



Newsletter ~ March 2018

Heacham Junior School



What a great start to 2018 we have had despite recent weather conditions forcing us to close the school for a few days!

The children have thrown themselves into their learning with activities in school centered on our topic - 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'. Across the school pupils have studied the Victorians, examining what life was like for children back then and comparing the lives of the rich and poor. Much of the art work undertaken was drawn from the works of William Morris. The children enjoyed exploring his wallpaper pattern designs which were inspired by nature. These were then replicated using sketching techniques, pastels and watercolours.

In addition to our topic work, the children have been working hard to develop their writing stamina as part of our 8 week writing project. Among the different genres studied and completed were poems, biographies, persuasive letters, diaries, non-chronological reports as well as a range of narratives. As part of this work we held a poetry slam on Friday 16th March. The children performed their poetic verses in front of the whole school to huge admiration and applause!



Just before half term Elizabeth (pictured above) masterminded a campaign to hold a bake sale in order to help raise money towards some new house point post boxes as the old ones were past their best. It was a huge success and enough money was raised to purchase the new boxes! Well done Elizabeth and many thanks to all the parents who donated cakes in support of this event.

The children have barely been able to contain their excitement over the new pirate ship which has emerged and anchored itself on the school grounds recently. HMS Darley will officially launch on Tuesday 27th March and the children will celebrate with a pirate themed day in school complete with a pirate lunch! Ooh arrr!

Year 5 Transition Day Smithdon High School

Our year 5 pupils enjoyed a 'Geography/DT Transition Day' at Smithdon High School on Wednesday 20th March. The children were split into two groups – red and blue.

The geography session really tested the pupils' knowledge of the world's continents, countries and cities, as well as famous land marks. Pupils had the opportunity to study a variety of photographs, including images of floods, volcanoes and deforestation. Their task was to note what they saw in the photographs and explain what they thought was happening and why.

The DT session was dedicated to designing and creating packaging for a camera. The children were encouraged to carefully think of all the things they would need to include. The results were fantastic with many eye-catching designs and appealing brand names! Lunch was the highlight of the day with many of the pupils opting to try the delicious cheesy pasta bake or BBQ chicken. They will visit Smithdon once again in the summer term for a maths themed day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

In order to celebrate World Book Day this year we encouraged the pupils to dress up as book characters and invited parents into school to share in some of the learning that has been taking place. Our 8 week writing project provided a focus for the activities and all the parents that attended certainly threw themselves into them!

The writing activities drew inspiration from books including Treasure Island and The Day the Crayons Quit, as well as the short film, Bubbles.



Love of learning

Bright futures

Happy memories



Governor News

It is with enormous regret that we say farewell to our Headteacher, Mrs Darley. Nicky has served the school faithfully, with total commitment, for the last 14 years; she has over that time brought a wealth of ideas and initiatives into the whole ethos of the school, into the curriculum, into the school environment, and into the school grounds that have so enriched and blessed the lives and experiences of all the pupils who have passed through. We are so sad to be saying farewell, but we join everyone associated with the school in wishing her well in all her new ventures. She leaves the school much richer than we were when she arrived.

Looking forward. We welcome the news that Louise is about to embark on the brave task of embracing both Heacham Junior and Snettisham into the local WNAT fold. We look forward to working with her and we shall do everything in our power to make her time with us as purposeful and as happy as possible. We would ask everyone to show the patience and understanding that she will need to settle happily into this demanding new role.

‘On behalf of the Governors’



The School Council have met twice this term and have been busy developing our Eco-Plan as well as their role as Energy Busters.

Members discussed their experience at the School Council Conference which was held at Dersingham Primary. The theme was wellbeing and pupils took part in a range of workshops including: brain gym/ mindfulness training, exploring senses in a specialist sensory van, creating memory bottles and even performing yoga by candlelight! All the children said that they had an excellent day and had been proud to represent Heacham Junior School.

Mrs Darley shared her plans for a pirate ship and the school council representatives looked at different designs with a range of additions including: two slides, cargo nets and climbing walls etc. The pirate ship, which is now fully assembled, is blue in colour and measures approximately 12 metres long and 10 metres wide.

The representatives welcomed the plans and felt that the pirate ship would make play times even more enjoyable!

Friends of Heacham Junior School

Thanks to all the great fundraising events held by the Friends of Heacham Junior School, they have kindly been able to fund the transport to Harry Potter World, some new wet-play games and a fantastic pantomime so far this academic year.

In addition to this, their recent cake sale raised enough funds to purchase some new house point collection boxes!

Up-coming fund raising events include:

- Easter Extravaganza –Tuesday 27th March
- Easter Raffle – Wednesday 28th March (Parent’s Assembly – 9am)

Date of next meeting: Friday, 27 April 2018 at 3 pm. All welcome!



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Notice Board

End of Term Assembly

Please don't forget our end of term Assembly on Wednesday 28th March at 9o'clock.

All welcome!

COMING SOON

.....With this year marking the centenary of the end of WWI, our topic next term will be ‘Britain in the Twentieth Century’. We plan to visit Muckleburgh Military Collection in Weybourne, Holt.

This military collection is the largest in Norfolk and boasts over 120 vehicles including a large number of tanks. It promises to be a great day out, full of opportunities for the children to further explore and embed the learning that will be taking place in school.

