

SAXON WAY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Dear Saxon Way Families,

We have reached the final day of term 5 and I am not entirely sure where the time has gone, it seems to have whizzed by in a flash. This term has seen children taking part in many proud traditions as we prepare for GAF and complete our Challenge 26 for another year. This term also brought the return of Statutory Assessment Tests for Year 6 and Year 2, which the children worked through with great diligence. Year 6 endured a hard week of testing but they gave it their all and we are just so proud of them. Free school meals vouchers will be issued to eligible families on Monday 29th May. They are being funded by Medway Local Authority for the half term period at a value of £15 per child. Please check your emails and your junk folders for notification, once they have been issued.

I hope you all have a restful week.

We look forward to your safe return on Monday 5th June 2023.

Take care.

Angela Sandow



Key Dates



Monday 5th June

7th - 9th June

Thursday 8th June

Friday 16th June

Thursday 22nd June

Friday 23rd June

Monday 26th June

Thursday 4th July

Friday 7th July

Monday 10th July

Monday 10th July

Wednesday 12th July

Friday 14th July

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July

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Start of Term 6 - Clubs start

Year 6 Residential

Mini Youth Games Football

Year 3 and 4 Corroboree - 4pm

Year 2 Reading Morning

Sports Day

Reception, Year 1 and 2 - 9.30-11.15am

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 1.30- 3.00pm

Year 1 Reading Morning

Griffin Arts Festival (GAF) begins

Mini Youth Games Athletics

GAF Parade and Family Festival - 2pm

Year 6 Performance 10am and 5.30pm

Last week of Clubs

Year 6 at Diggerland (back at 5pm)

Year 2 Reading Morning

Year 6 Prom 5.30pm-7.30pm

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

End of term - Finish at 2pm



Nursery (FS1)

Carle



Our topic in Nursery this term is Amazing Animals. The children have used a range of skills to create tiger masks and caterpillar hats. The children also enjoyed using marble painting to add stripes to their tigers.

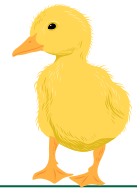
We observed caterpillars transforming from tiny caterpillars to beautiful butterflies before releasing them into the garden.

The children have explored the use of number and quantity by counting different animals and matching them to different numerals.





FS2



Donaldson and Attenborough



This term children had lots of hands-on experiences to observe different animals and minibeasts. Children's favourite learning was about ducklings. We watched them hatch and grow. We even had fun watching them have a splash in the water!

We definitely have become more confident writers and children can now use finger spaces and full stops. This term the children have also worked hard in their maths lessons.

They have learnt all about doubling, halving and adding. The children have had fun learning number bonds through songs and active maths.

We are really looking forward to a very busy Term 6 with GAF and Sports day! Thank you to the parents who have attended both Proud book sharing afternoons. The children really enjoyed talking and reflecting about their learning.



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ABC				
Recognise letters	Proper position	Join strokes	Read in groups	Keep your letters close together

I can see a boat
but it's full.
I can smell the grass.
(I) writing. 23.5.23



Year 1

Curie and Kahlo

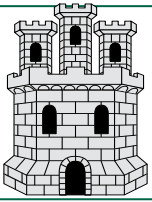


This term Year 1 have been learning about plants and animals. The children planted sunflower, carrot, tomato and cucumber seeds as well as potatoes. They are very excited watching them grow and are looking forward to harvesting them later next term.



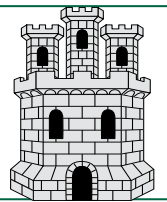
As part of the learning, we went to Wingham Wildlife Park. The children impressed the adults, showing how many animals they could name and identify if they are mammals, reptiles, birds, fish or amphibians. We have also learned about the key features of each of these types of animals.





Year 2

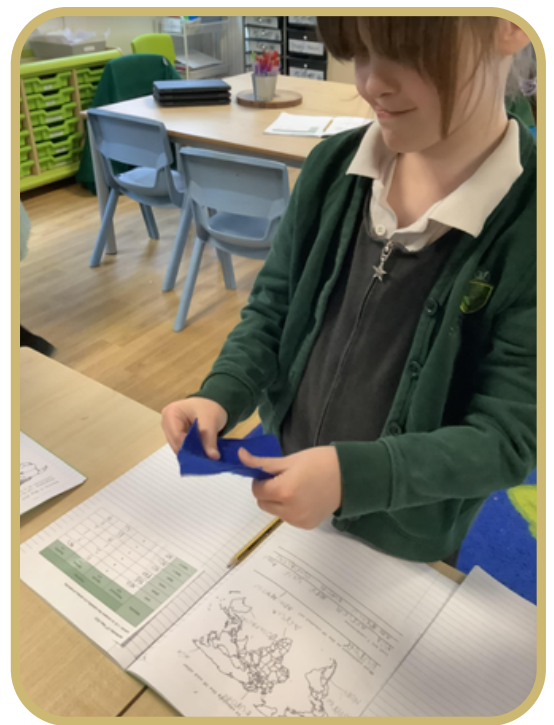
Nightingale and Shackleton



In Year 2 this term we have been working extremely hard!

We have learnt all about the features of a castle, who works in a castle and their weapons! We loved watching a catapult in action! We have used this knowledge and have written our very own non-chronological report in English. In DT, we showed our creative side and made our very own castles, we ensured to put battlements, towers and even a drawbridge on them!

We took part in an experiment in Science to see what the most suitable material was to make a coat, we tested whether they were waterproof, flexible and soft as these were properties we decided we needed. Well done to Nightingale for their class assembly this term!





Year 3

Darwin and Pankhurst



This term we have been looking closely at plants and how they grow.

In English, the children have written setting descriptions of secret gardens and tin forests, using similes and metaphors in order to make them interesting for the reader. They have also learned how to add in extra detail using subordinate clauses.

In Science, we have learned about the different parts of plants and the function of each part. We carried out an investigation into how water and nutrients travel from the roots to all parts of a plant.

Everyone was excited to watch as water, dyed with food colouring, travelled up the stem of some celery. We also explored our school in order to identify some different plant habitats and consider what plants need in order to thrive.

As part of our art lessons this term, the children looked closely at some plants in order to create observational drawings and some were inspired to create their own examples at home.



All of the children really enjoyed learning how to use the Scratch app during computing lessons. They created characters and settings and told stories about them.

It is lovely to see that the weather is changing and we are looking forward to some more outdoor learning next term.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a fun half term.





Year 4

Brunel and Fitzgerald



This has been a very exciting term for year 4 because we had an amazing trip to the Marlowe Theatre to see the Demon Dentist. The show was brilliant and the children represented the school with their great behaviour. We have been diving into our science lessons around states of matter, with lots of discussions around solids, liquids and gasses. In small groups we designed and made a model out of clay for the GAF poster competition, all around 'families'.

Maths has been very busy, as we have been extending our knowledge of money and time.



Year 4 celebrated the King's coronation with lots of creative activities, sandwich making, biscuit decorating and enjoying a tea party in the sun, it was such fun! We have used this opportunity to research the royal family and those that reigned before our Queen. It has been very interesting and enabled the children to have lots of discussion. We are so lucky to have been involved in something as memorable as a coronation.

We have been reading the BFG by Roald Dahl, which has been a very gripping story with lots of twists and turns, where we have been able to predict what we think will happen next. We wrote letters, postcards and recounted the whole story on a story mountain, so have gained lots of new skills and refreshed our previous learning.

Miss McCormick and I are very proud of how hard our pupils are working to learn and remember their times tables, ready for our assessment coming up in June. Our scores on TTRS have been amazing so far, so please keep up the hard work. We both look forward to an exciting term 6.





Year 5

Mercury and Shakespeare



Today we had a visit from The Dogs Trust. We learnt how to look after a dog properly and keep them fit and healthy. We had a lot of fun engaging with the scenarios that the trainer gave us.



We had lots of fun mummifying our tomatoes. Once they were cleaned, gutted and prepared we placed them into a natron mix. We are now going to observe them over the next few weeks and record their progress.



We used the iSand box to further enhance our learning on rivers. We created our own rivers and had to pinpoint the features we had previously learnt. These included the delta, oxbow lake, meander, tributary, flood plain, source, confluence and mouth.

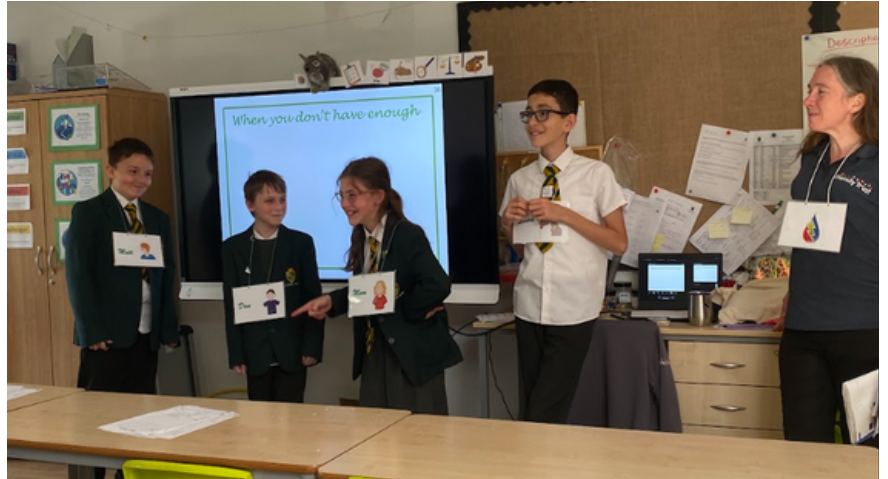


Mercury decided to investigate some of the objects that featured in the coronation of Charles III - the Royal Regalia. The class assembled their own Crown Jewels and shared fascinating facts about them during their sharing assembly this term. They learnt about the history of the Cullinan diamond that features in the crown and sceptre, why the colour purple is so special and where ermine comes from.

Year 6

Hawking and Williams

This term year 6 have been focusing on applying their maths knowledge to life skills, with visitors from Family Trust delivering sessions on budgeting, finance, income and avoiding debt.



The year 6's also used their Track-it points to have a reward afternoon, with Williams class choosing to have a silent disco, and Hawking Class having a Nerf battle.





PE uniform



At Saxon Way, our pupils take pride in being part of a house team within school. In September, we will continue to ask pupils to wear their PE kit into school to allow for a smooth transition into PE lessons but also to celebrate the house team that they are part of.

However, in accordance with our PE policy, we ask that only plain coloured crew neck t shirts are worn with black joggers or black shorts. This will enable pupils to look smart at all times and allow for more uniformity when we are playing in teams within our PE lessons. The t shirts below are an example of t shirts that we would like. They are available at Asda starting at £2 for a pack of 2 and as siblings are all placed in the same team, they can be passed down once they are outgrown.

In sharing this with parents now, we hope that you are able to plan ahead and support our uniform policy.





Celebrations

A huge well done to the following children that have been celebrated in celebration assembly this term.

Year 1

Nancie-Mai
Taiwo
Arthur
Blake
Ariyah
Luna

Year 2

Harron
Daisy
Elizabeth
Alex
Logan
Liana

Year 3

Ollie
Scarlett
Freddy
Uwakmfon
Ana
Elijah

Year 4

Callie-Mae
Connor
Zachary
Dylan
Talha
Bella

Year 5

Eric
Lohla
Matthew
Cle-Anne
Alora
Sophie

Year 6

Neitanas
Pheobe
Brooke
Kayla
Calvin
Edward
Mia
Kelsey
Alfie
Michael

