



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 6th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding, especially parents of Rabbit Class, as we are experiencing a high staff absence, due to seasonal illnesses.

We are hoping to be back to normal next week and I will provide a much more detailed newsletter.

Take care

Jakki





This week Squirrel class have continued with the literacy topic of Owl Babies. We have made owl baby families out of cotton wool which looked absolutely fantastic! We talked about how the owls are brothers and sisters and related this back to our own family dynamics. Our topic went cross-curricular and we decorated biscuits to resemble owls, exploring a range of ingredients and tools. The children were so engrossed in this activity and the biscuits came out brilliantly!

In maths this week we have been exploring the number 4 across the provision and using toys and natural resources to represent 4. Our use of natural resources hasn't stopped there and this week got crafty making nature wands as part of art and we decorated a sukkah as part of our understanding the world RE lesson.



In Rabbits this week the children have been using natural resources to make faces as part of their all about me topic. We have looked at how different objects can represent different things such as conkers being round to represent eyes and grass being long and thin to represent strands of hair.

Rabbits have also continued to work on their counting to 5 using our favourite maths songs, 5 speckled frogs, 5 little ducks and zoom, zoom, zoom and literacy we have been singing our favourite nursery rhymes, twinkle twinkle, humpty dumpty and Incy wincy spider.



Hedgehog class have been working very hard as usual. In maths they have been amazing with their 2's, 5's and 10's times tables. In phonics they have been working on split diagraphs. In English they have been busy writing and creating characters for their 'emotion' plays. In food tech we have learnt about planning balanced meals. In RE this week we have learnt about the Jewish celebration Sukkot and very much enjoyed making our own Sukkah outside using lots of natural materials we found in our outdoor area.



Dormouse class have been working so hard on their physical skills this week. We have practised our core control through supported sitting in gaiters, cross legged sitting and utilised equipment such as v-pillows benches, rolls and long sitters. It has been so exciting to see children developing their head control, sitting tall on rolls and even pushing to a stand! Children have also used their finer motor skills to explore cause and effect resources, activate switches and make music in a range of different ways. The children's joy at the sounds they were creating was so lovely to see! Speaking of music we also enjoyed our next music lesson with Cathleen! A definite favourite was when she brought out her violin and played a rousing polka! Everyone joined in moving their bodies and stamping our feet!



In badger class this week we have been looking at 'lots of' 2 and 5 and making totals. The children have been working out how many children it would take to make 6 ears or 4 feet. In English we have made puppets of our characters that we will be writing a play about. We will be exploring different settings and choosing our characters emotions. In art we have been looking at Andy Warhol art and making pictures in the same style. Phonics has been all about musical instruments and recognising different sounds. The children have been really good at guessing which instruments the sounds have come from. In RE we ventured outside and made a Sukkah, the children really enjoyed finding natural materials to make a roof.





Please bear with us during pick up and drop off times

The carpark does become very busy

If you are driving to school then we ask that you please stay with your vehicle and a member of staff will come out to collect your child. This will enable us to keep the carpark flowing as efficiently as possible and allows the parents to leave in the order that they are parked.

Please note that In the right and middle lanes we can only unload the front vehicle. In the left hand lane we can unload the front three vehicles

Please do not walk your child down the carpark

Thank you for your cooperation at this time

The school nurse team are available in school all day and can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email

SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk





ATTENTION PARENTS

**All email correspondence, not just absences,
must be sent directly to the office at:**

parentcomms@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

(Please only use this email address)

Emails will be monitored between 8:00am – 3:45pm, Monday – Friday
during term time only by admin staff

Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff and you
will receive a response either by phone call, or email via the office

If you send an email in the evening, please be reassured that this will be
read the following school day and you will then receive a response

If you do not wish to divulge information to the admin staff, then please
email to request a telephone call from the relevant member staff. If the
member of staff is in class, they will contact you at the earliest convenient
time

**Teachers and support staff will not respond to
direct emails from parents**



October

- Parents Evening – Wednesday 11th October (3.30-5.30)
- Harvest Assembly – Friday 13th at 2pm
- Half Term – 23rd – 27th October (Children return to school Monday 30th October)

November

- M&M Productions in school to perform Beauty and the Beast Monday 13th November (from 9.30)

December

- Christmas Performance – Monday 11th at 2pm
- Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12th at 10am
- Christmas Dinner and Party Day – Wednesday 13th
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15th (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January)

Letters to be sent home in due course