



What another busy week it's been! This week has been "Children's Mental Health Week" and the children have been completing a range of activities in class focussing on 'Growing Together'. We were very lucky to end our week with all the classes participating in Yoga sessions led by Matilda Kerridge. It was also lovely to see everyone in their Dress to Express clothing today.

It has also been eventful week in Forest School with all the classes enjoying a variety of outdoor activities. Badgers cleverly created maps of European countries, including clay mountains and rivers of blue material. Foxes whittled wands, practised fire-lighting and built a bridge over the stream. Squirrels enjoyed circle games and made clay people complete with arms of wire and elder wood. Hedgehogs prepared vegetables (for most of them this was the first time of using sharp kitchen knives and they were brilliant), tried the soup they had cooked and created homes for gnomes who were hiding from a dragon!

Finally, it was great to have a group of children heading off to participate in the local hockey tournament. We have more sport ahead with both football and indoor athletics scheduled for next week – we look forward to hearing how they get on. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.



## Hockey Report

On Wednesday 9th February, Emily, Paddy, Ollie, Phoebe P, Noah, Lydia, Oscar, Sam, Albert and Joshua went to Gillingham Upper school to play in a hockey Tournament.

In the first game we played Wyke and the score was 3-0 to us. Ollie scored two goals and Oscar scored one. Next, we played Gillingham Primary and we won. This time it was 1-0 and Phoebe/Ollie took joint credit for the goal. Afterwards we played Mere and the score was 0-0. Finally, we played Motcombe and the game finished 1-0. Ollie scored the winner.

At the end of the tournament we had finished 2nd with only goal difference separating us from Mere. Everyone played great and we had a super time! Thank you to Mrs Moores for taking us and for the parents who drove.

Report by: Phoebe P, Albert and Lydia.



**On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** the PTFA will be holding their Valentine's Raffle

Please return your sold raffle tickets by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** so they can be included in the raffle  
More books are available from Kim Munster, Hayley Prescod, Kate Allcott, Ria Caines or the School Office

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - PTFA Tuck Shop after school

**NO FOOTBALL CLUB** after school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February** as Mr Abbott is attending a sports event

## Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 11/02/2022

**Evie (Hedgehogs)** – for coming in with a smile and having a positive attitude towards learning.

**Seb (Squirrels)** – for writing some super factual sentences using ambitious vocabulary.

**Vita (Badgers)** – for showing enthusiasm in her learning, especially Maths this week.

**Sonny (Foxes)** - for giving his best to all classroom tasks.

**WELL DONE!**

## Learnimal Awards

Week ending: 11/02/2022

**Hector** for being a Teamwork Tiger

**Charlie** for being a Questioning Queen Bee

**Alfie-Jack** for being a Concentrating Camel

**Honie-May** for being a Reasoning Robin



**Well Done**

## Pupil of the week

Week ending: 11/02/2022

Hedgehogs: **Finley**

Squirrels: **Bea Mo**

Badgers: **Harry R**

Foxes: **Billy**

**Well done**

## Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 11/02/22



**Finley (Y1)**  
**Lilly (Y2)**  
**Milly (Y4)**  
**Noah (Y5)**  
**Rory (Y5)**

**Congratulations**

## Birthdays



**Ryan (11)**

**Many Happy Returns**

## Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 11/02/22



**Aralynne (Y1)**  
**Well done**

## Attendance

Week ending 11/02/22

Hedgehogs – 98.4%

Squirrels – 98.9%

Badgers – 95.2%

Foxes – 94.7%

This week the winners are

**Squirrels**



## House Point Scores

**Sandways**

**791**

**Chaffeymoor**

**896**

**Queen Oak**

**820**

## Achievements Out of School

*Congratulations* to Eliza who has just moved up to Stage 5 (learn to swim) in swimming

If your child has achieved something special outside of school let us know, so we can celebrate your child's achievement. If possible a photo of them and their award would be great for our "Look how we shine" board.

## Hedgehogs News

Hedgehogs have demonstrated some wonderful learning this week! In science we have been thinking about the animal groups Herbivore, Carnivore and Omnivore, this was quite tricky as we needed to know what the animals eat! However, the children are animal experts and did a great job in grouping them. For PE this week we have continued our running practice, putting all the skills to the test with racing each other. I must say, they are very good so be careful challenging them in a race! Rafferty beat me! For Maths we have been looking at what odd and even means and which numbers are which. Others have been counting in 2s, starting by pairing (clean) socks!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



## Squirrels News

This week has been very busy in Squirrels, with daily activities as part of Children's Mental Health Week and learning about how to be safe on the internet for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. We learnt how 'Clicking Chicken' and 'Digiduck' stayed safe when playing games or talking to friends online. In English we continued our non-fiction unit by looking more closely at the sentences within the Arctic seal text. We then all practised writing factual sentences about polar bears using a conjunction and the Year 2s practised writing a 'list' sentence using a comma. In maths we looked at grouping, arrays and counting in 10s. Year 2s began to link this to learning their tables, starting with their 10s. We sorted animals into the categories of herbivore, carnivore and omnivore in Science, understanding what each type of animal ate. In DT we designed a mitten and made a template of the shape of the main embellishment. In our Forest School session we talked about our feelings and how we sometimes have a feeling like a knot in our tummies. We used clay to make a figure with arms made of wire and elder wood (hollowed out) and decoration. We also made kindling, using a log as a mallet and a safely positioned axe.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



## Badgers News

In Badgers this week, we enjoyed the opportunity to focus on mental health. In PE, we had a calming session working on our Pilates and created our own movements which we performed with control. We then started to teach these to each other. We also read the poetry book, *Breathe and Be*. We wrote our own verse for the poem and spent the afternoon painting images of peaceful scenes for our poems.

In Forest School, we made maps of individual European countries and found creative ways to show the physical features of these, such as mountains and rivers. We also recapped whether the country was landlocked or surrounded by sea or ocean and tried to include these on our representation too.

We continued writing our review of Gusteau's restaurant in the film *Ratatouille*. We enjoyed writing about the efficient service on roller skates and using noun phrases to describe the food, using our senses. We are looking forward to our own continental cooking next week.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman

## Foxes News

This week has been "Children's Mental Health Week" with the focus of *Growing Together*. In Foxes, we have been thinking about how we have changed during our time at Primary School and what further changes will occur as we transition to Secondary School.

On Tuesday it was "Safer Internet Day" and in class we discussed how to be safe and respectful online. The children discussed different scenarios that may occur online and what they would and would not do if faced with that situation. The children then created posters (which will be displayed in the Library) to teach our younger classes all about being safe online. The key message that we decided on was: Speak to a trusted adult if you are ever worried about something online!

Finally, in PE we have been continuing our gymnastics unit of work. The children have been "teamwork tigers" and worked in pairs to create counterbalances where they work together to take each other's weight. They used great imagination to create their own balances.

Mr Abbott



## Parent Consultation

### Meetings

Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school for face to face meetings to look at the work the children have been completing along with speaking to the class teachers.

More information on booking coming soon.



Children will be given their £1 Book Token next week, please look out for them!

These are valid from 17<sup>th</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and can be used to purchase one of the selected 'World Book Day books' or can be used to get £1 off a book of your choice.

## Dates for your Diary

14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Match v Gillingham Primary
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fencing session for all Badgers Cooking morning
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Indoor Athletics @ Gillingham School
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Valentines Raffle PTFA Tuck Shop
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring Half Term</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Foxes Maths Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day Cricket session for all
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr3/4 Football Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Governors Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary 6pm PTFA Easter Bingo – more details to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
25 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer Half Term</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 to Okehampton

## Spare Clothes

If you have any out grown socks or boys pants at home (that still have plenty of wear left in them) please could you send them into school, our spares are in short supply!

Thank you



## LSA

**We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor for 1 hour every day to join our staff team**

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about the role

# Fun with Lego

Family Fun with Lego at February Half Term.



**Gillingham Library**

**Tuesday 22 February  
11.00am - 12.00 midday**

Booking essential as places limited, call library on:

For more information ☎ **01747 822180**

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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## Starry, Starry Nights Art Activities

Help us celebrate our status as an International Dark Sky Reserve and join us for a FREE two-hour Starry, Starry Night-inspired art session at Coombe Bissett Village Hall. Children will create their own stars and planet inspired creations to take home

When: Thursday 24th February from 10am to 12 noon or from 2pm to 4pm or Friday 25th February from 2pm to 4pm  
Where: Coombe Bissett Village Hall, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LU  
Suitability: Ages 4-11 (but all ages welcome)  
To book: The event is FREE to attend but please ensure you book a space for each child that is attending. See our website for how to book [www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events/](http://www.cranbornechase.org.uk/events/) or search 'Chase and Chalke' on Eventbrite

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

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## Code Club

Code Club is Back! Join us on Tuesday afternoons to learn about coding with Scratch, HTML and Python. Suitable for children age 8 and over.

### Gillingham Library

Every Tuesday  
3:45pm - 4:45pm

Spaces are strictly limited so booking is essential on:  
For more information ☎ **01747 822180**  
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