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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Dear Families of the March CE Primary School,

This term is traditionally one of our busiest with lots going on as we countdown for the Winter break, this year is no exception. I hope you will be able to find time to join us in the many activities which are taking place between now and the end of 2017. Please can I also take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated money on the Children in Need day we raised £242 and Phil the bag saw the arrival of 85 bags. – Thank You.

Over the last month we have once again had many trips and visitors in school. Once again can I thank all of the staff who take the additional time out to support these visits and to the staff for continuing to organise all of our wonderful trips and visits. Without their hard work and dedication we wouldn't be able to offer so many opportunities to our children. We would also like to thank the parents who continue to contribute to these visits, without your support these visits wouldn't be financially viable, I know the children really appreciate it. As many of you have now seen in the Chichester Observer, we have been working closely with Rolls Royce and are pleased to announce that they are developing a new car park opposite the school. This will also include a wonderful new car park for the school with 40 spaces and a kiss and drop stop. A huge thank you must go to Andrew Ball and his team for supporting the March CE School and including us in this design. It will make a huge difference to us all at drop off and pick up times and the safety of the children is secured. I look forward to seeing all parents using this in September and putting the safety of the children first!

Anti Bullying week 12-17th November

Last week each class discussed, created posters, watched videos and met our new worry monsters. The theme this year from the Anti Bullying alliance was 'All Different, All Equal' and all classes took part in activities across the week. If you would like further information please see the link <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Worry Monsters have been introduced across the school and have been welcomed to classes with lots of excitement. The worry monster is a soft toy with a zip mouth which can be open and closed. Children can if they want to, write down their worries and place them into the worry monster's mouth to "eat their worries". These could be worries about spiders, stories, friendship issues etc. As sometimes children often find it difficult to share their worries verbally, the worry monster has been a fantastic resource in not only gaining children's views, but also contributing to their emotional well-being, this does not replace their relationship with the adults in school but gives them another way of sharing.





Amazing Award winners



Celebrations and Congratulations

It is always lovely to have members of our school share exciting news with us. Zachary was so pleased to be able to share his news of his Mum and Dad getting married and I am sure that you'll agree that he looks wonderful in his new suit on their special day. We wish you all the best for special times ahead.



Big congratulations to Ms West who achieved her Bachelor of Art with Hons degree in Early Childhood studies. We are very proud of your achievements and as a school we are very pleased to be able to support staff in furthering their educational development. Well done Ms West.

Special Science



I was very impressed with Bea's writing which she was proud to show me this week. She even brought in space ice cream which led to a very interesting discussion about how to keep it cold and stop it melting and floating off in space. Well done you worked so hard on your writing at home!

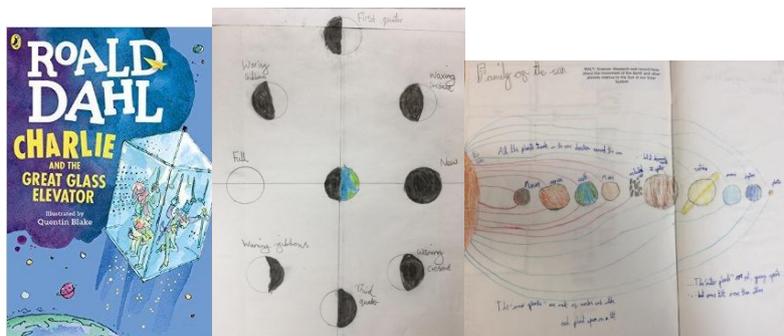
Faith Council visit Chichester Cathedral



This week we sent some of our Yr 3 and Yr4 faith council members off to Chichester Cathedral to investigate Ancient manuscripts. They had an amazing time learning to write with quills and ink, investigating the statue The Refugee. The best part of their day (according to them!) was climbing the spiral staircase to the secret library at the top of the cathedral that the public aren't normally allowed to see! They looked at very old books and manuscripts some resting on special cushions. They were very keen to share all their lovely work when they returned. Well done Amber, Ezra, Isla and Harvey

Stargazers Yr 5.

Children have really enjoyed this topic, where they have learned about the 1969 Moon landings and imagined themselves as Neil Armstrong, stepping on the Moon for the very first time. They also have been working on a special performance of a famous space-themed song, ready to share with parents at the forthcoming Fantastic Finish. In Science they have been learning about the effects of gravity of different sized objects, and also been investigating the insulating properties needed in space suits to keep astronauts alive. Recently, they have had great fun learning about the Vermicious Knids – the shape shifting aliens in Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator- and written an extra scene to this entertaining story!



Year 1

This half term a spaceship crashed into our classroom! It left glittery handprints and footprints in our classroom. We have been inside an Astrodome to see what the night sky looks like, it was very dark but we saw some wonderful constellations, rockets shoot across the night sky and some great pictures of the moon. We have read about aliens, created our own and then drawn them. Do you know they like underpants?! In History we have learned about Neil Armstrong, who was the first man on the moon. It has been great fun and we have learnt lots of new facts all about space. Working with Year 5 has helped us develop questions and research skills for our topic. We can't wait to see what our next topic will be!



Year 4

Class 4 has been buzzing with exciting learning. In English we learned the story of the Bogey Men and the Trolls Next Door and then wrote our own story about the Bogey/Troll children starting their own rock bands! We have all been using our growth mindsets in maths to solve word problems using the bar model. As part of our topic work we have been learning about famous mountains and mountain ranges around the world as well as how mountains form. Also we made 3D models to show how contour lines show a mountain's height. In science we made water cycles in bowls and bags to learn about the process of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. On Friday the 1st of December we are going to Out of Bounds to experience what it is like to be mountain climbers, we can't wait!

Year 5/6 Chichester Area Football Tournament

On Thursday 23rd November, a Year 5/6 football team took part in the Chichester Area Football Tournament at Chichester University. There were 12 teams with all teams playing each other in a round robin style event. After a fantastic first three games which saw us winning two and drawing one, we were looking good. After some unlucky last minute goals against us towards the middle of the event, we pulled back strong and won our last 3 games. It was extremely exciting as the top 3 schools would be invited to the area finals the following week. After a tense presentation, we discovered we came a respectable 5th place. Not bad for a team put together two days before the event. With super goals,

amazing saves, wonderful sportsmanship and fantastic team spirit, it made for a truly enjoyable afternoon. I was extremely proud of each member of the squad. Well done to all 9 players and a huge thank you to the parents who showed wonderful support in ensuring we were able to take part.

Sonny Jones, Frazer Hawkins (c), Oscar Pascoe, Megan Payne, Amelie Berry, George Haig, Finlay Rustell, Eddie Pemberton and Noah Goldsmith. Mrs Bird (PE lead)



Year 3

On Sunday 26th November, Year 3 braved the frosty Sunday morning to join in the 2k run around Priory Park. As part of our Scrumdiddlyumptious topic with a focus on healthy eating we decided to take part in the event. It was a beautiful day and after a little warm up we were ready to go. Some members of the class were regular runners and looking for personal bests, some had never run it before and were keen to experience it to see what it was all about. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was truly lovely to see such team spirit and encouragement amongst the group. Well done to everyone that took part.



Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day last week on Pirate Day. They learnt all about real pirates and those in films. They found out about smugglers and what smugglers carried around in their cases and the sorts of things which were smuggled in our area. In the afternoon there were lot of clues to solve to find the treasure. They ended the day playing pirate games.



Year R

We have had a lot of fun in Class R recently. After making a volcano in class, the children wanted to know what an erupting volcano looked like. We had lots of help from Mr Matcham (Henry's Dad) to make our volcano come to life and erupt. Mr Matcham produced and designed a system that would blow leaves and flour out the top of the volcano. He worked tirelessly, pumping enough air into a pipe to make enough pressure to blow out the leaves. The leaves were to replicate the rocks exploding and the flour to replicate the smoke. The children helped to pack leaves and flour into a fizzy drink's bottle and then attached it to flexible tubing so that Mr Matcham could pump air into the tubing. The children then crawled into the back of the volcano. The experiment was very successful, demonstrating to the children how the force of air pushed out the leaves high into the air. The children took turns to crawl into the back of the volcano and pointed the bottle full of leaves and flour into the top opening of the volcano. Forest School is always a magical time for the children. This week they were engaged in helping the trees to feel more comfortable after losing their leaves in the Autumn wind. The children suggested that decorating the trees with stars might help them to feel better. This was a great opportunity for the children to practice their fine motor skills whilst tying knots and manipulating the sticks and twigs into place.

Also a very good test of patience and perseverance!



Year 6

It has been a busy few weeks since November. The topic is Blood Heart and although we haven't had any trips this term, we have had two very interesting visits to the class: one from the paramedics and other from Dr Tania. The paramedics, Jo and Crystal, drove the ambulance into school, which involved everyone seeing the types of equipment held in there. They talked about the function of the heart and showed the life packs that measured the heartbeat and the oxygen levels in the blood. Lots of questions were asked including how the paramedics dealt with heart attacks and how to reduce the risks of heart disease. To reinforce the functions of the heart, Dr Tania discussed the strength of the heart and how it pumps oxygenated blood from the stronger left-side of the heart, through the aorta to the capillaries. Did you know that the pumping action of the heart over a 24 hour period, has the energy to power a truck for 20 miles?

Mrs Bastable donated a sheep heart with internal organs for the children to dissect. It was fascinating to see the direct connection of the blood vessels from the heart to the lungs. So far, it has been a term of scientific and biological discovery. We thank all the visitors and Mrs Bastable.



Amazing Gymnastics by Lexy Jannaway.

Last Sunday Lexy took part in the Southbourne Gymnastics Competition and we are very proud to announce that she gained 1st place twice for Beam and Vault. She had to compete against some very tough competition but as you can see she is proudly wearing her medal! A big congratulations from us all!!



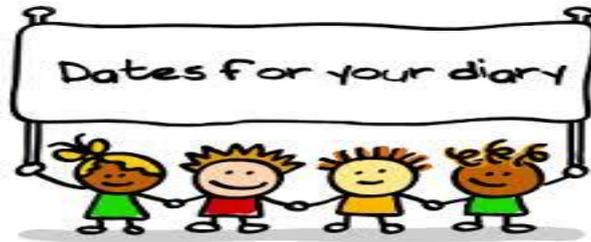
GAS Maths Enrichment Morning 29 November 2017

Children from across the Goodwood Area Schools worked with Mr Jackson in mixed teams on a Lego Mathematics enrichment workshop. Here they were reasoning and solving problems to do with the length, height and cost of different sized Lego bricks. Children also had to use Dienes apparatus to build their answers and justify their thinking. The final Challenge was, using a set budget, to build the tallest free standing tower they could. Children had great fun, learnt a lot about the size of Lego pieces (such as: they do not measure whole centimetres in length) and collaborated really well within their teams.





Film Nights have been very successful with showing of Zootropolis and Boss Baby. Thank you very much to the March Family Events team who have organised this and provided refreshments for the children. We can't wait for the next Film nights!



1 st Dec	Yr 4 trip to Climbing Wall
4 th Dec	Yr 5 Stargazing Fantastic Finish
5 th Dec	Yr3 Salon Du Chocolat
6 th Dec	Yr 1 Book Look
7 th Dec	Xmas Dinner for pupils
8 th Dec	Xmas Fair and cake donations
11 th Dec	Nativity 2-3pm to parents 2 tickets per family
12 th Dec	Year 3 Fantastic Finish
13 th Dec	Nativity 6-7pm to parents 2 tickets per family
13 th Dec	Yr 4 Fantastic Finish
14 th Dec	Christingle at St Peters – school only due to space
15 th Dec	Xmas Jumper day £2 donation to Save the Children Fund
15 th Dec	Choir singing at Nursing home
15 th Dec	Year 2 Book look
18 th Dec	Year 6 Book Look
20 th Dec	End of term
4 th Jan	All pupils return to school

Please see school app and website for dates throughout the New Year.

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher

