

Friday 1 October 2021

A much rainier and autumnal end to September and start to October this week!

We had a wonderfully varied Harvest Festival, coming together as a whole school online via Teams to share our class contributions. Highlights included poems, art work, songs and drama. Thank you to staff organising pupil pieces and to Reverend Matt Simpkins for joining us for this important and enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to parents and carers who have sent in donations for those who need it in Colchester- we will be distributing packaged goods next week if you would still like to send in any tea, coffee, sugar or tinned goods on Monday.

I hope you enjoy many of the other highlights from this week. I have been particularly pleased with how pupils have been behaving in the dining hall this week, eating together sensibly, helping others and using their manners.

As the rain looks set to stay, but we do go outside in all weather, please can we remind you of the importance of sending pupils with a named coat, hat and gloves. Thank you for support with this.



Mrs Constantine, Headteacher



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Word of the week:
Kindness



We have continued to **think about others** linked to our **Community and Wider World** outcome as part of Harvest Festival this week, especially those who do not have a home and may be in difficulty at this time of year and may need vital services such as the Soup Run and Food Bank.



<https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk/>
[Neighbourly Soup Run project Colchester](#)

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Harvest

It was really wonderful to see all the different things pupils have been doing in preparation for our whole school Harvest Festival on screen on Wednesday...



Harvest Poem - Munch
Munch Munch!

Oak Class

PIC-COLLAGE



Orchard Class



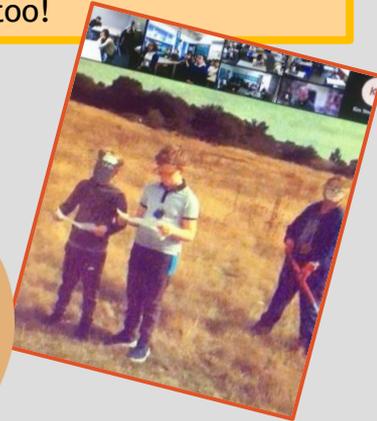
Autumn trees



Hedgehog sculptures

Orchard Class

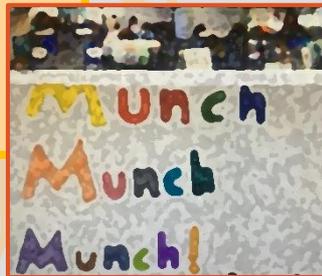
Maple Class acted out the story of The Farmer with a super film using Hillyfields as a back-drop. Their masks deserve a special mention too!



Well done to all classes for taking part with thanks to staff stars for organising some super contributions



Oak Class have been busy this weekend writing their Harvest themed poems, Munch Munch Munch!



COOKING SKILLS

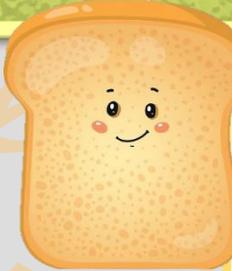


Acorn Class has been getting their hands messy this week making crumble to top their apple crumble, delicious!



Eating sensibly together is an important part of daily life at Kingswode Hoe. It helps pupils develop social skills and I have been very impressed with how pupils young, and older, have used their manners and behaved in the dining hall so far this term.

We hope it is helpful to have the school menu in the newsletter each week. There will be an updated one for after half term and we will also be sending out guidance about the types of food recommended for a balanced packed lunch. Please see the important note about not sending food in for other pupils on page 9.



Year 7 made toast this week and tried an assortment of toppings, smiles all round.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

FOREST SCHOOL

Acorn enjoying the water wheel at forest school!



Acorn enjoyed their weekly Forest School session and it is super to see some of our Year 10 pupils embracing their outdoor learning experiences too.

Year 10 Arts Award pupils confidently shared their informative Arts Inspiration presentations to the rest of their class, demonstrating their awareness of the work of various artists whilst also developing important communication skills.



YARRA FARM

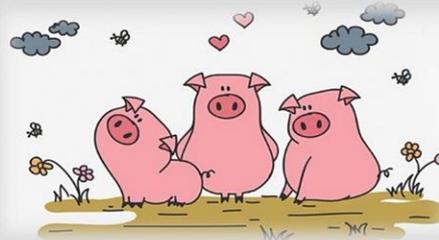
Year 10 and 11 pupils have been busy collecting eggs, working on the allotment and grooming the animals this week as part of their work experience!



<https://yarraservices.co.uk/farm/> 



CREATIVITY



Acorn Class has been discovering the strength of different materials through the story of the Three Little Pigs!



Weald Class enjoyed creating leaf rubbing pictures to share in the Harvest Festival assembly this week, giving thought to colour, shape and composition.

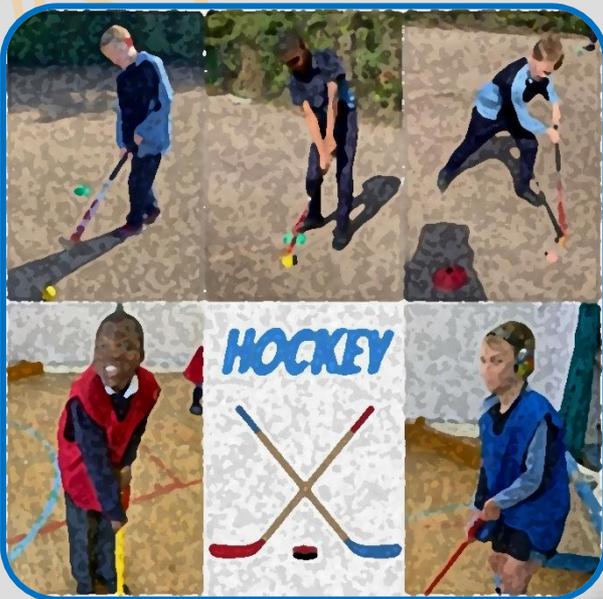
INVESTIGATION

They also behaved brilliantly whilst exploring different parts of the school. Well done Acorn class!



RESILIENCE

We have been working on hockey skills in PE. Pupils have been practising their passing, dribbling and shooting skills and we've enjoyed some evenly matched, superbly competitive games across the year groups.



Spinney class are continuing to work on their EHCP targets. This week's team challenge was to work in pairs and build a tower of cups using only string and a rubber band. Communication, patience and control were the key elements required for the task. Well done Spinney!



TEAMWORK MAKES
THE DREAM WORK



It has been impressive to see Year 10 pupils pushing themselves and achieving fitness goals as part of their circuit activities in PE this week.

COVID UPDATE

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

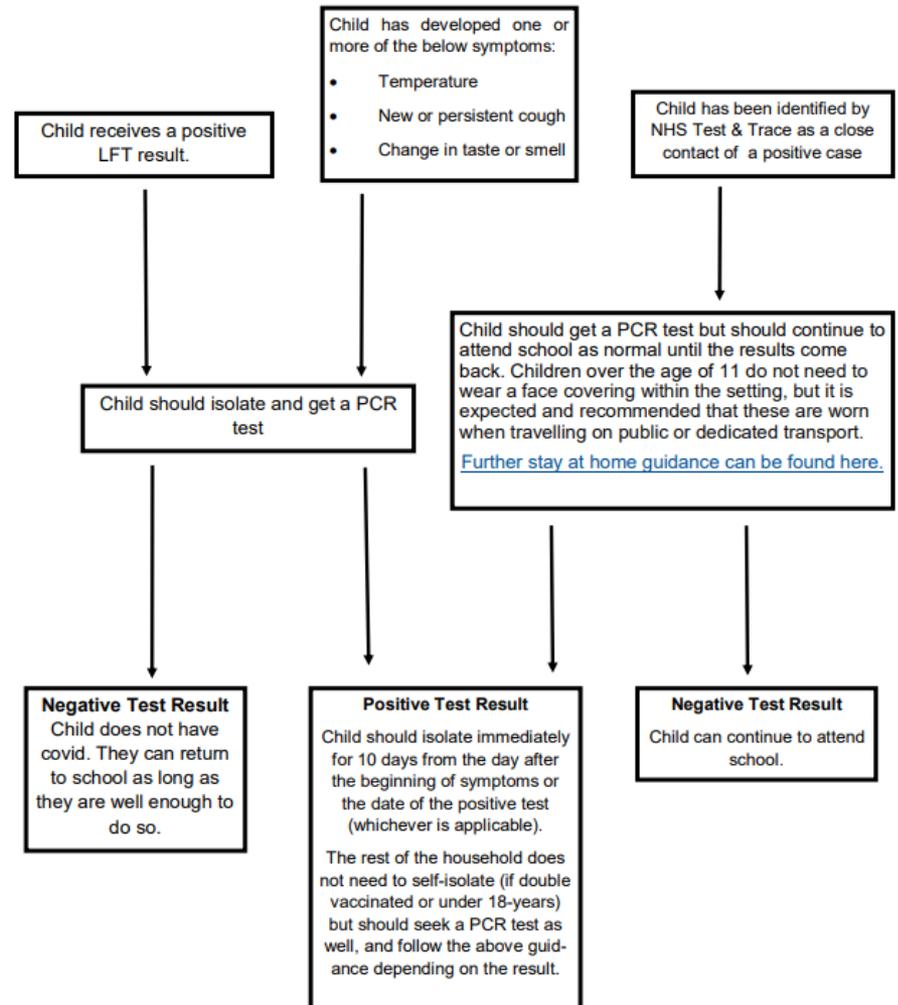
Thank you for support to help pupils follow basic hygiene routines. We continue to reinforce these in school, hold assemblies via Teams and ventilate classrooms. Please encourage pupils who can to wear masks in taxis.

Thank you to parents and carers supporting safety in school by helping pupils do lateral flow tests at home and following guidance.

We do appreciate updates about negative tests.

Please be aware that whilst we do fully appreciate that Covid has affected many holiday plans since March 2020, we are unable to authorise holiday absence for pupils apart from in exceptional circumstances, as per SEAX policy.

Self-Isolation and Testing Guidance



Notices

DIARY DATES

SEAX Trust Staff Inset Day:
Monday 1 November 2021



School photos taken 15/9

If you have any questions or queries about the school photographs and how to order please contact Happy Days Directly at support@happydaysphoto.co.uk

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Week Mon	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
6/9	Health, lifestyle & wellbeing: Paralympic achievements & goals Summer School
13/9	Accreditation: Reading/Roald Dahl Day
20/9	Identity & self-expression: Tolerance & diversity
27/9	Community & Wider World: Harvest & the homeless
4/10	Resilience & Independence: Learn to sign week, BDA, Space week
11/10	Employability: Equality International Day of the Girl Child
18/10	Goals and achievements this half term: Sharing assembly

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