



19th June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Every week seems very busy at school, as you might expect when the term is in full flow! Last week we were delighted to welcome Philip Hunton from Green Up Your Act Education to our school for three whole days. Philip worked across the school and was really impressed with the knowledge that our children had already acquired about all manner of environmental issues and was able to move their learning and understanding on further. We were delighted to work with him.

The first session started by discussing green issues in the home, at school, and in a global context. With the aid of an interactive presentation, children visited an award-winning building called 'Earthship' which is powered by renewable energy and is built from recycled materials. After exploring the concepts involved, children examined a range of up-cycled objects and finished by making a visually unique notebook from old maps, cards and recycled paper.

The second session explored the problem of litter and the effect it has on our natural environment. The children looked at the subject of litter in the UK and examined single use plastics and their alternatives. Each pupil decorated a cork fish with colourful recycled scales they made to bring awareness to the problem of litter in our surroundings. This highlighted to children how we can all play a part in supporting a beautiful and healthy natural environment. The main aim of this workshops was to further raise awareness of the problem of litter and the effect it has on our environment.

The final day saw the children take part in the Green Shoots Workshop. Children traced the journeys of different varieties of fruit and vegetables. They talked about how food is grown, the benefits of fresh food and the responsibility we all share to reduce the huge amount of packaging and food thrown away every day. This has helped set the scene into our upcoming Autumn Term theme 'Field to Fork' where we will go more deeply into this topic. Children completed this workshop by making paper pots planted with vegetable seedlings or growing micro greens, and were shown how to make an up-cycled watering can. This activity demonstrated how easy and fun it can be to grow seasonal food and thereby reduce food miles and packaging.

This week on Thursday 22nd we are having a Curriculum Showcase event in the Village Hall from 2.00p.m to 4.30p.m. Each subject leader has put together a display of information about the subject they lead at Sheepscombe and these will be on display for you to see. Mrs. Dangerfield and other members of the team will be there all afternoon and the remaining staff will also be there at the end of the school day. Parents, grandparents and children are welcome and encouraged to come and look around. As part of this event some of our Governors will be there to speak with you, should you have a few minutes. They will be seeking your thoughts around our work on sustainability and to find out you what you like about our school as well as what you would like to see more of going forwards. Mrs. Powell will also be there during this afternoon. She will have a short tick sheet for you to complete to show which of our trips and visits you value the most. We are aware that the cost of living is ever rising and with coach costs getting ever higher too we may need to prioritise visits next year, depending on the questionnaire results. Please do come and pop in as this is your chance to see what we do and to have some input into how we shape things moving forwards.

On this day children from all classes will be discharged from the Village Hall at 3.15p.m direct to parents at the end of the day, as they are coming down to look at the displays. Any children for After School Club will be taken back to school for club by staff- please can you let Mrs. Powell know if your child is at after school club on Thursday this week, so that we have an up to date list. At this event in the Village Hall we will also have a Book Fair by the Yellow Lighted Bookshop, so do come along for a browse and/or a purchase!

Have a lovely week,
Vicky Dangerfield

Diary Dates Week Commencing 19th June

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| Mon 19th June | - Fimo Afterschool Club |
| Tues 20th June | - Moving Up Sessions 10:30 - 12:00 |
| | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Chess Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 21st June | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club 2 |
| Thurs 22nd June | - 9:00 Running Club |
| | - Moving Up Sessions 10:30 - 13:00 |
| | - Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class |
| | - Curriculum Event Village Hall 14:00-16:30 |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 23rd June | - Year 6 Leaver's Trip - Go Ape Forest of Dean |
| | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 26th June

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| Mon 26th June | - Fimo Afterschool Club |
| Tues 27th June | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Chess Afterschool Club KS2 |
| Wed 28th June | - Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club 2 |
| Thurs 29th June | - 9:00 Running Club |
| | - Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes |
| | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Fri 30th June | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |



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