

Hemblington Primary School



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Dear All,

This week we were scheduled to hold two more of our 'Keeping in Touch' days. On Tuesday under the cover of our marquee the 'Keeping in Touch' day for Swans was a great success. A few nervous faces could be seen as the children arrived at school, but they were soon back to their old ways as they chatted to each other on the mats. The children had a fun time seeing each other again, saying their goodbyes to Mrs Goodson and meeting Mrs Brownsey, who will be teaching the class in September. The children all assured Mrs Goodson that they had been keeping up with their home learning and she was pleased that the children had also spent a lovely time with their families.

Josh said 'that he enjoyed bike rides' and George said that 'he had enjoyed spending lots of time with his sister but had missed Mrs Goodson!'



On Thursday our Reception children were due to say farewell to Mrs Gibson and to meet Mrs Goodson who will teach the class when we return in September. Rain being on the cards I took the decision to rechedule this to next Thursday, when the sunshine is forecast.

To help with our Year 6 pupils transition to high school, pupils who will move up to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form were visited on Monday, by Mrs Allen (Head of Admissions) and Mr Bowman (Head of House).



In their 'Bubble' groups pupils had the opportunity to hear a short talk and then ask questions. This was a very useful session and the pupils returned from the session enthused and excited with lots to say:

Matilda, 'It was really useful because if you had any unanswered questions, then you were able to find out what you wanted to know. It was also nice for me to meet my Head of House.'

Matthew, 'It was good to have the opportunity to ask questions about things we were worried about. This helped to settle our nerves.'

Toby, 'It was great to find out more about Thorpe, especially for those who haven't got older brothers and sisters there.'

Harvey, 'It was nice to have a bit more explanation from the staff, who work at Thorpe St Andrew, rather than just receiving information in a newsletter. We could ask questions and they could answer them.'

Izzy, 'This morning was very interesting and exciting. We were told that it wouldn't matter if we got lost and was late during the first couple of weeks.'

Oliver, 'It was a relief that we found out that if we get a few things wrong at the beginning, we won't get into trouble.'

Kyra, 'It was interesting to know what subjects would be taught and what activities would be available.'

Caitlin, 'I already know the clubs I am going to do; baking and dancing, I can't wait!'

KW1 (Sharks) have been busy working on their geography both in school and in their home learning. Over the last few weeks, they have also been building on the skills that they have been developing and have designed a dream bedroom for Prince George, Princess Charlotte or Prince Louis. Mrs Kemp will be sending off their designs to the Queen, Prince William and Princess Kate who are going to be hugely impressed!



KW1 Shark class have also been picking cherries from the tree outside the classroom and making a delicious cherry dessert.

'We took the stones out and boiled them with water and a little sugar.'

'We then enjoyed them with ice cream!'

'We invited Mr Winter to join us,' he said 'It was stunning, delicious and yummy'

'He also asked what the Sharks were serving the next day.'



From cullinary skills to the use of:

Amazing Alliteration by Super Sharkes

Laura Long licks lovely lollies.
Silly Sarah stuffs seven sweets.
Bouncy Bertie barks at big boys.
My Marshall munches massive marshmallows.
Hattie Hedley-White happily holds hundreds of half-fat milk holders.
Lovely Lola loves lime lollies.
Charlotte chomps chocolate chips.
Tremendous Tom tames terrible tigers.
Energetic Emily eats every egg.

An infestation of baby frogs has been spotted in the environmental garden and our 6A Frog Police have sent out alerts to the other 'Bubbles' to take extra care when walking through the area.



In our wellbeing time this week the children in 6D have played 'Roll a Positive Question'. This gave everyone the chance to share positive experiences with each other. The children had this to say:



'My funniest memory, I was at Butlins and we hired an ATV to drive round. My Mum was driving and stopped in the middle of a water fountain, to our surprise we got absolutely soaked.'

'I had a wobbly tooth and my parents were reading my sister and I a story. It was time to go to bed and my sister accidentally knocked my tooth out and it was lost.'

'The kindest thing I have done, my rabbit's cage was very smelly and I cleaned it out so my parents didn't have to do it.'

'For my perfect day, I would be in Hawaii with a flower garland round my neck sitting on the beach with a beach umbrella over my head drinking out of a coconut, with pineapple sunglasses and the sun shining.'

'I feel safe when I am holding my Minecraft teddy.'

'My heroes are really good rugby players, Ben and Tom Youngs and I would like to be like them.'

I would like to say a big thank you to the pupils in 'Bubble' 6C. Last week I completed their 3 minute one legged challenge. This week I was kindly presented with my Gold Award Certificate!



From being challenged to setting a challenge.

On one of my daily visits to the 'Bubbles', 6D were working on their final activity of their 'Doors - A World of Possibility'. I challenged the children to write a collaborative portal story, each child had to write a

paragraph. The children drew upon their own personal experience, as well as their wider reading and imagination. Rising to the challenge, this became a complete 'Bubble' effort. Each 'Bubble' member contributed, they edited and improved paragraphs from the children's original stories, to create a portal story collaboration. The children thoroughly enjoyed writing and sharing their ideas and would like to share their finished product:

'Jodie Hills walked into school, she was nervous as it was her first day in year 6. Jodie was a tall, dark haired girl with many friends. She strolled around the school building to her grass green classroom and stepped up to the door. She took a deep breath; as one door closes, another one opens she thought as she stepped in.

Before Jodie knew it, she was sucked into a cosmic purple portal. Suddenly, she was flung into the cotton candy clouds and landed like a superhero. She saw odd things around her, such as snow, slime, lava, rainbows and burning craters. Jodie was confused. She tried to propel herself upwards towards the portal but was centimetres out of reach. Like magic, the opening popped out of existence. She was frozen, as dead as a doornail.

Jodie snapped into action. Around a sharp corner she saw ghostly pale people within a foggy landscape. Like a gazelle, she ran towards it to explore. On arriving at the misty scene, the fog cleared to reveal a lush, flowery meadow.

Jodie saw dragons fiercely fighting at a small straw roofed house, with a sorcerer attempting to stop them. In a puff, the old man and dragons vanished. Jodi ran shouting for help, but nobody was there except for the dark wind pushing her towards the house.

Inside the dilapidated house, Jodie was stunned to see the aged sorcerer again. An ancient gramophone screeched music and dark shadows danced on the walls. They had razor sharp teeth and gleaming hazel eyes. Jodie cautiously stumbled towards the old man, again in a puff; he had vanished, leaving only ash seeping through the floorboards.

As Jodie looked more closely, she could see that the ash was burning a portal shaped hole in the floor. She stepped back in surprise, tripping and falling, falling down further and further. The next thing she knew; she was flung through the door in to her classroom. When she looked at the clock, no time had passed at all.....'

With summer holidays fast approaching I would like to share with you some activities that families and children can get involved in:

Norfolk Music Hub are delighted to launch an opportunity for children across the county to join them for some free online summer workshops. To sign up, please use this link:

<https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/site/summer-school-workshops/>

This is free for any young person between the age of 6-18 who is living in Norfolk.

The **Norfolk County Music Service** are also delighted to introduce to you a new resource that is aimed at families over the summer break.

The link to the resources on Charanga is here:

<https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/c/1341721-just-sing>

How do I get involved?

The music for Just Sing and the backing track has been shared with schools in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk and it's suitable for families to get involved with over the summer holidays. There will be additional resources released every week throughout July and August to get people inspired.

Extra resources will include activities based around everything from kitchen percussion workshops to specific instruments such as piano and guitar. They will also include suggestions for fun activities and video tutorials from our teaching team.

'Whether you sing the song, make a video or create some artwork, we'd love it if you let us know how you

brought the song to life!' said Alex the composer. 'Your response doesn't have to be musical – so get creative in any medium you enjoy!'

Please do share your creative responses via **Norfolk Music Hub** social media on either Twitter, Facebook or Instagram using #JustSing2020

Finally, another big thank you to our marvellous 'Friends,' who have been busy again fundraising for the school. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the pile of bags, stuffed full of clothes. I was really impressed by the speed in which the pile grew, I counted 104 bags into the van, before it headed back to Southend. As soon as I know how much was raised I will let you know.



Next week we have our remaining 'Keeping in Touch' Days and we look forward to seeing our Year 5 pupils on Tuesday, Year 4 pupils on Wednesday and Reception pupils on Thursday.

Starting on Tuesday and running throughout the week, we will be hosting a series of 'Getting to Know' Hemblington Primary School sessions. Our new Reception children, who will be joining us in September, have been invited to school to meet Mrs Gibson (Reception teacher) and Miss Collier, who from September is Hemblington Primary School's new Headteacher.

Finally, this afternoon your class teacher will be sending home via email, your child's Annual School Report. Please would you kindly let your class teacher know, if you would like a follow up telephone conversation to discuss the report.

I do hope that you will enjoy reading your child's report and that you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend in the sunshine.

Ian Winter
Executive Leader Hemblington Primary School

