



Friday Flyer

21st May 2021

Dear parents & carers,

The weeks certainly do seem to speed by at this time of year, with only one more to go until the May half-term break. With the wind howling outside as I write, it doesn't feel much like May! I know that many of the children were disappointed that the Outdoor Learning Day had to be postponed but, hopefully, the weather will be kind to us next Friday and the day will make a fantastic end to a busy and successful term.

Over the past few weeks, teaching staff have been reviewing the progress children have made since returning to school, following the extended lockdown last term. We are delighted by how well they have adapted to being back. They are working hard, showing a positive attitude and enjoying the range of opportunities that school offers. I know many of them are proud of their achievements and so are the staff. We have seen huge progress in all children's learning this term, showing just how resilient and adaptable they are. Undoubtedly, this wouldn't have happened without the excellent support given by their teachers. Froxfield School is truly blessed to have such a dedicated teaching team and I am sure you will join me in expressing huge gratitude to them for all they do.

It has been lovely to see Classes 1 and 2 practicing their May Dancing this half-term. They will be doing a socially distanced performance to our pre-school children next week and a video link will be sent to parents on Dojo. The children are really enjoying learning their dances and I hope you enjoy sharing the recording with them.

Last Friday, Class 4 welcomed Mollie, from Field Farm Project, to share her extensive knowledge of survival skills with them. This was all part of their literacy unit based around the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Children will be using their knowledge to produce a survival guide for living on a deserted island.

Children in Class 3 have enjoyed their DT unit this half-term and have particularly had fun designing, making and evaluating their own pizzas, all linked to their learning cluster 'Bella Italia.'

Our final highlight of the last few days occurred yesterday when a local explorer visited Class 1 to talk about his mountain climbing experience. I also think I may have spotted Edmund Hillary in Mrs Ingham Thomas' classroom earlier in the week!

It is heartening that, step-by-step, we are starting to be able to offer the learning experiences that are so central to our ethos but which have been curtailed under the lockdown restrictions. One of the things that we miss the most are the opportunities for cross-class activities such as house events, house rewards, reading buddies and cross-class events. We very much hope that new guidance will be published after 21st June and some of these opportunities can be planned before the end of term.

I hope the wind moderates so you can enjoy being out of doors over the weekend.

Thank you as always for your support for the children and the school.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Farrow

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* 25th & 26th May - The Parish Council will be carrying out remedial works to the play area in the recreation ground. The play area will therefore be closed on these days.

* An enormous thank you to everybody who ordered from the most recent Scholastic Book-club. This earned a total of £20 in vouchers towards school books.

* For all urgent notifications, in the first instance, please email:
adminoffice@froxford.hants.sch.uk
This will avoid any communications being delayed as the office staff work different days.

What We've Been Up To



Class Two went for a walk around Froxfield as part of their topic of learning about 'Our Local Area'.

They paid particular attention to human and physical features and made notes about what they observed along the way.



Class Three making pizzas as part of their 'Bella Italia' learning cluster.





Class One are learning about plants in science. They went on a walk to identify common trees by looking at the leaves and using the iDials they had made to name them. The children also learnt about the difference between deciduous and evergreen.



Separately, as part of their topic 'Mountain Expeditions', they were treated to a visit from local explorer, Mr Giles, and also historical pioneering mountaineer Edmund Hillary. Mr Giles talked about how he had tried to break the world record for mountain biking to the highest point of the Himalayas. He showed some of the equipment which was needed and shared his adventures and photos.





Pre-School News

Maria Montessori noted how children, more than anyone else, are spontaneous observers of nature. This has struck a chord with me over the past week, as I have watched how our own pre-school children have been utterly fascinated by the mini beasts living in the garden. Every day of late there has been a rush to get to the magnifying glasses and bug boxes. The children have then eagerly headed off in search of little creatures. When a discovery is made, the excitement and wonder that ensues has been simply contagious.

This interest was extended when we headed to the wooded area at the top of field. During this outing, black beetles, woodlice, centipedes, earwigs and snails were all found in plentiful supply. This desire to explore and connect with nature has invited opportunities to develop empathy and talk about feelings, with our children realising that these tiny creatures are living things and must be looked after and then returned to where they were found – a tricky lesson to learn when you are mesmerised by every movement they make!

Warmest wishes

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