



Newsletter ~ December 2018

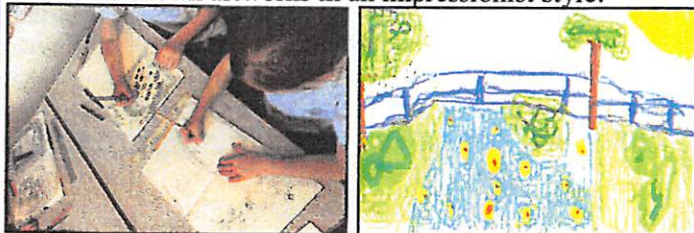
Snettisham Primary School



Well we've almost reached the end of a very exciting and busy term which will conclude with our Christmas performance at the church on 17th December.

It is amazing to reflect upon the fabulous learning that has taken place across the school!

Children in **Oak Class** have made their new teacher, Mrs Dack, feel very welcome and have settled well. They have been adding two 2-digit numbers, as well as consolidating their number bonds in maths. The children have planned and written stories based on the film 'Taking Flight' and have made leaflets containing all the information they have learnt about the Romans. They have also written letters to Father Christmas in preparation for the big day! **Ash Class** returned after half term with fabulous shields they'd created as part of their home learning. Following on from this, the children have enjoyed learning about the Romans, including empire, army and language. They sequenced significant events on a timeline and wrote fact files about Julius Caesar! In maths, the children have been focusing on calculations, as well as covering perimeter. The 'Big Draw' was inspired by the work of Claude Monet. The children used sketching and digital media to create their own artworks in an impressionist style!



Following the creation of their beautiful felt pictures, **Birch Class** set about writing instructions, complete with bullet points, a list of equipment and top tips! They also wrote a biography about Boudicca and a story based on the film 'Taking Flight'. In maths, the children have been looking at fractions, finding equivalents, simplifying and adding mixed numbers.

In topic work, the children have been considering differences in the geographical features of Italy and Britain, focusing on rivers, beaches and buildings etc.

The 'Big Draw' day was particularly successful with the children producing a collaborative piece of art using a range of mediums, inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe.



The children in **Willow Class** have had a busy half term! The children have been studying 'Blue Penguin', our power of reading book, focusing on themes around identity and belonging plus learning all about Antarctica. The children have been developing their number sense of the numbers to 10 and looking at how to solve addition number problems. We also had a fantastic talk from Donna the dental nurse about how to care for our teeth. She explained that we should avoid sugary drinks and snacks. She even did a tooth brushing session with the children!



Lynn Museum Visit

On 16th November, Oak Class visited Lynn Museum to take part in an 'Invaders' workshop. They were thrilled to ride on the top deck of a double decker bus on the way there, taking in all the scenery and admiring our local landmarks.

When they arrived at the museum the children were welcomed by Elizabeth and Sam. First, Sam showed the children some artefacts that would have been used in castles. Then Elizabeth took the children to taste some honey bread; all the children agreed that it was delicious! After lunch, the children looked at some Roman artefacts including a chopping bowl which had lots of stones inside it! The children also had the opportunity to dress up as a Roman and to design and make a mosaic to take home.

The children enjoyed the whole experience and it really helped bring to life the learning taking place in school.





Governor News

Before the summer break we put a request out for a new parent governor and received two nominations. I am delighted to announce that Rachel Ford and Paul Murrell have both been appointed as parent governors, Nicky Scott has also been appointed as a new staff governor.

At our meeting in November we discussed school performance data and were encouraged to see excellent levels of progress and attainment being achieved in all classes. This is a reflection of the hard work and commitment being put in by all staff.

Miss Moore gave a presentation on the work being done across the school to embed learning in mathematics and to develop number fluency and the positive impact this is having with the children.

We were also given the opportunity to look at display boards that are going up in classes and around the school. These showcase the quality of work being accomplished by the children and I would encourage you all to visit your child's class and see for yourselves, the fantastic work being done.

As Governors we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andy Gee – Chair of Governors



Bobtails Pre-School

Christmas is nearly here and the Pre-School children have been busy making presents for their parents who will get to see them at the end of term. The children have decorated the Christmas tree and made the room feel very festive.

The party is booked and all Pre-School children have been invited in on the last day. Lots of party games and activities and a Special appearance from Father Christmas himself. We are all very excited!

On our return in January we will have two new children starting, bringing our numbers on the register to 27.

Don't forget if you have a child approaching 2 years old please feel free to come and have a look around.

We take children from 2 years old both funded and fee paying.

Also 3 and 4-year olds (all funded) for 15 hours a week but with the new government policy of 30hrs more hours are available. A maximum of 25 ½ hrs available over three full days and two half days.

Bobtails Staff and Committee



Forest School



We have had such a fantastic half term of Forest School. Now we are used to the rules and routines, we have become more adventurous with campfire cooking and have even begun to use tools too!

We have thought a lot about the impact humans are having on our planet and want to do what we can to share our love of nature and help the planet!

We have enjoyed learning geography, P.E, science, D.T, art, English and maths all through exploring at Forest School. We also now have tasks to complete by the end of each session, including investigations that help to focus our play while we are here.



We have new areas, such as a den building area and a tool safety zone, which enhances the space even further. Emily is currently developing a Forest School YouTube channel to enable us to learn about knots, tools, and other Forest School tips at home! This will be very handy when applying skills during sessions... we will keep you updated on this!

It is important to remember to send your child to Forest School in lots of layers now that the weather is so chilly (socks, gloves, waterproofs etc). Remember to follow us on Instagram- forestschool_wnat! We can't wait to see what amazing things the children will achieve next term!



Notice Board



Fundraising

We managed to raise **£87.10** for the Poppy Appeal and **£88.60** for Children in Need. Many thanks for your generous donations!



Christmas Performance

Please don't forget to join us for our Christmas Performance on Monday 17th December, St Mary's Church at 1.30pm.

