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget you can join in with our school lottery. It's a really easy way that you can help us with fundraising on a regular basis. Every ticket bought raises money for the LSA and gives you the chance of winning a cash prize.

Underwater and Bugs Class

Underwater and Bugs class went on a pirate themed welly walk!



High Peaks Class

The children in High Peaks became news reporters reporting on Lindisfarne.

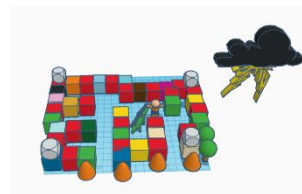
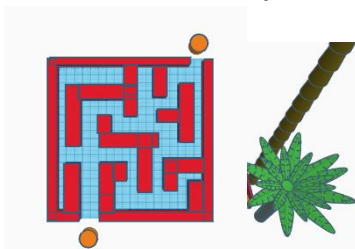


We also had a recent visit to the Church where we looked at the different stonework and how they weather as part of a science lesson.



Jungle Class

Year 6 have been creating mazes in Computing. They have linked their learning to Theseus and the Minotaur, which they are studying in English and Topic.



Children in Jungle have also been designing mazes on the playground for other children to complete.



Kind Regards
Rachel West, Vicki Brown