



Weekly Newsletter

January 26th 2018

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS COURAGE

NEWS

It never ceases to amaze me how a little sunshine and crisp weather can lift spirits on the darkest days of winter. It was a perfect day to visit Newsells Forest School this Thursday. Sleeping frogs and snowdrops were the order of the day together with research into subsections of soil.

As I write this I can hear Reception children singing their hearts out - "Shine Jesus shine" - as they carry out their child initiated activities in their classroom. At the other end of the school, children are rehearsing a piece on their glockenspiels. Our schools are joyful happy places.

Have a peaceful weekend

Sharon Brown

Federation Headteacher

Photos of the week



NEWSSELLS

The sun was shining on us today at Newsells. We read the story 'After the Storm' and looked at what we could see around us that had been affected by all the stormy weather that we have had recently. Years 1 and 2 had a great time exploring the trees, studying the bark and how it differed between trees. The most exciting discovery was the inside of a tree that had become sodden; please ask your child how it felt! Years 3 and 4 had a very dirty morning, digging holes and really exploring what was in them and how the soil changed. A lot of soap was used when we got back to school! We all enjoyed seeing the first signs of spring up there as well, some delicate snowdrops around the base of a tree.

Mrs West

Squirrels class has been finding out about different buildings around the world and the materials that are used to make them. In their dance lesson this week they were very excited to have a go at choreographing their own dance.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs West



Robin class has been very creative this week.

We explored the life and work of Henri Matisse in art with Mrs McDonald imitating his style with our own cut out pieces.

We learnt and performed a dance to 'What about us ' by Pink with our new dance coach, Mr Sapsed. Mrs Gleadow and our reception audience were very impressed!

Mrs Wallace.



Continuing our theme of African Safari, Hedgehogs learnt about African animals and what their babies looked like. We created some lovely collages, collecting sticks and grass from the playground to add. At the end of the week we had a very special visit from a parent (thank you Mr Turner) who was born in South Africa. The children prepared questions to ask him and he showed us some wonderful photos.

Mrs Gould and Mrs Weston



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REMINDERS

Please make sure all belongings are named.

PE kits should be in school every day.

Please try to read every day.

Please remember a water bottle every day.

We always welcome parents/grandparents coming in to hear children read. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Rush

This week has been very exciting as the Barkleys have been writing play scripts for the story of Romulus and Remus. The children have started using their puppets to help write their scripts as well as act them out. Here you can see three characters being attacked by a giant sausage!



At Newsells many of the class were very disappointed when they realised that the bones they had found, whilst attempting to dig down to the bedrock, were in fact just boring roots.

Mr Davies



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This week Owl class has been reading Supertato. In the story there is an evil pea who trapped all the vegetables. Owl class enjoyed mashing up lots of evil peas, and watching how they melted over time. The Reception children learnt how jelly changes forms and then everyone enjoyed eating it. We were all very excited when our new canopy and rug arrived for our reading area. It has been very popular since they both arrived.

Mrs Gleadow and Mrs West



Dates for the Diary

2nd February – Achievement assembly at Barley gam

7th February – Dress rehearsal for Dance competition – Reception parents invited to watch – Hedgehog class at Barkway

8th February -dance competition at Meridian

9th February – dress down for Home Start Charity

9th February -break up for half term usual pick up times.

12th-16th Half term

19th February - back to school

SPORTS NEWS



Dear Parents,

This year we have seen lots of changes with our sports provision at the Federation and we would love to hear your children's feedback. Their comments will help us to make sure they are receiving sports coaching that they enjoy and that challenges them. It will also add to the evidence required by the government for our sports premium spend. The government need to know that the money they will give us is having a positive impact. So, if your child has not chatted about it, please ask them how they feel about their PE lessons or new clubs and email their comments to Karen or Fiona. Thank you very much for your help with this!

Naomi Gould



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