

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter



24th March 2023

Term 4, Week 5



*A kind, creative
community where
learning is an
adventure.*

MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

We are fast approaching the end of another fantastic term at Hamsey. We have had so many adventures over the past six weeks - Rainbow Day, trips to Cumnor House, World Book Day, Chartwells Workshops, Gardening, Forest School, the Volcano STEM Day, a visit from the Fire Brigade, Lewes Big Dance, Cross Country Finals, Skipping Workshops, Red Nose Day, and much more!

Visitors to our school have remarked on the polite, friendly and articulate children, who I know are a credit to the school. I am very proud of them all for their many achievements.

Next week we have parent/carer consultations, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's school experience and to ask any questions you may have. Please remember that we limit these appointments to 10 minutes. If you require more time, please arrange a separate meeting with your child's class teacher, Miss Shannon or with me.

On Friday next week to celebrate the end of term, we invite you all in to the school at 2:30pm to spend time in your child's classroom, so that they can share their work, learning and achievements with you.

Wishing you a safe and happy Easter break.

IMPORTANT DATES



MARCH 2023

- Mon 27th - Parent/Carer Consultations 1
- Weds 29th - Parent/Carer Consultations 2
- Fri 31st - Celebration of Learning
- Fri 31st - End of Term 4

APRIL 2023

- Mon 17th - Start of Term 5
- Tues 18th - Drusillas School Trip

MAY 2023

- Mon 1st - Bank Holiday
- Fri 5th - PTA Curry & Bingo
- Fri 5th - King's Coronation Bake Off
- Mon 8th - Bank Holiday
- Tues 8th - KS2 SATs Begin
- Fri 19th - Y5 Cuckmere Haven Trip

ATTENDANCE & LOST MINUTES OF LEARNING

IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY, LEARNING READY

Attendance:

We regularly monitor attendance and follow our attendance policy to ensure that attendance is always the highest priority. Please support us by ensuring your child is **in school, on time, every day, learning ready**. A polite reminder that the gate is open from 8:30-8:40am.

Lost Minutes of Learning:

Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts to get the children to school on time. It is really important that children are here on time so that they are ready and settled for the school day.

Our current school attendance: **92%**
Out school attendance target: **97%**

GARDENING

In Term 5, Badgers and Year 5 Owls will be having their gardening sessions with Marc on a Tuesday.

Please send your child in with appropriate clothing and footwear so that they are safe and comfortable.

Thank you.

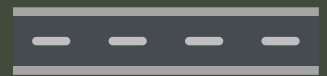


SCHOOL GATES

From Monday, the gates to the school driveway will be closed in the morning 8:20-8:50am and in the afternoon 2:50-3:20pm.

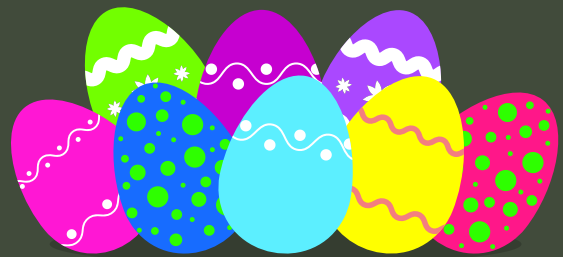
This is to ensure that our safeguarding systems are as good as they can be. Please use the two pedestrian gates and encourage your child to be vigilant around the vehicles, on what is a very busy road.

Thank you.



FOODBANK DONATIONS

We are continuing to support our school charity, Landport Food Bank. We would really appreciate if you were able to donate an Easter egg or Easter treat when you come to school for our Easter Celebration of Learning on Friday 31st March. Thank you.



SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

They can offer support with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles
- self-care and hygiene
- referrals to other services



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RAINBOW DAY

It was wonderful to see all the colours of the rainbow as we celebrated diversity at Hamsey. We talked about what LGBTQI+ stands for, how people from minority groups have fought for equal rights, and what we can do to ensure we are recognising and celebrating differences. A key part of Hamsey's School Charter is, ***we feel safe to be who we are.***



The children enjoyed sharing a range of texts together, with Badgers children reading with Foxes.

This generated some great discussions around stereotypes, family types, friendships and diversity.



RAINBOW DAY REFLECTIONS

Children in Owls Class wrote down their thoughts and feelings on *Challenging Gender Stereotypes*. I have included some snippets below. We are very proud of their mature reflections.

Some people think that your dreams can't come true however I think that if you work hard and hope your dreams can come true. for example my brother got into a special football club for pro's and hes been dreaming that since day one. I hope to join the same foot-ball club in the future! ✓

Some people think that a girl can't love a girl or a boy can't love a boy. However I think that anyone can love whoever they want and that it isn't up to anyone else. For example... in the TV show F.R.I.E.N.D.S two women called Carol and Susan love each other because they chose to love each other and no one told them who they have to love. ✓ 😊

Some people think what boys can't have long hair. However, I think you can have whatever hair style you want, because boys don't have to do one thing and girls neither do girls. for example lots of boys in the class have long hair. ✓

Some people think girls have to like princesses and pink, and boys have to like dinosaurs and blue. However I think that girls and boys can like whatever they want. For example my two least favorite colors are pink and orange and I am fascinated by the study of paleontology. ✓

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

Hamsey recently had an in-depth review of our safeguarding procedures. This involved looking at our preventative curriculum, including PHSE and computing, talking to groups of children, looking at how we report on any safeguarding concerns, discussions on medicine and first aid, and much more.

I am pleased to say that we were given the best possible grading -

Safeguarding at Hamsey is effective.

We are always looking at ways to improve our systems and practice here, and we will be sharing with the children and with you, any tweaks we make. The first of these is the closing of the driveway gates from Monday, as I have already mentioned.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

From Term 5 SportsCool will be with us on Mondays - please see below for PE, Gardening and Forest School days.

PE:

Hedgehogs - Mon & Fri

Foxes - Mon & Tues

Badgers - Mon & Fri

Owls - Mon (double slot)

Forest School - Thursdays:

Morning - Y5

Afternoon - Y6

Gardening Tuesday Afternoons:

Owls (Y5 only)

Badgers

CLASS REPS

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Class Reps. Mr James and I are looking forward to meeting with you early in Term 5 as part of our strive to improve home-school communications.

In case you were not already aware, your class reps are:

Hedgehogs - Alex Kidgell

Foxes - Rachel Kelly

Badgers - Sandy Liu

Owls - Katie Sherwin



HEDGEHOGS CLASS



What a busy term we have had in Hedgehogs! We have really enjoyed our gardening sessions, practising with different tools and learning how to use these safely. To build on our learning of emergency services we had a visit from the fire brigade. They let us explore around the fire engine and we even got a turn to sit inside!

We have enjoyed exploring the ocean this term, looking at what lives in the sea but also the challenges faced by animals because of plastic pollution. We saved our own animals from all the rubbish in our classroom sea by sorting this into materials to recycle. We continued this theme and designed and made our own boats to see if they would float. Luckily, they all did. Phew!



FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class have been busy designing and making their own pop-up cards. The children learned a range of different techniques to create a pop-up Arctic creature. Mr Dean and Mrs Baker were so proud of the results. Well done Foxes! Thank you Mrs Grimsdell and Mrs Mann for their DT expertise!

We were lucky to be visited by the Fire Service as part of our Project about 'Danger'. The children got the chance to explore the fire engine and find out more about how the Fire Service keeps us safe.

We really enjoyed our skipping workshop! The children were keen to hone their skills and several children were brave enough to showcase what they had learned to the rest of the school at the end of the day!



BADGERS CLASS



Badgers have been busy creating our DT project work for the past couple of weeks. Firstly, we experimented with different ways to cut, fold and tear paper and then we began designing and creating our products. We had to design and make a card featuring a pop up polar creature. Next, we will have to evaluate them. We were so pleased with our final creations.

We have also been learning about sculpture in Art and we created a clay tile with different textures and marks on it. We will now use these skills to create a model of an endangered species. We are looking forward to sharing our work with you all at the end of term.

Of course we also had a fabulous time at Cumnor House and we all received our Bunsen burner licences. It was amazing to see the ice and popcorn change as it was heated.



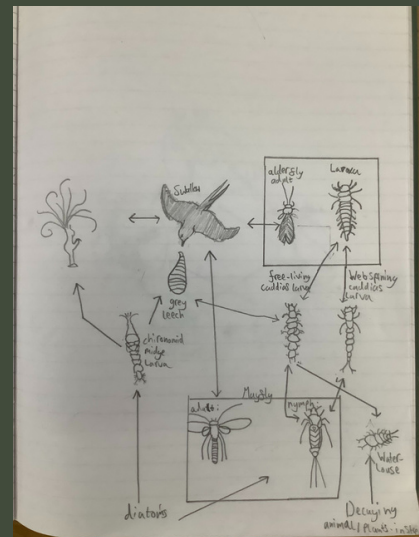
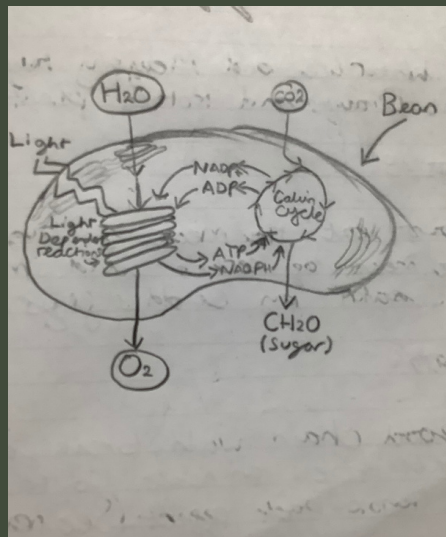
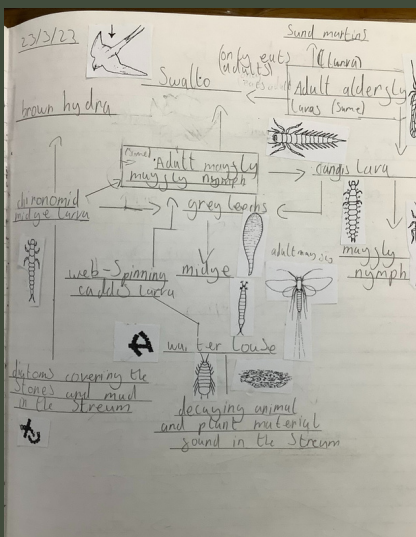
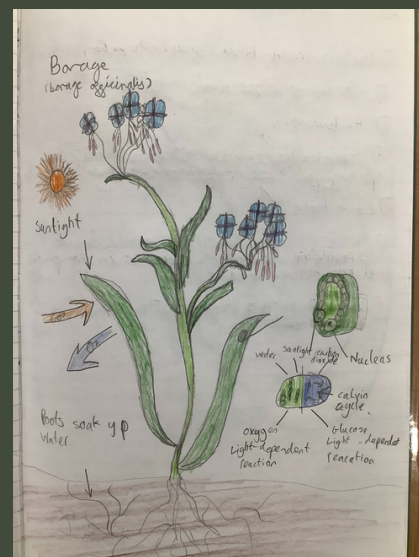
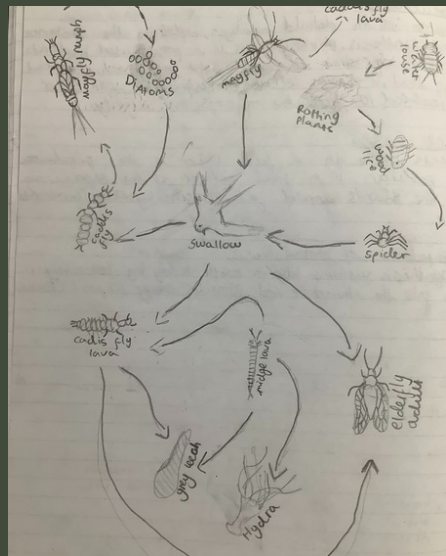
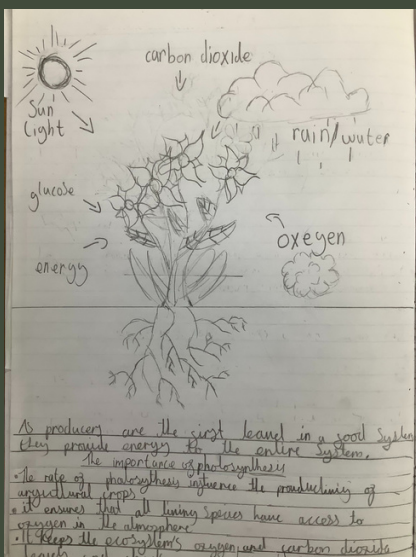
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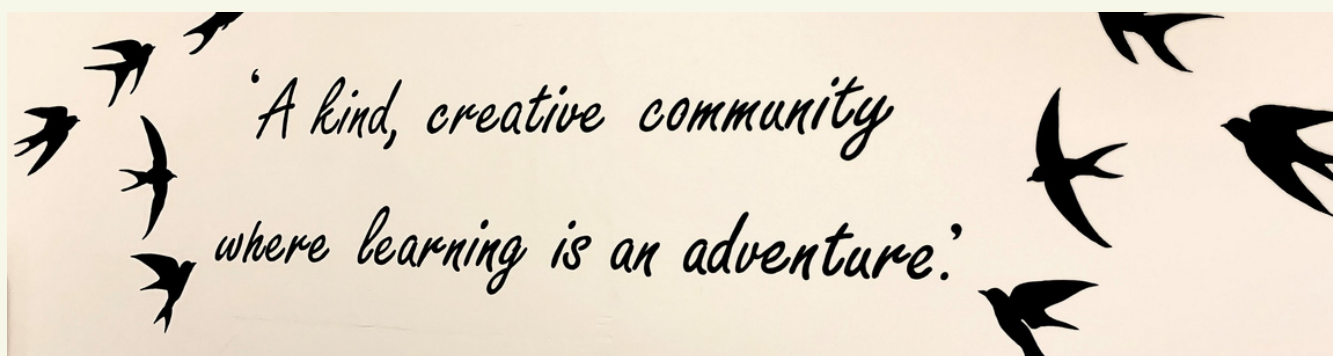
In Science this term, Owl Class have been learning about food chains, food webs and photosynthesis. The children have enjoyed learning about how food chains interlink to form the delicately balanced food webs in nature and the benefits of this for different species.

We have been so impressed with the children's scientific diagrams (see below!) and their enthusiasm to research this topic in depth. Year 5 children have created amazing PowerPoints about food chains in different environments which they independently researched.

Well done to our four speedy Owls who made it to the County Cross Country semi-finals: Nevaeh, Primrose, Jem and Oz. Well done to Oz for making it through to the finals!



Some photos from our Skipping Workshops:



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