



Newsletter ~ March 2017

Snettisham Primary School



What a great start to 2017 we have had! Willow Class has been joined by Bobtails in our fantastic new building. The children have been enthralled with activities in school centered on our Star Wars topic. In addition, Oak, Ash and Birch have been on an amazing trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester!

Willow Class

We have been learning all about spring and growing this half term so we are very happy to now have the outdoor area up and running! We have been out and about looking for all the signs of spring. Some new classmates have arrived in the form of five tiny caterpillars! Everyone is very excited to watch them grow and change. We also enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day together, learning about why we celebrate it, as well as cooking and eating our own pancakes! *Miss Moore*

Oak Class

This term we have learnt about space and the properties and positions of the planets in our solar system. We have designed exploration vehicles for different planets and investigated how astronaut's space suits are designed and made. We have learnt songs about our solar system and created our own planets 'Top Trumps' game. We are currently creating lift the flap rockets. We have designed magical dragon islands and populated them with various terrible dangers; we then used these islands to create characters and stories. We have written instructions for getting through our magical lands and also created recounts and news reports about our visit to the Space Centre which were then filmed.

We have learnt about weighing, using various scales, as well as fractions, division and time and gained new strategies for addition and subtraction. *Mr Enters*

Ash Class

The children have explored the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, making shapes from nets. In science they have enjoyed investigating, forces, magnets, light and shadows and electric circuits! In RE we have been discussing prayer and meditation and the children wrote their own prayers to put into our prayer wall.

In keeping with our 'Star Wars' topic, we have been busy creating junk model space ships and papier mache planets – complete with craters! *Miss Prosser and Mrs Enters*

Birch Class

This term Birch class have investigated the scale of the solar system and found out about why we have night and day, as well as the seasons. We recorded the rotation of the earth by marking our shadows on a dial in the playground. We will also be recording the height of the sun in the sky as we move towards spring and summer – this is to explore how our planet tilts towards the sun. *Mrs Holmes*

National Space Centre Visit

Our Space Centre Adventure

Re-told by Year 6 pupils



On Friday 24th February, year 2 to year 6 pupils from Snettisham Primary School went to the National Space Centre in Leicester.

We left school at 7.15am. After an hour, we stopped at a service station to stretch our legs and have a snack break. It felt so good to be off the bus.

We felt gob smacked when we finally arrived at the Space Centre because we saw this rocket shape appear above the bushes from the road. A lady escorted us to the building; we followed blue and white space men foot prints all the way to the entrance.

Once inside, we went into a planetarium. It was really cool! You had to push your chair back to see the full show, which was called 'Astronaut'. It was like a roller-coaster and yet it wasn't even moving!

Next, we took part in a space workshop called 'Life in Space'. We found out what it is like to be an astronaut living and working on the International Space Station. Also, we explored the dangers of carrying out an EVA (spacewalk) and why the different layers of the Space suit are necessary to protect the Astronaut. The facts made us not want to be an astronaut! We also carried out different experiments; it was astounding!



After lunch, we explored the rest of the Space Centre and the different exhibits, including Rocket Tower. Before we got back on the coach to go home, we went to the gift shop to buy a memento of our day. There were so many great things to choose from, including space food and moon rocks!

We all had a great day at the Space Centre. It was certainly worth getting up early for.





Governor News

Firstly, can I start by saying how proud the governors are of our young people. Stuart Dark and myself were lucky enough to join the school on their trip to the National Space centre in February and what an adventure we had. The children coped with the long day really well and it was a pleasure to share the day with them. During the visit several of the staff at the centre commented on how polite and enthusiastic the children were. A big thanks should also go to the friends committee who covered the cost of the transport.

As well as this, governors have been into school conducting monitoring visits looking at wall displays and meeting with subject leaders. They have also looked at a sample of text books to ensure the marking policy is being put into practice and feedback from these visits has been very positive.

The annual safeguarding review has also taken place and the reports sent to county and the academy trust for review. This process ensures that the school is doing everything required in terms of procedures and policies to keep our children safe while at school.

Andy Gee – Chair of Governors

School Council

The School Council met on the 22nd February and representatives from each class brought along their ideas to raise money for Comic Relief. After some discussion it was agreed that the children would wear red for the day in exchange for a £1 donation and Mrs Darley would give a certificate for the ‘reddest’ class. Furthermore, it was decided that there would be a cake, biscuit and lemonade stall on the playground at 3pm.

With the completion of the new build, the redevelopment of the outdoor environment was also discussed. Ideas put forward included relocating the wooden train to the playground, as well as revamping the site where the wooden ship once stood.

Birch representatives mentioned that the year six pupils were keen to take on monitor roles. The School Council considered this and suggested possible jobs/roles for monitors and these included: responsibility for music in assembly, setting out chairs for assembly, Willow escorts to/from class, register monitors and shed (play equipment) monitors. It was agreed that 2 monitors would be assigned each role and would carry it out for half a term on rotation so that everyone would have an opportunity to take part.

The next meeting is on 19th April 2017.



Friends of Snettisham Primary School

Thanks to all the great fundraising events held in December, the Friends of Snettisham Primary School have kindly been able to fund the coach costs for our recent Space Centre trip, as well as the trip for Willow Class to Church Farm.

Up-coming fund raising events include:

- Easter Cake Stall – Friday 31st March
- Family Quiz Night – Friday 28th April
- King’s Lynn Mini-Gear – Sunday 30th April

Date of next meeting: Friday 21st April 3.10pm – All welcome.



Notice Board

Year 6 Hoodies

These are now available to purchase at our online shop.

Please order by
30/03/17!

Go to:
<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shops/SL37330>

Fundraising

We had a fantastic turn out in red and white for Comic Relief.

We raised £103.57!

Many thanks for your continued support.

COMING SOON

.....our topic next term is ‘Zoo’ and we plan to visit Banham Zoo. This award winning attraction is one of the most exciting wildlife attractions in the country, with over 2,000 animals from around the world and set in 50 acres of beautiful parkland and gardens. It promises to be a great day full of opportunities to further explore and embed the learning that will be taking place in school.

