



SINCLAIR PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

The first half of the Summer term has been packed full of hard work and exciting activities for all of our children! The weather was wonderful for sports day on Monday 22nd May, we thank our families for supporting our children on such an eventful day! A huge congratulation to our Year 6 children who have worked extremely hard for their SATS – we are so proud of them for their astounding effort. We hope that they enjoy the remainder of their time at Sinclair Primary School whilst we prepare them for secondary school!

Curriculum and Enrichment

Nursery

In the nursery we have been having fun exploring and investigating the garden. We have all planted 3 sunflower seeds and are watching them grow. These will then be going home with each child during the week of the 22nd of May to continue the awe and wonder of a growing flower.

We have had great fun celebrating the King's coronation. We created bunting and all made a crown to help us decorate the nursery and ourselves ready for a special coronation picnic cafe. We shared many different King stories, our favourite story to listen to was 'The King's pants' by Nicholas Allan.

Year R

In Year R we have been learning all about people who help us. We had a very special visit from the police! We were allowed to look at their hats, badges, radios and even their police van! In history, we have learnt about significant people! We did lots of fun activities linked to the King's coronation! We even had a street party! We loved making all the decorations and learning about our new King. This half term our role play corner has been a party for the King and we have been pretending to have a tea party for him. We have been learning all about plants and planting seeds. Our new focus is on minibeasts, we have been going on minibeast hunts, looking at minibeast books and solving minibeast themed problem solving questions in maths.

Year 1

Have you seen what has happened in our school hall? Well let us tell you... The Super Veg were stuck due to Evil Pea! In writing this term we have been creating our very own Super Veggies! We have described our Super Veggies using 'wow' words and our best language

choices. In Maths this term we have been learning about fractions. First, we found fractions within shapes and then we found fractions of amounts. We used lots of different practical resources to support us in finding a half and a quarter. In History we have been learning about Castles, we particularly enjoyed learning about the defensive features of Castles. In DT we are going to be designing and creating our own Castle based upon our learning in History. We are so excited to start creating these using recycled materials!

Year 2

During our topic learning, Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of London that happened in 1666, which they deemed to be 'a very long time ago'! We were shocked to learn that they didn't have fire engines or fire fighters back then so the people who lived there had to help fight the fire! In Science, we have been learning about minibeasts and their habitats. In the next few weeks we will be going on lots of minibeast hunts... we can't wait to see what we find! We will be starting a new writing topic in May all about the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' We are keeping our fingers crossed that none of our stationary quit! In Maths we are beginning to learn how to tell the time, we are time experts, particularly with 'o'clock' and 'half past' and we are continuing to practise our quarter past and quarter to!

Year 3

Can you imagine being abandoned in a desolate park in the middle of the night? This term, year 3 have been using their imagination to consider how Edward Tulane (a character from our writing topic) felt when this happened to him. The children have explored different techniques to build tension and engage our reader whilst using a range of features from their creative toolkits. We have been excited about sharing their pieces with their peers to show how they've used their own voice to build suspense. We are looking forward to sharing our final pieces with the year 4 adults and children.

Year 4

This term, year 4 have been architects of a better world in regards to refugees. We have conducted our own research into what is happening in our global community and let us tell you, we are not happy. Injustice, unfairness and our own government have got our emotions heightened and we chose to do something about it! We wrote letters and made posters, putting them up for everyone to see as they walked passed our classroom. If each person that sees our work makes a change either in their actions or attitudes, then we will have made a difference to our community and hopefully, the world!

Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring different types of measurement in maths. We have been out using the trundle wheels, measuring the school field to see just how big a kilometre is! We have learnt to accurately read scales using grams and kilograms, as well as estimating the capacity of a jug. We are now able to convert accurately between the different units of

measurement. In writing we have become gadget designers. We have learnt all about the spy genre and why a spy needs gadgets. Next time you see an ordinary, everyday object don't be fooled! It may well be a state-of-the-art spy gadget.

Year 6

We are incredibly proud of all of our children's skills, abilities and incredible passionate personalities here at Sinclair. We are all so proud of all the children for their hard work, dedication and resilience during this year. As you are aware, Year 6 have been very busy preparing and sitting their SATs. We thank you for being their calm and supportive space. I am sure you will join us in commending them upon all of their efforts and achievements on their time here at Sinclair beyond the academic measure of SATs. We look forward to celebrating their primary achievements in a variety of ways over the coming months.

Coronation of King Charles III

A huge thank you to our lovely kitchen team for putting together a wonderful picnic to celebrate King Charles III's coronation on Friday 5th May! The lunch hall was filled with beautiful handmade decorations created by our children. In addition, each pupil received a certificate and celebration badge to commemorate the special occasion that we hope they will look back on fondly. We also hosted a Coronation assembly in the hall with our very own 'Royal Variety Show!'

Sports Day

Thank you to those who came to cheer our children on, it was so lovely to have so many parents supporting the children! We all gathered in our school houses to begin a day full of sports. We started with a variety of activities and then moved on to the races. These included relay and sprinting. Hamble house came first, followed by Itchen, Test and Beaulieu. Everybody had a wonderful time, followed by a picnic on the school field.

Ugly Bug Ball

In Year R, we have been exploring fiction and non-fiction books about different bugs to decide which is our favourite. Then on Wednesday 17th May, our Year R's had their Ugly Bug Ball! The ball was buzzing with so many creative costumes – you all looked amazing!



Eco News

This term, the children have been very busy in our school garden. As the weather is getting warmer, it is the perfect time to start planting many fruits and vegetables outside. The children are very much looking forward to watching them grow before harvesting them and giving them to the school kitchen to cook for lunch. The eco committee has also been busy working on The Big Help Out by reviewing some of the Eco books the library sent us. We are very excited to begin preparations for our first Great Gardening day that is happening after half term.

Big Help Out

This half term, we have been working as a school to support our local library as part of the King's Coronation Big Help Out initiative. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading a variety of books about the environment to help us create a vibrant and engaging 'eco display' for the Lordshill library.

Pip and Pap Coronation Competition

Well done to Leo and LeVal in Year 2 for winning the Coronation Competition! Their designs have been brought to life by the series illustrator, David Tomkins! Our winners will now be able to choose a Pip and Pap reading book as their prize.



Skern Lodge Residential 2024

I am delighted to tell you that pupils will have the opportunity to attend a Year 6 residential trip to Devon in 2024, in the week commencing 8th July 2024. We are offering the trip early so that parents can spread the cost over monthly instalments. The cost of the trip will be £550 to include travel and activities.

On Monday 15th May, we held an information meeting for parents interested in sending their children on the trip. If you have any other questions concerning the trip, or funding, please do not hesitate to ask.

Tea, coffee and biscuits morning drop-in



Thank you to those who have attended our coffee mornings. The next one will be on **Thursday, 8th June** and will be held outside at the front of the school. 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. We do have an open-door policy, but hope that this regular slot will enable more of our families to come in and share any positive or development items that you may have.... or just pop in to say hello!

Dates for your Diary

- 29th May – 2nd June – Half Term
- Tuesday, 6th June – 13th June – Scholastic Book Fair
- W/B Monday, 10th July - Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential Trip
- Friday, 21st July – Break up for the Summer Term
- Monday, 4th September – Inset Day
- Tuesday, 5th September – Pupils return to school



Have a wonderful half term

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerida Montague". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gerida Montague

Executive Headteacher