Snapshots of the Week

Week: 22 May to 26 May 2023



Well, the highlight of our week in Reception has been our Quest. Both classes had a sunny walk to the residential homes and we were warmly welcomed. The residents really enjoyed our visits and commented on how well our learners behaved. Their stories were met with great appreciation and we managed to fit in a bit of singing too! The children had the opportunity to ask the residents questions about the past and we found out about the lack of cars and computer games, that toys were not made from plastic and we learnt about the perils of knitted swimsuits. A great time was had by all!

Year One

This week the learners have been reading the story of 'The Lorax' . They fully understood the message behind the story and enjoyed all the different characters such as the 'oncer-lers', the 'swomee-swans' and the 'Barbaloot bears'. Throughout the week, the learners have been writing some amazing character descriptions as well as using their senses to plan and write setting descriptions. We are super proud of all the learners this half term and we are looking forward to seeing what our last half term in Year 1 brings.

Our Year 2 learners have worked incredibly hard over the last month to complete their Year 2 SATS. We loved celebrating their efforts with them by having ice lollies on Tuesday afternoon. Well done

This week, we have brought together our Module Learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children have been in groups putting forward the defence for one of the people that could have been to blame for the fire. The debate was heated as the children listened to each other and shared their opinions. Don't forget to ask a Year 2 learner who they voted for! Was it Thomas Farrinor, Mayor Bloodworth or King Charles II? The children's knowledge throughout this Module has wowed us and this week, they really did consider all evidence to put forward their case so confidently!

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to teaching you for our final part of the Summer term.

Year 3

Year 3 have been super writers this week! They have been writing their own Stone Age stories thinking carefully about the beginning, build up, dilemma, resolution and ending to their stories. They have been making sure to use their knowledge of inverted commas to include dialogue between their characters. The teachers have been very impressed with the work they have produced! Not only this, but the children have been excellent sculptors. They used their knowledge about Barbara Hepworth's sculptures to inspire their own. Well done Year 3! Have a wonderful and relaxing half term!

Year Four

Year Four learners have had a busy and productive week reading and writing newspaper articles. We have been proud of their perseverance as they have endeavoured to use a formal tone and write in the style of a journalist. They have also almost completed the unit of work on fractions and decimals, and are ready to begin learning more about calculating amounts of money. Why not see how good they are at counting and adding up any loose change you find at home this half term? We hope they all have a really good week of half term and that the weather continues to be as beautiful as it has been this week.

Young Journalists

Broadstone First School recently had a competition about art where they had to draw ideas for a new playground in Broadstone Recreation Grounds. The winners of the competition got an outstanding case of pencils. The winners were Max W, Olivia-Rose in Year 4, Ava in Year 3 and Ella in Year 2. Colin was the man who suggested the idea to Broadstone First School so he will give our ideas to the team who will be making the playground soon. There was a ground rule that needed to be followed for the design - any climbing wall had to be no higher than four metres as any higher would be dangerous.





Reminders for next week...

PE Day

Reception - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Thursday and Friday

Year 4 - Thursday and Friday

Calendar

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May Half Term

June 2023									
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Year 1 Trip

PTA Meeting at 5.15pm

EYFS Sports Day - 9.40am - 11.10am KS1 Sports Day - 09.30am - 11.20am KS2 Sports Day - 12.30pm - 2.20pm

Whole School Attendance

Reception - 93.8%

Year 1 - 93.6%

Year 2 - 94.3%

Year 3 - 93.8%

Year 4 - 95.6%

Whole School - 94.3%

House

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Points

This week continued...

Fashion Design

The children in Fashion design are getting experimental with newspaper and other materials. From fans and bags to dresses and jewellery, they have had lots of fun!





Are you seeking a part-time job that fits around school hours?

Castleman Academy Trust are currently seeking a Governance Officer to support the governors of Ferndown First and Middle Schools. A sound secretarial/administrative background would be advantageous but previous experience of working in a school or governance environment is not required as full training will be provided. The job will be based in one of the schools, although there could be the flexibility to allow for some home-working if required.

This is a part-time, term-time only role (39 weeks per year), for 18 hours per week. Whilst the Governance Officer will need to be available to cover at least six meeting for each school per year, the remaining hours can be flexible to fit around child-care and school drop off/pick up times. Meetings are usually held in the early evening.

This is the ideal job for someone seeking a return to work on a part-time basis but that is fully flexible around child-care, attending school sports days etc.

Full details, a job description and an application form can be found on this link.

 $\frac{https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-support-staff-castleman-academy-trust-governance-officer-ferndown-first-and-middle-school/46079.job$

Tennis Festival

The sun shone down on 10 Key Stage 2 learners on Monday morning as we travelled to The East Dorset Tennis club to take part in a School Games Tennis Festival. Our learners did a fabulous job of challenging themselves at every skills station they were presented with some great scores being recorded. It was wonderful to see the resilience and teamwork that was on display throughout the team. Big well done to all involved.



PTA

