

You will have seen from our communication that we have unfortunately ended the week in school with a positive Covid case. We are following current guidelines and have sent a separate letter for those pupils who may be close contacts. See our Covid page 11 for more details and important links.

Otherwise, it has been another busy and productive week as you will see from the many highlights, from signing stars across the school inspired by Epping class assembly to pupils developing their geography and map skills, exploring their local area, cooking, getting arty and much more.

I would also like to pass on our praise to pupils for the way they responded to our fire drill practise during National Fire Safety Week. Well done for walking calmly and sensibly and standing quietly so that we can make sure everyone knows what to do to keep safe.

Wishing everyone well,



Mrs Constantine, Headteacher

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Pupils enjoyed participating in Epping class assembly focusing on communication and British Sign Language this week.

It encouraged us all to think about how we communicate and how we can use signs to be inclusive when we talk to others.



Word of the week: Communication



TEACHER

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Highlights this week



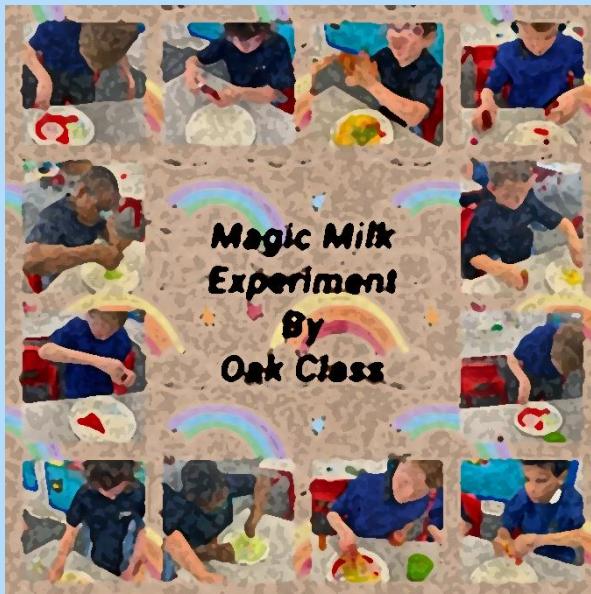
Birch pupils developed their use of colour and tone in their art session this week.

Spinney pupils did some great work together during their Community and Wider World session locating local businesses and landmarks and transferring them onto a map.



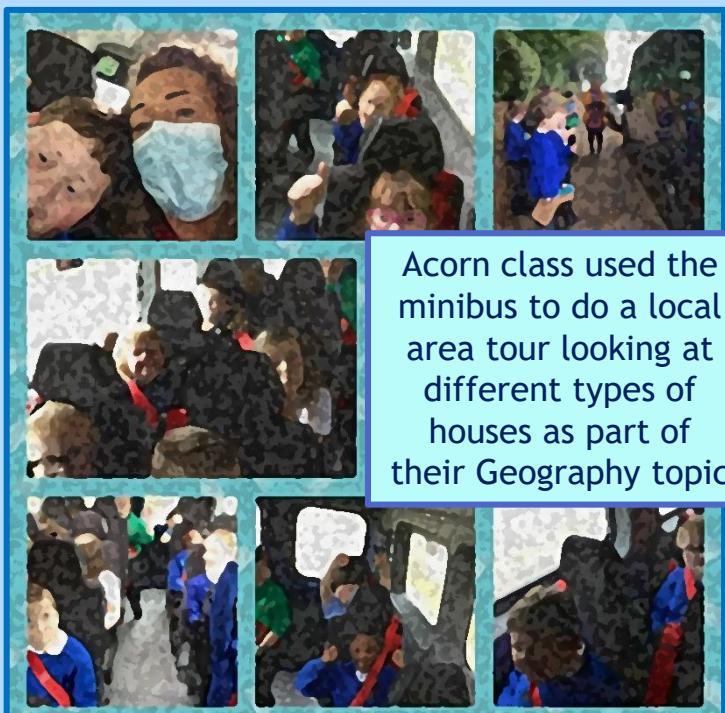


Orchard class have collected natural materials and created a piece of art work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy



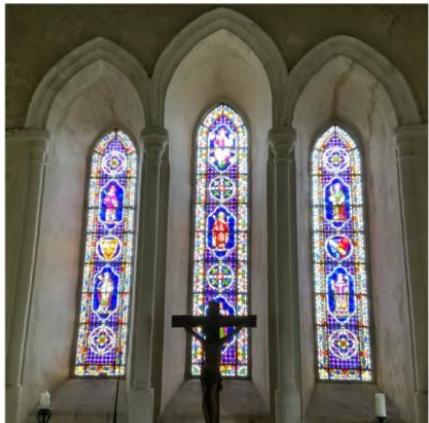
Magic Milk Experiments
By Oak Class

Oak pupils found it fascinating to see what happened when mixing liquids this week



Acorn class used the minibus to do a local area tour looking at different types of houses as part of their Geography topic

STUNNING SCENES OUT AND ABOUT



Year 11 pupils enjoyed a day of discoveries on their visit to Bures this week.

The countryside views on our walk were breathtaking. We had the opportunity to explore St Stephen's Chapel, built in 1218.

We saw, heard and smelt a variety of wildlife and livestock and even spotted a dragon on our travels...!

The 'Chapel' and 'Countryside View' photographs included in our collage were taken by one of our very talented year 11 pupils.



Apples, harvested locally
and turned into apple
muffins by Acorn Class.

We had a meeting with new staff at the end of their first month at Kingswode Hoe. They talked so positively about their first impressions of our pupils and school- these are some of the words they chose...

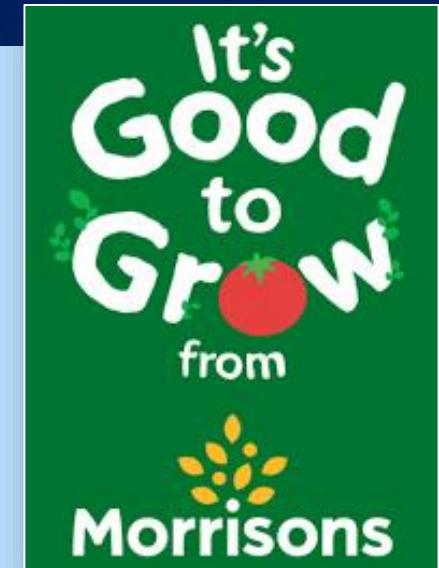


FOREST SCHOOL



CAN YOU HELP?

Do you shop at Morrisons?
Would you like to help our school collect FREE
gardening equipment?
Please visit <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk> for
more details.



Pupils in Year 9 investigated Earthworms by
making a Wormery.

This hands-on experiment gave a wonderful
insight into how Earthworms play a vital role in
keeping our soils healthy.



World Space
Week

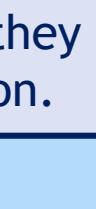
OCTOBER 4-10

OUT OF THIS WORLD!

For more information about World Space Week visit <https://www.worldspaceweek.org>



In their EHCP social/physical session this week, Spinney have been learning about the order of the planets. Pupils practised their throwing skills from varying distances and were then asked to correctly identify the planets they landed on.





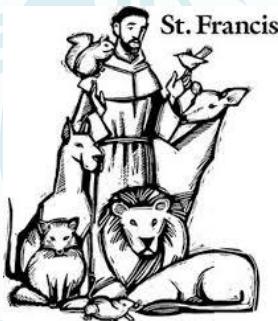
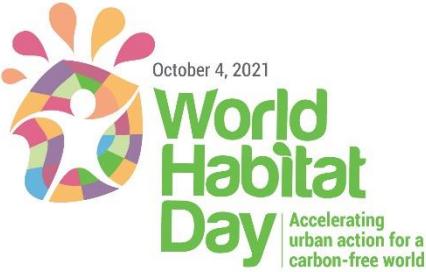
World Space Week is an annual international celebration of the contribution that space science and technology makes to the betterment of the human condition. The week of 4 - 10 October commemorates key milestones in space: 4 October 1957 was the launch date of Sputnik I, the first human-made Earth satellite. The first international space treaty, the Outer Space Treaty, went into effect on 10 October 1967.

"Throughout history, humans have looked to the heavens and wondered about the universe and our place within it. Today, we are learning much about our universe, but with each answer comes more questions. Not only do the questions deal with the nature of the galaxies and stars, but the nature of life itself. This year World Space Week is a time to probe what we know, what it means, and what we have yet to learn about the mysteries of the cosmos."

Visit www.worldspaceweek.org for more information



WORLD SPACE WEEK 2021 *Women in Space*



As well as World Space Week.....
4 October: World Habitat Day

<https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/whd>



4 October: Learn to Sign Week run by the British Deaf Association

3-9 October: National Schools' Fire Safety Week

4 October: St Francis Day

7 October: National Poetry Day

Fire Prevention Week

October 3, 2021 - October 9, 2021



Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is an annual event sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The event takes place over a week every October to educate about the simple but necessary actions people can take to keep themselves and those around them safe in case of a fire.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week>



Key to allergens in menu items:

Milk	M
Fish	F
Soya	So
Gluten	G
Sulphites	S
Celery	C
Egg	E
Mustard	Mu

Kingswode Hoe School
Autumn Term Lunch Menu

Week 3 20 Sept, 11 Oct				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meat Monday Pizza Choice of Toppings G M	Tortilla Mince G Cheese & Onion Quiche G E M	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding G E M	Jacket Potatoes & Beans & Cheese Or Tuna & Sweetcorn F M	Fish Fingers F G Omelette E
Salad Coleslaw M Mu	Homemade Bread G M	Roast Potatoes Vegetable Strudel G E M	Salad Cauliflower Cheese M	Chips Pasta G E M
Pasta Salad G	Sweetcorn & Peas Salad	Green Beans Fluffy Jelly M	Cereal Bar G	Baked Beans Peas Salad
Fruit Cheesecake G M	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream G E M	Fruit Yogurt M	Fruit Yogurt M	Cookies G E M Fruit Yogurt M
Fruit Yogurt M	Fruit Yogurt M	Fruit Yogurt M	No Baguettes	No Baguettes
Mixed salad available daily. Filled baguettes available on request. Reduced fat milk available.				

IMPORTANT: Please do not send food for others into school

A polite note to all parents and carers that although we do appreciate some pupils like to celebrate their birthday or other occasions by bringing in treats for others, unfortunately we cannot hand out food items from home. There is strict guidance about packaging and labelling food with ingredients. We do have some pupils in school who have food allergies and may not travel home with their parents and carers, therefore we ask that you do not send food for others into school.

Many thanks for your support and understanding with this matter.

COVID UPDATE

Click on the image for guidance leaflet about the benefit of regular testing

Hopefully you have seen our communication about a case of COVID in school this week.

We will continue to review our risk assessment and SEAX outbreak management plan and adhere to the protective measures in place at school. These measures include hygiene and cleaning measures and keeping spaces well ventilated.

Click on this link if you have been asked to arrange a free PCR for your child as a close contact:

Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk).

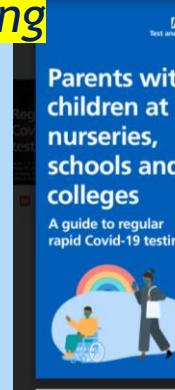
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Thank
you



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.

We wish all our families well



Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school website or app. Schools will continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to self-isolate if they have symptoms.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to self-isolate if they have symptoms. This is to ensure that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

You'll get fast results, help protect yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



<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.

We really are grateful to all parents and carers who are supporting pupils to test regularly at home and share their results. If you need guidance on this or extra test kits, please get in touch.

Notices

DIARY DATES

SEAX Trust Staff Inset Day:
Monday 1 November 2021

Friday 8 October 2021
Coming up...

Themes this half term:

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

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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