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Dear Parents and Carers,

Greenfinch and Lapwing visit Time and Tide

Last week Greenfinch and Lapwing visited Time and Tide to learn all about prehistoric life. They met people from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age who taught them all about their lives. From hunting prehistoric animals to fighting with woad on their faces, the children (and staff) had a wonderful and fully immersive day.



Sponsored swim

Congratulations to Matthew Phoenix-McGlynn who took part in a sponsored swim organised by Norwich Swan swimming club during the Easter holidays. He achieved 6000 meters (3.73miles) in 2.5 hours, improving on his last years 4000m by 50%. Well done!

Marathon

Congratulations to Jo Malone (Keola and Thalia's mum), Nicola Steggles (Dylan's mum) and Mike Walters (Bea's dad) for completing the London Marathon. I am sure that you will all agree that, considering the heat, this was a wonderful achievement!



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



TAG Rugby Win for Wicklewood

On Thursday 19th April, our School sent two teams to Diss High School to compete in the South Norfolk schools tag rugby finals. One Year 6 team and one Year 5 team. Both teams had qualified for the finals by coming top of the cluster competition in early December.

The Year 6 team was made up of Hugo Pattison, Jake Richardson, William Pratt, Rufus Cross, George Martin, Anna Wayne, Tilly Butler and Sienna Long.

The Year 5 team was made up of Freddie Pattison, Harry Vincent, Joshua Hanser, Christopher Myhill, William Shenstone, Jake Gibson, Florrie Martin, Alyssa Money and Libby Ong.

Both teams travelled to Diss by coach with Mrs Smith and our team coach Mr Pattison. On the way, some of us felt nervous so our coach gave us some words of encouragement which made us all feel better and we were determined to do our best and to make our school proud.

It was a very hot and sunny day so we had to stay in the shade when we could and drink lots of water. Each team played five matches in their pool and both of our teams won all five of their pool games by at least two or three tries. All of us were working very well as a team by supporting each other, passing the ball and holding our defence. Despite the tight schedule we watched and supported each other when possible.

After lunch all of the teams gathered and it was announced that both Wicklewood teams had won their pools and had made it through to the semi-finals. We were thrilled and yet we were also nervous about the games ahead. In our semi-final the Year 6s played Dickleburgh and we beat them relatively easily but unfortunately our year 5s lost their semi-final to East Harling. We were so excited that we had made it through to the final but when we found out we were playing East Harling again we knew we had it in the bag. It was an intense match; East Harling had improved and they really wanted to win but we wanted it more! We held up our defence; most of us were diving for tags preventing them from scoring tries. Our attack was outstanding, we were piercing their line with ease offloading the ball into space then sprinting down the wing. Everyone was scoring tries. When the referee blew his whistle to end the game, we were all overwhelmed with our victory. We set out determined, with a desire to win. After training whenever we could, in the cold, rain, wind and snow!

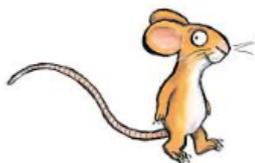
I think my team played exceptionally throughout the whole competition and we learnt that if you train hard, you can achieve your goals. It has been an amazing and enjoyable experience, one that I will remember for the rest of my life and we are so proud to be the 2017/2018 South Norfolk schools tag rugby champions.

To the Year 5s: Tough luck this time, but if you train hard and play as a team you could be next year's champions, then you'll bring home the glory!

By Hugo Pattison (year 6).



Our values



This week I have heard from several parents about how values are being discussed at home. These conversations are being led by the children and really demonstrate the impact that a values-led approach is having on their lives. Well done to all the children who are sharing their understanding of values with their families!

Bell ringing

Last week year 6 participated in bell ringing with the ringers from St. Peter Mancroft and then the whole school joined them for an assembly. This was certainly a morning of awe and wonder with the children quite transfixed when the large bells were playing.

Richard Carter, who led the morning, sent me the following email; 'We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves because your pupils were so responsive, enthusiastic and hardworking. They learnt quickly and wanted to stretch themselves, not content to do just the initial task. Their politeness made it so much easier for us to work with them. We were genuinely surprised how quickly all the children learnt which made it all so much more enjoyable for us all... the best children yet!'



This event was part of Mancroft's ringers' ongoing outreach programme to develop a greater understanding and interest in the English ancient art of ringing church bells.

Quiz night

A huge thank you to Simon and Laura Butler, and Vicky and Tom Anthoni for another fantastic quiz night. At the last count, but yet to be confirmed, the total raised was an amazing £1002. Thank you also to Helen Leverage for helping with the 'bar' and to Sam Batty for running the raffle.

The car park and parking

Please can I remind you all that it is illegal to park on the zigzag lines at the front of the school. We would like everyone to stay safe and such parking risks the lives of others. Please can I also remind you to turn off engines whilst you are waiting in the car park. Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses which our children will then breathe in!

And finally a reminder that we are a non-smoking site which means that cigarettes and vaping is not allowed on the school grounds, this includes the car park.

GDPR

I am sure that many of you are aware that the General Data Protection Regulation becomes law at the end of this month. We are committed to the compliance with GDPR and are, at present, working with an external agency and the Cluster schools to ensure this.

Sports for Schools vouchers

We are still collecting these so if you realise that you still have some lying around please bring them in. We have definitely won £60 worth of sports equipment so thank you!

Drainage update

Once the land has dried out we will be able to proceed with the drainage of the dyke and can hopefully then begin to develop our outdoor play facilities.

The new build

During the next few weeks you will begin to notice that toilets will be removed and replaced in a different setting, the polytunnel will move and we will begin to prepare for our new modular build. Please be reassured that everything has been carefully planned to ensure minimum disruption and at all times we will ensure the safety of your children. The builders will use the corner of the car park near Robin class for their base and therefore this area will be cornered off.

100 Club winners – April

Sue Daynes - £15
Vickie Gibson - £10
Dan and Stef Nobbs - £5

Coming up:



Sports Day
27.6.18 Greenfinch, Lapwing, Kestrel and Kingfisher 9.15 a.m.
Picnic on the field during lunch
Wren, Robin and Swift 1 p.m.

Additional dates for your diary

School and class photographs	22.5.18
Summer half term holiday	28.5.18 – 1.6.18
Summer BBQ	13.7.18
Kestrel and Kingfisher play	11.7.18 @ 6.00 p.m and 12.7.18 @ 6.30 p.m
Leaver's assembly	18.7.18
Meet your new teacher	19.7.18
Summer holiday begins	25.7.18

Next year's term dates and INSET days:

The following link will enable you to find these dates

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

Our INSET days will be – 4.9.18, 5.9.18, 18.10.18, 19.12.18 and 2.1.19.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks