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October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter, which brings us to the end of the first half term of this academic year! How time flies! It is lovely to see all of our children settling back into the routine of school so well and welcoming lots of new members of our school family.

Calshot Activity Centre

Year 5 had a fun packed day at Calshot Activity Centre earlier this month. Their balance, coordination, agility and bravery were all tested as they participated in archery, skiing, rock climbing, bouldering and the low ropes. They took to the challenges brilliantly and showed great improvement in all activities. In particular, they demonstrated excellent communication and team work skills on the low ropes to solve the problems they were tested with. Well done Year 5!

Curriculum and Enrichment

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed joining in with Pip and Pap rainbow phase phonics. This half term we have been looking at Pip, Pap and the park. We have been exploring environmental sounds such as the slide, climbing up the high steps to the top of the slide "tap, tap, tap" and sliding down "wee!" We have also enjoyed practicing the rhymes such as See Saw, Margery Daw and round and round the roundabout. Where we pretend to be at the park on the see-saw going up and down and join hands and sing the rhyme as though on a roundabout!

Year R

We have been learning all about our senses! We have had great fun playing and exploring different items such as jelly, coco pops and shaving foam. We then applied our Science learning to create our own superhero capes using our sense of touch. There have been some fabulous creations and the

children have loved being creative with their designs. The children all loved dressing up as their favourite Superheroes on Monday 16th October for our 'Superhero Day'.

Year 1

This month we have been learning about the following: In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction! We discovered that the number always gets bigger when adding. We have been using lots of resources to help our understanding and using mathematical sums to support our answers. In Writing, we received another letter from Jimlad! He has asked us to help him with his island setting description. We have been using our senses to generate lots of exciting adjectives. In Geography, we have been looking at the difference between a map and a plan. We have been using our understanding of the compass points to help navigate us around different areas on each map. In Art, we have been exploring different media and considering the different effects they create. We are going to use our understanding to help us create an animal print design of our own choice. We have worked so hard this half term and are looking forward to the next half term.

Year 2

In writing we have been creating our own story based upon the Rainbow Fish. We have been using lots of the skills we have learned in Year 1 and the new ones from Year 2 to make the story fun and engaging for the reader without forgetting our non-negotiables - things we always need to include in every piece of writing! In Reading we have been focusing on fluency and retrieving answers from the text. We have also thought about performance, punctuation and pace when reading aloud. Our weekly phonics workshops have been great - we love showing off our phonics learning to our parents! We have been revisiting number bonds to 10 and 20 and started to apply this to 100. We are also learning our two and five times tables - We are aiming to answer 40 questions in under 2 minutes! We have also been busy learning about the capital cities of the UK and what our favourite landmarks are. We have also started to develop our still life drawing skills.

Year 3

We have been learning to use a range of upleveled vocabulary, similes and show don't tell to make our sentences more exciting and help to describe the deviousness of The Twits. We have been learning to mentally add and subtract using our number bonds within 10 and 20 to help us tackle questions in our hundreds. In RE, we have been exploring what a good neighbour looks and acts like, linking this back to us being Architects of a Better World and creating a school and community of sanctuary. We travelled back millions of years in science to explore real fossils and how they were formed.

Year 4

We have been continuing their fantastic start and have shown enjoyment in all subjects. In our latest History we have learnt and uncovered some fascinating facts about Skara Brae. A Neolithic settlement in the Orkney Islands that has much archeological importance. Next term we'll be learning about the Romans and Roman Britain. In Science we completed an eye opening experiment to do with our teeth. We tested to see which liquids have the biggest effect on an egg shell which has similar properties to our enamel coating. Next term we'll be learning about electricity and circuits. We have some very formidable Miss Trunchbull characters in our English writing! Next term it will be about 'Star Lad'. This is a superhero writing piece of work, with a looming disaster!

Year 5

We have continued to explore literature that creates fear and tension. The children have considered different ways to create these effects and thought about what writing techniques they can use. They have written their own story with the focus of creating fear and tension.

Children have studied addition and worked on calculating addition sums with and without bridging. They have also looked at a variety of problem solving questions which requires them to identify the operation and then calculate the problem.

Year 6

During this half term, we have been transported into the fantasy world of portals. Think portkeys, rabbits heading down holes and mysterious wardrobes and this will give you a small taste of the possible plotlines our children have explored. Every child then considered what they would use as their object for a portal and crafted their own character and plot. Vital skills such as characterisation, setting description and a range of sentence types to control pace have been used to entertain their read. We are so proud of the independence the children have shown in this writing topic so early in their Year 6 journey!

Rotary Shoe Boxes

Don't forget that the Rotary Shoeboxes are being collected from the school straight after half term. The charity need enough time to send the boxes to Eastern Europe. If you haven't donated any items as yet– you do still have time! Each box (filled with little gifts, such as a notepad and colouring pencils) will make a child smile this Christmas time. Thank you for your continued support. The shoebox collection is our charity house competition and currently Test are in the lead with 58 items donated, closely followed by Hamble with 50 items.



School Council Elections

A huge well done to all the children who bravely took part in the school councillor nominations and elections. We are incredibly proud of every child that participates, throughout their time at Sinclair Primary and Nursery School. Congratulations to the following children, who will be representing their class on this years School Council:

Year 1 – Iyinulowa Jacob P

Year 2 – Olivia and Fltaos

Year 3 – Aurora and Toby

Year 4 – Mila and Lennon

Year 5 – Cora and Riley

Year 6 –Trangel and Muhammad

Leaders look forward to hearing your views and ideas for how we can become even better!

Congratulations House Captains

Our new House Captains have taken up their roles with great enthusiasm. After writing and presenting a short speech, members of their house cast their votes. We look forward to watching them grow in their leadership roles as the year goes on. This year's House Captains are:

Itchen – Johannes and Ola

Beaulieu – Ryder and Mara

Test – Hayden and Ava

Hamble – Yudtha and Georgina

We are also very excited to announce our new Play Leaders: Danyal, Emmy, Hollie and Sienna. Our new librarians are Macy, Luna and Jessica.

Eco Club

This year's Eco Warriors are:

Year 1 – Lena and Jacob

Year 2 – Porcha and Youssef

Year 3 – Thaddea and Arla

Year 4 – Calista and Anandh

Year 5 – Ava and Marta

Year 6 – Mia P and Jake

Our Eco Warriors are working hard to tackle pollution and waste within our school and community. They have had a lot of great ideas already. The focus at the moment is using the recycling bins correctly, ensuring that the correct items go into the correct bins. Posters have been made to help everyone know what can and cannot go into each bin.

The other main focus is our upcoming 'Gardening Day'. The Eco Warriors have come up with loads of new and exciting ideas on how to revamp our story garden so that we can use the green areas to their full potential.

We are Eco and we are proud!

PE kits

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times and that it is labelled. Below are the P.E. days for each year group:

Monday – Year 1

Tuesday – Year 5

Wednesday – Year 6

Thursday – Year 3 and Year 4

Friday – Year R and Year 2

School Applications

Please do invite your friends and local family members to consider our lovely school for their children

Deadline for September 2024 entry:

Year 7 (secondary school) places: **31 October 2023 at 23:59**

Year R (infant/primary school) places: **15 January 2024 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.

Coffee morning

Thank you to all of you who have attended our coffee mornings. We are really looking forward to seeing you on the next one - Thursday, 2nd November 23. We hope this will be another way to drop in and have an informal chat and cup of coffee or tea with a member of the senior team. And don't forget we will have our pre-loved uniform available too.



Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday, 31st October – Deadline for secondary school applications
- Tuesday, 31st October – Reading Rocket Workshop 3pm
- Tuesday, 21st November – Tuesday 28th November - Bookfair
- Friday, 1st December – Hobgoblin Theatre Company visiting Year R and KS1 to perform 'A Christmas Carol'
- Thursday, 7th December – Coffee morning
- Friday, 8th December – INSET day
- Tuesday, 12th December – Year 5 & 6 Pantomime trip to Mayflower Theatre
- Thursday, 14th December – Year 3 & 4 Pantomime trip to Mayflower Theatre
- Friday, 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday, 15th December – Non Uniform (Christmas Jumper) Day
- Christmas Break
- Tuesday, 2nd January 2024 – Back to school
- Thursday, 4th January – Coffee morning
- Monday, 15th January 2024 – Deadline for Year R applications



Best wishes

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