

# News on the Ninth June 2022



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Thank you to the parents who have attended school to share their children's wonderful learning. It has been so lovely to open the gates to parents once again.

## Nursery



During wellbeing week nursery had a visit from Bug Fest. It was so exciting! We saw and learnt about so many different types of minibeasts from different parts of the world. We got to hold some of them too!

## Reception

Reception enjoyed a very exciting wellbeing week to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee! We were visited by 'Bug Fest' and we found out lots of interesting facts about different insects and were even able to handle some. We were very gentle and took good care of them.

In preparation for the Queen's Jubilee, we found out about life in the past and changes within the Queen's lifetime. We read stories and explored historical artefacts from the past. We made our own decorations for our whole school celebrations on the field.



## Year 1

In Year 1 in our art lessons, we have been learning about pointillism. We explored artwork by the artist Georges Seurat and discussed what we liked and disliked about his paintings. Some of us were surprised to learn that Seurat spent almost 2 years completing one of his paintings! We then learnt how we can mix colours using pointillism techniques and created colour wheels. Finally, we applied everything we had learnt and painted a crown for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee using pointillism techniques.



## Year 2

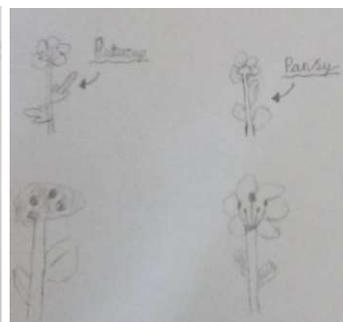
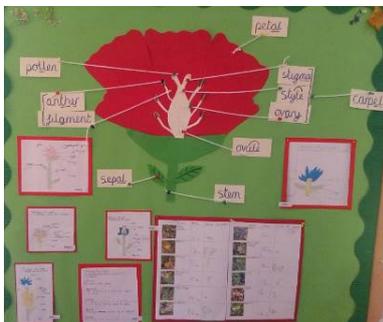
During well-being week, Year 2 had a fabulous time learning new dance steps and putting them together to make a routine. We were all out of breath by the end of the session!

We also had a lot of fun measuring ingredients to make cupcakes for our Jubilee Party! The children even decorated them and created butterfly wings on the top. How yummy!



## Year 3

We are learning about plants and flowers. We have learnt the different parts of a flower and are comparing different flowers, looking for the stamen and pistils. We went on a flower hunt around the school and used our art sketching skills to draw the different types of flowers we found.



## Year 4



As part of our geography learning, we went on a walk of the local area, learning map reading and compass skills. Once back in the classroom, we drew our own sketch maps and plotted items which we would like to change / improve.

## Year 5

Year 5 completed their 'Mini Police' workshops. The sessions allowed children to learn about road safety, bullying and internet safety and about drugs from the Police perspective. The final session involved the children taking part in the Police Bleep Test drill before having a look at a Police car close up.

The children have found these sessions engaging and informative.



## Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic wellbeing week. We took part in an RE workshop where we learnt about the importance of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. We then put on our best dancing shoes for an energetic dance workshop. It was a lot of fun, and we had a great time. Year 6 then concluded the week with a Jubilee celebration on the field where we proudly sang the National Anthem.



## RE Day



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, John Hardwick visited us to run an RE Day. His theme was the 3 Rs: Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. He ran workshops throughout the day. He taught us the value of each person and how we need to respect each other, how it is important to bounce back and not just drop when things are tough and to take responsibility for ourselves and our behaviour. Here he is teaching us about the Chinese National Circus and their human pyramid. Who is the most important person in the pyramid? The one at the top, the one in the middle or the one at the bottom? In fact, everyone is important, or the pyramid will fall.

## The Queen's Jubilee

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful staff and parents who prepared and implemented the Royal Jubilee celebrations on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event which we are sure will remain as a lovely memory of the special occasion.



## Keeping fit and active



To stay healthy, it is currently recommended that children do at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. At school, it is a statutory requirement that children receive two hours of Physical Education every week. We recognise that lifestyles can get very hectic, so it extremely important that your child does not miss out on their lessons. All lessons start with a gradual warm up to prepare their bodies, however there is an increasing number of children that feel tired and out of breath, with various parts of their bodies that ache during the warmup activities.

Missed lessons due to not having their appropriate kit in school is having an impact on their fitness and ultimately will affect them later in their adult life.

Last term the school needed to provide PE kits for children who had not got their kit. Lessons were also missed because children did not have the appropriate footwear. This has an impact on physical development as well as the children missing out on a key part of their curriculum.

Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit and trainers every Monday morning and keep it in school for the week. All PE kit should be named. If there is any financial reason why you are unable to supply a kit and trainers, please contact the office to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Seymour.

## Walk to School Week and Clean Air Day in support of Asthma and Lung UK



Thank you for supporting Walk to School Week. Many journeys to school on foot and by bike and scooter were added up in classrooms across the school and children learnt about the positive impact walking has on our health. We are also participating in Clean Air Day on the 16<sup>th</sup> June to improve air quality in the area and support the work of Asthma and Lung UK. Some asthma nurses will be visiting us to tell us about what asthma is and how supporting the charity will benefit lots of people who suffer with asthma. We will be selling some merchandise to help raise funds – more details about this will follow.

## Online Safety - Monthly Theme

Each month, we are going to have a specific Online Safety theme which is taken from our Online Safety curriculum (available on our website). In school, we will focus some discussion time on age-appropriate knowledge / skills within this theme. It would be beneficial if you could also support this at home.

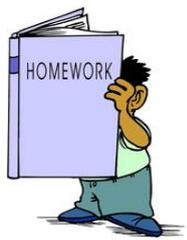
For June, our theme is **Health, Well-being and lifestyle**.

For EYFS / KS1, please have some discussions around rules to stay safe when using devices and the importance of not having too much screen time.

For KS2, Discussions about:

- the positive and negative impact technology can have
- the pressures that technology can place on people - through adverts, wanting latest technology, wanting messages / comments to be 'liked'

## Homework



As part of our school's monitoring schedule, the senior leadership team spent an enjoyable morning during the last half term monitoring the standard of homework provision right across the school.

It was delightful to see that the children clearly enjoy developing their learning and skills which was evident in the extra work children have chosen to do at home. It is a privilege to see and celebrate exceptional pieces of work by children.

I also looked at the home/school reading records. There can be no doubt about the positive impact parents are having on children's progress and reading habits. So, a huge thank you for engaging so well in the process; the children are definitely reaping the rewards.

## July transition day /Meeting new teachers

Our Y6 leavers will be visiting their secondary schools on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. This will provide an opportunity for children at Commonswood to spend the morning with their new class teachers.

Parents will be notified by letter before this date as to who the next class teacher will be.

Children should arrive at the same time and go to their classrooms as usual. Teachers will then deliver them to their new classes after registration. Information pertinent to the year group will be sent home on the same day.

## Parent Governor Election

Thank you to Mrs Lucy Winston who has nominated herself to be a parent governor. As no other parents applied there is no need for an election and we welcome Mrs Winston back to the Governing Board.

## Enterprise

Each Year, our Year 6 pupils work collaboratively to create money making enterprises to raise funds for charity. Year 6 pupils are eagerly planning their enterprise ideas ready to sell to younger children across the school. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

## The Fox Club



Due to high demand, parents are required to book Breakfast, Lunch and After School Club sessions as far in advance as possible to guarantee your child's place.

Please do ensure that you book your child's place in advance as we will be unable to exceed our club numbers. If you need to book a place at short notice, please contact the Fox Club manager on 07849 716 798 who will be able to advise you of availability.

## And finally...

A hearty congratulations to Miss Turner who has recently become Mrs Mitchell. We wish the newly-weds all the best for a bright and happy future together.

## Diary Dates

June	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.50pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Poplar Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.50pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Charity work Asthma UK
14 <sup>th</sup>	Saplings Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 8.30am Sycamore Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.50pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Spruce Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.50pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Air day Alder Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.35pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Acer Class parents invited in to view pupils' learning 2.35pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Last week of clubs Year 6 Enterprise week 1
July	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Enterprise assembly
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Legoland trip Sponsored obstacle course event for every class throughout this week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Enterprise week 2
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 selling Enterprise
14 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transfer day All children visit new classrooms
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Bell ringing 9am Last day for Nursery
21 <sup>st</sup>	End of term Reception, Year 1 & 2: 12.25pm Years 3, 4, 5, 6: 12.30pm
September	
1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Children do not attend
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Children do not attend
4 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts for children

As you are aware, headteachers are not able to authorise term time holidays. Sadly, Fixed Penalty Notices have been imposed this year due to unauthorised absences. Please avoid this by booking holidays outside term time.



Mrs Seymour (Designated Senior Person), Mrs Manning (Deputy Designated Person), Miss Dean (Deputy Designated Person), Mrs Lindsey-Hill & Mr Burt (Deputy Designated Person for eSafety)

### Commonswood Primary & Nursery School is a Safeguarding School

*'All schools have a clear responsibility placed on them by the Children Act 1989 and by guidance from the Department of Education to safeguard the welfare of all their pupils. In doing so schools are expected to consult with Social Services if they believe there is a possibility that a child may be suffering from abuse or neglect.' If you have any concerns about children please contact Mrs Seymour, Mrs Manning or Miss Dean via the school office. Chair of Governors Mrs Julie Noakes*