

GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SPRING FLOWERS

Cherry Tree class art this term began with close study sketches of some spring plants. Rhiannon, Matilda, Eve, Charlie Veall, Joshua, Erin, Nathaniel, Devan, Reece and Freya explain here how they were encouraged to look carefully at the shapes and colours which make up the beautiful flowers before starting their drawings.

Devan remembered that Rosemary always says “do nothing first!” Other children remembered tips to help them produce fabulous sketches. Think about the size of your drawing – do it bigger. If you use the pencil lightly you can change things easily as you don’t need a rubber in art. When you are shading, mix some colours together. Green leaves aren’t just green; they are a mixture of greens, browns and yellows.

The children had a choice of three plants or flowers daffodils, primulas and tulips. Our primula flowers were purple with a sort of square shaped flower and a dot of yellow in the middle (Joshua) which joined together made a sphere-shaped head (Erin). Put another way by Freya, “one flower had lots of little flowers in the middle”. This made Reece think of a dad cuddling lots of babies!

The tulips were a dark peachy colour with leaves which were dark and light green and had black dots. We talked about the inside of daffodils looking like they had a bumble bee inside. The daffodils were bright yellow with orange middles and there were some smaller plants growing in the pot with them.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

28th May – 1st June.

Back to school 4th June.

13th June New Reception Parents' meeting 9am

16th June Church Fete-Choir singing

18th June New Reception children in 1.30pm-2.45pm (also 25th June and 2nd July)

20th June New intake evening at DHS

23rd June FROGS Cream Tea 2pm
Choir Singing

3rd July Sports Day 1pm

6th July Year 6 Familiarisation Day at Diss High School

13th July Reception, Year 1 and 2 play performance to parents - details to follow

16th July Parent consultations this week

17th July Year 3 and 4 play performance to parents - details to follow

19th July Leavers' Assembly at the Village Hall 1pm

20th July Beach Party for Reception and KS1 children 2pm

23rd July Graduation Ceremony for Year 6 in Church 9am

24th July School term finishes 3pm
No after school club

6th September School term begins



Sports kit day for 'Save the Children'

On Friday 20th April we dressed up in our sports kit. We had to give £1 or more to charity to help 'Save the Children'. We got dressed in the following ... Dance, cricket, hockey and football kits, which are all types of sport. We had so much fun doing activities like cricket and so much more. By Annie and Ruby

STARS OF THE WEEK

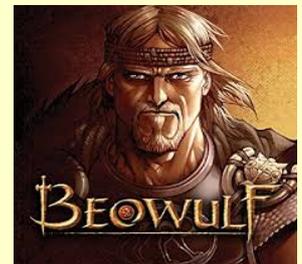
'Stars of the Week' are chosen each week and announced in assembly. 'Stars' may have produced particularly good work, they may have done something very well, persevered to achieve their aim or been kind and helpful. 'Stars' receive a wristband and a certificate. Congratulations to all our recent 'Stars'.



23rd April: Ella-May, Isla, Carter, Ruby Webb, Freddie, Bradley and Zach
 30th April: Oscar, Alyssa, Samuel Rickatson, Haiden, Freya Button and Zach
 7th May: Ella-May, Oscar Greaves, Erin, Alfie, Olivia, Samuel Bunning, Shannon and Lucia
 21st May: Corey, Noah Sanders, Taye, Louis, Annie, Harry Hopkins and all the Year 6s

BEOWULF

In Beech Tree class topic we have been reading the book Beowulf and watched a bit of the film. This book is linked to our Viking and Anglo-Saxon topic. We have taken an interest in the book and written about it. We wrote a description about a version of Grendel eg. an evil monster that lurks in the darkness. We also wrote kenning poems about Grendel and Beowulf like for instance Grendel is a: hero destroyer, hell lurker or soul sucker and for Beowulf: life saver, hope bringer or monster slayer. We really enjoyed this book and recommend it to you.



By Corin and Ryan

'Gold Book' celebrations

In this space we celebrate children who have recently been entered into the 'Gold Book' for all sorts of reasons, but particularly for good, kind, helpful, thoughtful and caring behaviour. We think all of our children behave well but sometimes the acts of individuals require special recognition. We are pleased to say that some children appear in the 'Gold Book' more than once.

Well done to:

Charlie Shaw, Matilda, Reece, Joshua, Oliver M, Oliver C, Corey, Jaxson, Denni, Ben, Connor, Oscar W, Jessica T, Jessica O, Ella-May, Lola, Iris and Rhiannon.

Church Cleaning

All the Year 5s went to clean the church. We used polish, dusters and a Hoover.

We slid on the benches to clean up all the polish and dust the benches.

We cleaned the church inside out from the organ to the toilet. By Bradley and Aidan

Norfolk Children's Book Service visits school

One day a man came to our school from the Norfolk Children's Book Service. He put a sale up for books as well as reading us some stories so we would buy them. We didn't have to get a book, but we all had a fun time listening to the stories. By Kacey and Haiden

This term's new topic is "movement"

This term our topic is movement. We have been doing a lap round the field to see how our body moves when we are running. We drew a cloud on the board about movement showing different sorts which we are going to look at. Some types of movement were in government, cars, wind and body.

By Jonny

Cricket Tournament

A couple of weeks ago all of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6s went to the cricket club in Garboldisham to play some games of cricket against Hopton school. First of all we did an hour of cricket skills, luckily it was a warm day. Next we all got put into teams and played some matches against Hopton. After that we played a few matches. We had semi-finals and finals. In the end Garboldisham A won the tournament. A big thank you to the cricket coaches and Lydia for the arranging the tournament.

If you want to go along to the cricket club on Friday nights they run junior net/cricket skills, 6-8pm and afterwards there is a BBQ - £4 per night.

By Freya Button & Lydia Denty



NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday Years 5 and 6 played a netball tournament at Diss High School. Debbie and Lydia split us in to two teams then we went off to practice. After we practiced for an hour we went into their hall to have a snack. After snack we had our first game so we got ready by stretching, then the leader of the tournament blew her whistle and the games started! When we started our first game we tried our best and we won!

By Ashtyn

CLUB NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every afternoon from 3pm to 4pm with different activities each day. All children welcome. £3 per session.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day in the school hall. Children welcome from 7.45am. £3 a day. Please see Jo in the office for details.

OTHER CLUBS

MONDAY Music Club, Years 2 - 6

TUESDAY Netball, Years 4, 5 and 6

WEDNESDAY Football, Years 4, 5 and 6

THURSDAY Cricket Club, Years 1-6

FRIDAY Rugby Years, 3, 4, 5 and 6

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday, Years 5 and 6 played football at Diss High School. In the morning, they trained with other schools. They practiced shooting, passing and dribbling. After that they ate lunch so they could get a rest before they played matches against other schools. They played a few matches and won all of them, which made them get into the play offs. They played really well because they got into the finals without losing a single game! Garboldisham dominated every game they played which meant they won and they got a medal on the podium. By Dresden



BIG SING

Years 1 to 6 went to the Norfolk Showground to the BIG SING. We sang lots of songs like 'Happy', 'Rock Star', 'Build it High' and 'Fantasy Football Team'. There were over 9000 thousand people and we saw Alexandra Burke who sang 'Hallelujah'. We all went in two coaches.

By Harvey and Shannon



We went to school, then we went to Norwich to the Norfolk Showground. We lined up in a queue. There were lots of buses. There were about 9000 children and there was a big stage and people were singing. We sang and danced to the music. There was a large screen to read the words. We had our snack and lunch on the grass. I sat next to my friends. It was lots of fun. *By Laila*

OAK TREE CLASS NEWS

Children in Oak Tree Class have been exploring 3D shapes. We have talked about the differences between 2D and 3D and have been drawing, making and building with shapes such as a cube, cuboid, cone and cylinder. The Year 1 children have explored different types of pyramid. Hattie said "My favourite shape is a sphere because it rolls and you can play chase with it".



We enjoyed learning about soapbox cars and finding out why they were called soapboxes.

Soapboxes by Cherry Tree Class

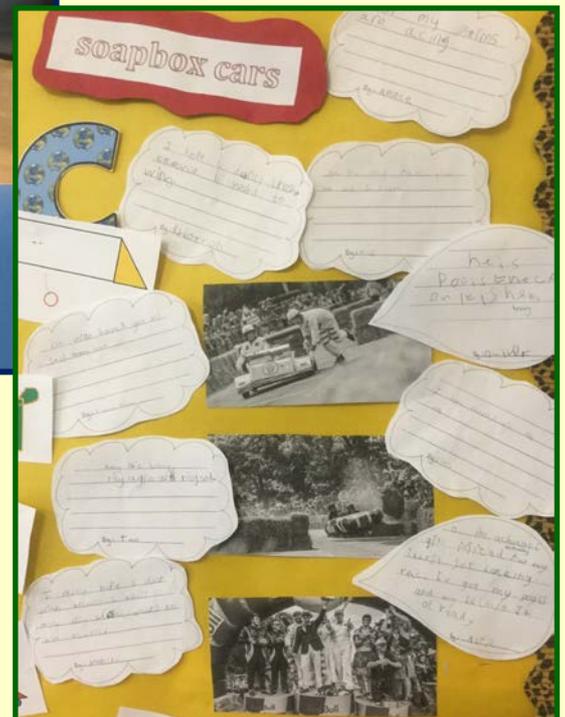
Alfie, Alyssa, Belle, Carter, Charlie S, James, Louis, Oskah, Taye, Thom

Inspired by the Soapbox Derby in Thetford, we learned about soapboxes as it was a good connection to our topic of Movement this term. Alfie's granddad had even been involved in the derby!

We looked at pictures of different soapbox cars over time. The first ones were made of wood and original soapboxes, which is why they were called soapbox cars! Now they are still made out of wood but they are much stronger and bigger and we thought that it might be to support the weight of the drivers because the first drivers were children and now it's adults.

We also looked at pictures of the first soapbox racers. They were children and we thought about what they might be thinking or feeling, like "I'm really nervous," or "I hope that I win the big race!" After that, we created our own soapbox cars on the laptops.

When thinking about our own perfect soapbox cars, we thought we might want them to have less weight so that they were faster. We also thought they should be small and that they could have an oar so we could steer it better. We could even design it to look like a boat! We thought that if we were racing soapboxes we might be excited because we were going to race, but also nervous because we wouldn't want to crash.



WEDDING OF THE YEAR



On Friday 18th May, Oak Tree Class held their very own wedding. It took us two weeks to prepare and the children were fully involved in the planning and preparation. The Year One children wrote questions and carried out a survey about what made the best wedding, asking questions such as “what are the best songs to sing in church?” and “what is the best colour for the flowers and bridesmaids outfits?” Everyone designed some fabulous wedding cakes, made food shopping lists and wrote invitations to their guests. The day before the wedding we were very busy sandwich making, cake baking, confetti collecting and bunting making. We had a fabulous day, the sun was shining and we ended it all with a party in the marquee. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event. Look out for some pictures on our website.

DISS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Years 5 and 6 went to a rugby tournament. They had 4 teams and 1 team got through to the next round. On Monday they went to play against 14 different teams. The players that were in the team were Zach, the captain, who was good at organising the team, Harry H, Jacob, Jonny, Ashtyn and Ryan who were quick at running and weaving. Freya Button, Lucia and Freya Bowen, who were good at passing and blocking the opposition’s attack.



There were 28 teams but we only played 14. We won every game apart from the final and lost by 1 try! By Harry H and Jacob Thomas

LOHP Peat Day

The Little Ouse Headwaters Project held a festival of peat on the early May Bank Holiday weekend. All of the children at school contributed by making wonderful bunting to decorate the site, and this will be used at future events. Albrights of Diss donated prizes to the children and our winners were: Sienna, Freya Bowen and Corey – well done, and well done to everyone. The standard of work was fantastic.

