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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest newsletter.

There has been some really exciting learning happening in school over the past 2 weeks – see more details below- and we are looking forward hopefully to being able to hold some events later this term starting with a ‘Silly Hair day’ on May 25th! Provisional dates are included at the end of the newsletter for everything which has been planned so far.

Class 1 and Class 2 learning

We are delighted to report that we have 4 very healthy – and very noisy- chicks in Class 1! The children are enjoying looking after them while they are here.

The children are also excited by the fact that there is a robin’s nest with 7 eggs in it in the shed- and they are being very careful not to disturb the birds at all.

There has been some fantastic learning about Grace Darling going on this week and the children have worked co-operatively to create a stunning display.



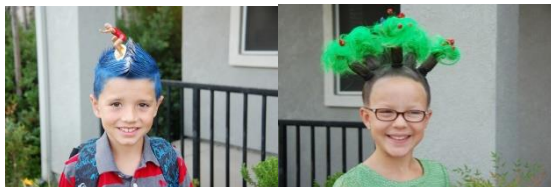
In Class 2, the children have been practising their informal writing, creating a diary entry for Michael, the central character in Kensuke’s kingdom and using some superb descriptive language. They have used genuine banana leaves to try and distil fresh water from salt water- like the characters in the book- and tried fresh coconut -with mixed feelings! In their DT day this week, the children are going to be learning how to use a range of tools safely to construct a model Viking Longboat.

While scavenging for food across the white soft beach, I could see loads of fruit but they weren’t edible. I found some coconuts that had been demolished by hungry apes. As I was walking back in a sulk, bare- handed, I came across a piece of glass from a glass bottle I went to pick it up “OW” I yelped- it had been heated by the flaming hot sun.
(by Madi)

After a delicious fish and banana breakfast, I left my cave and sat on the sandy, white beach. I was watching the ripples in the water when I saw a shard of glass so I went to pick it up. I could now make a fire! (by Ellis)

Silly Hair Day

We are organising a Silly Hair Day on **Tuesday 25th May** to raise money for some new playground games. The children can come to school with their hair decorated however they wish in exchange for a small donation. We look forward to seeing what they all come up with!



Recorder Group

I am planning to run a lunchtime recorder group on Tuesdays - starting on **May 18th** - for children in Class 2 who are interested. We will use the outdoor classroom for this. I will send out a note nearer the time with further details.

Stars of the week

Each week, Mrs Wise and Mrs Johnston choose children who have really stood out for their learning, their attitude or their good citizenship skills to be their 'Stars of the Week'.

For the week ending 16th April, the 'Stars' were Barney, Suki and Harry in Class 1 and Robyn, Elsie and James in Class 2. Joel (Class 2) received the Headteacher's award for having a stand out week.

For the week ending 23rd April, the 'Stars' were Lilly and James (Class 1) and Joel, Elsie and Madi (Class 2). Charlotte (Class 1) received a Headteacher's award for her consistently positive attitude to learning.

Well done to you all!

Plant Stall

Calling all gardeners- we are hoping to have a plant stall at the summer fair – if it can go ahead. The children will be planting some seeds in school to sell but, if you are dividing up any plants, please could you keep the stall in mind?

Thank you!

Please remember - Monday 3rd May (next Monday) is Bank Holiday Monday – School is closed.

Message from FOGS

FOGS have recently met and are keen for other parents to join us. We fundraise for the school (books, trips, equipment etc.) Our next meeting is a Zoom meeting on 26 May at 7.30pm - let us know whether you would like to join through our Facebook group. Through Covid we have been unable to run our popular fundraising events this year, such as the curry night, we are now planning events during summer term and next school year, and will be running a Silly Hair Day on 28 May and stalls at the summer fair on 29 June to raise money for playground equipment.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st April	7.30 pm FOGS meeting via Zoom
Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 18th May	Recorder group starts Parent Consultation evening
Wednesday 19th May	Parent Consultation evening
Tuesday 25th May	Silly Hair Day
Friday 28th May	Finish for half term
Monday 7th June	Return to school
Tuesday 29th June	<i>Sports day/ Summer Fair (provisional date)</i>
Monday 12th July	11 am End of Year celebration followed by BBQ lunch (<i>provisional date</i>)
Friday 16th July	Term ends
Monday 6th September	Teacher training day
TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER	START OF AUTUMN TERM

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don't know there is a problem, I can't sort it out.

Kind regards,

Jo Trotter (Interim Headteacher)