

From the head

October

A very warm welcome back to you all. As you will see from the newsletter and our Facebook and Twitter posts we have had a busy half term already. Now we are counting down the weeks until Christmas and have lots more exciting events planned.

I am so pleased to see so many children wearing the school's colours and correct uniform. We will be continuing to work on this over the coming weeks. More details to follow. If you have any concerns about uniform, please speak to the school office.

Mrs Peachment

I have been really pleased to hand out 'Headteacher awards' to many children for a number of reasons this half term and had a great lunchtime on Monday sharing cake with our 'Always' children. Well done to everyone for their efforts. I am very proud of you all.

Another well done to all the children who have entered the BBC 500 word writing competition. Don't forget there is still time to do so.

Please be advised that from Monday 6th November there will be a slight change in the gate opening and closing times. The gate will open at 8.30am and the classrooms doors at 8.35am. The children must be in the class ready to start learning at 8.50am. Any child who arrives after 8.50am will receive a late mark. Any child who arrives after the register closes at 9.05am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Sit and See' session. It was so lovely to see you all and welcome you into Wensum.

Dates for your diary 23/24:

- Week beginning 20th November - parent's evenings. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 22nd November Immunisation Programme whole school - catch up session

House Captains.

Recent jobs allocated to children: We now have given children allocated jobs, such as door and gate monitors, and Junior MSA's. Thank you to all the children that signed up to help!

House captains and their duties; our house captains have been busy this term, helping out at the MacMillan coffee afternoon and speaking to new year 3 parents during the open afternoon and showing them around.



Earth



Air



Water



Fire

Clubs and upcoming clubs

We have had girl's football on Mondays, Archery club on Tuesdays and Choir on Wednesdays this term.

As of next term, we will be running Basketball for years 3&4 on Mondays, and Gymnastics for year 5&6 on Tuesdays.

Cricket

We have had visitor Aaron each Wednesday come to teach cricket to the children. Here is some children from 5P enjoying playing cricket this week.



Gardening club with Mr Swan

On Friday, one of our children brought home tomatoes from gardening club. They were taken in to use in the restaurant at city college Norwich with the students. They made tomato soup with a green tomato jam. 🍷



Music assembly and opportunities to learn to play the violin.



A big well done to these stars of the week!



Here is a photo of the children getting involved during their Black History month assembly.

Year 5 trip to Anderson's Meadow

Told by our students

“On Monday 9th October 5W and 5P went on a school trip for Geography to Anderson’s Meadow. The sun was blistering on our backs as we set off down the road towards our destination. We walked down roads for 20 minutes before we stopped to cross the road. When we got to Anderson’s Meadow we were split into 6 groups. Our objective was to see how much plastic was harming our environment. One group found a frog! The frog was described as “greenish grey”. At the park we saw lots of cans in a pile by a fallen over tree. After around 50 minutes we went back to school. At school we talked about the importance of our wildlife and how we need to look after our woods and forest. Also, at the park there were buried bottle caps by the benches. There was lots of plastic by the bushes. In the end we found millions of pieces of plastic at the park. We took lots of pictures of frogs, plastic and lady birds. By *Abigail Cutting*.”



Thank you to year 5 for all of your lovely paragraphs written about your trip to Anderson’s Meadow.

What we have been learning about this month!

4H have had loads of fun in science measuring how quickly cars went down a ramp and measuring how powerful magnets are.



6C have been learning about Fiona Rae and abstract art. They drew a continuous line in their sketch books and used water colours to fill the shapes that they had made. They were very pleased with their creations!



What we have been learning about this month!

This term, 5P have been busy in Design and Technology. Their aim was to adapt a recipe to make it more healthy and with the help of an online nutrition calculator, they were able to reduce their saturated fat to 0%! More importantly, it tasted amazing! Well done Year 5!



Year 6 are writing a newspaper report about William Kamkwamba who, at the age of 14, built his own wind turbine to generate electricity for his village in Malawi. We used a range of drama techniques to stimulate ideas for writing. 6SH did some hot seating, where they took it in turns to interview a partner who answered the questions in character as William. 6C worked in groups to mime the creation of the turbine tower. Both classes then used these experiences to record fresh ideas for their writing.



What we have been learning about this month!

It's been another busy half term in The Hive. We have done some rock painting in art and enjoyed learning drumming on Thursdays with Sam. We are looking forward to Fiona and Freddie joining us after half term.

The Hive Team



3G have been studying the topic 'eating seasonally' in design technology this half term. They have enjoyed making a variety of different seasonal foods!



Evolution Academy Trust Choir Event 2023



Pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 who have been attending the school's choir will have the exciting opportunity to attend the Evolution Academy Trust Choir Event during the school day on Wednesday 29th November at Costessey Primary school.

The day will involve:

A warm-up vocal session to start the day led by a choir conductor

Rehearsing a collective song from scratch (learn on the day)

Lunch break – all pupils to bring packed lunches

A 'Showcase': all schools to perform their own song choice; final performance of collective song (there will be no invited audience due to capacity)

If your child is interested in taking part in the event and they are not already part of the school choir, please speak to their class teacher or the office staff who will pass on the information.

Please note that any child can join the school choir for rehearsals, but only years 5 and 6 will attend the event.

Meet Milo – the Therapy Dog.

Milo and his owner Angie will be regular visitors to Wensum. Milo loves to listen to children read and really enjoys company. Children will have the opportunity to visit Milo to develop reading confidence and to support personal development. Thank you Angie for bringing Milo to our school.

Milo and the children have loved having cuddles and reading to him!





If you would like more updates on your children and what they are up to in school, please feel free to follow us on facebook or twitter, where we share information about clubs, lessons school trips and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091397707725>

Polite reminders: Parking reminder: Please ensure when picking up and dropping off your child, you are careful when driving and parking around the school, and you are courteous and considerate of our neighbours.

We have had complaints from neighbours about littering on the school run. Please ensure any dropped litter is picked up and put in a bin.

We are encouraging children to bring healthy snacks in for their break time. This includes any fruit or vegetables, as a way of promoting healthy eating and your children having their 5-a-day.

Please ensure your child is wearing their correct uniform to school. We expect all children to follow the school dress code at all times:



- Jumpers/cardigans - Royal blue. Children should wear plain items or featuring the school logo.
- Polo Shirts - Royal blue, light blue or white can be worn. These can be plain or with the school logo.
- Trousers/Skirts/Pinafore dresses/Shorts - children can wear plain black or grey. No cycling shorts or leggings are allowed.
- Summer dresses/ - blue or navy gingham can be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of earrings.
- Make-Up - Is not permitted at school.
- Shoes - We ask children to wear plain black outdoor shoes/trainers, a suitable style for everyday wear.
- Socks/Tights - White, black or grey.

PE kits can be worn to school on the day of PE lesson, the children should wear plain black shorts and a t-shirt that is the colour of their house. When the weather gets colder, children should wear plain, unbranded black or dark colour jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a plain, unbranded sweatshirt or hoodie. They are allowed to wear their school jumper or cardigan too.

If you change your telephone number or email address, please could you let the school office know without delay in case we need to contact you.

If your child is unwell and has a lunch ordered, please remember to cancel before 9am on the day, otherwise you will still be charged.

Do you have a safeguarding concern?

We have an amazing Safeguarding Team at Wensum who will be available to talk too regarding any safeguarding concerns.



*Mrs Peachment
Lead DSL*



*Miss Glen
DSL*



*Mr Hubery
DSL*



*Mrs Miller
ASC DSL*

Change to our catering provider.

Please be advised that lunches are now provided by 'The Pantry'.

