



July 2021

As we come towards the end of a very unusual year, we would like to congratulate the children on the resilience they have shown. We have been really impressed by the way they have adapted to new routines and responded to changing circumstances. We also appreciate the support from parents and carers, particularly when we have had to make changes at short notice due to guidance changing. Most recently, this has affected transition arrangements across the city and all schools have been working to reschedule and reorganise events.

Despite the challenges, the staff and pupils have been working hard and continue to engage in some great learning. Year 3 have been developing an understanding of Buddhism in RE, whilst year 4 enjoyed a visit from a real Roman! In year 5, the children have been exploring the work of different artists whilst year 6 followed up their theme park visit to Paulton's Park by creating their own fairground rides.

As we start looking forward to next year, we are planning to return to normal start and end times in September. However, until the end of term we will be continuing with all the current procedures including social distancing and the wearing of facemasks on site. We appreciate your support with this. In the meantime we hope everyone has a lovely summer and look forward to starting a new academic year, which we all hope will be back to normal!



Year 3 have been learning about Buddhism in RE. They created their own temple using water paints and pastels. They also created mandalas and Bodhi leaves to go on their class shrine. Beautiful work!

Portsmouth SEN survey

Parents and carers of children with SEND praised city schools and keyworkers for their support in Portsmouth City Council's annual survey. 86% said they felt they were being listened to, with education staff being most often identified as the main keyworker that supports them.

It also showed about half of families are still not aware of Portsmouth's SEND Local Offer website, meaning some might be missing out on important and helpful support.

If your child needs additional help with their learning, please speak to your child's teacher and visit the site below to find out about support and services available outside of school.

www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org

Read the full survey report at

<https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/sendsurveyresults2021/>

Parents' evening – annual reports

Once you have received your child's report, you will have an opportunity to discuss it with the class teacher on **Tuesday 20th July**.

Year 6 will receive reports on Friday 9th July due to their residential. Other year groups will receive theirs the following week.

Booking forms for appointments will be included with your child's report. Please note we will still be asking all adults to wear facemasks and follow social distancing procedure on site.

Mixing bubbles at break

The children have been really happy to have the opportunity to mix with other bubbles within their year group during break time. After a long time with just their class bubble, it was great to see children having a chance to see other friends.

We are mixing bubbles at break time as the children are outside for a short period of time which reduces chances for transmission. We will continue this system until the end of term. Recent updates from the government indicate we will no longer need bubbles in September.

Sports Day

Despite the current circumstances our PE leads, Mrs Carter- Rowe and Mr Dugan, are keen to make sure the children still enjoy a sports day. They have arranged a separate sports day for each year group where the children will have a chance to compete as a class in a variety of activities including a hopper race, missile throw and long jump.

As you will no doubt be aware, parents and families will not be able to attend due to the current restrictions. Hopefully next year we will be able to host a sports day as usual. Dates for each year group are as follows:

Year 3 - Wednesday 14th July

Year 4 - Tuesday 13th July

Year 5 - Monday 12th July

Year 6 - Tuesday 20th July

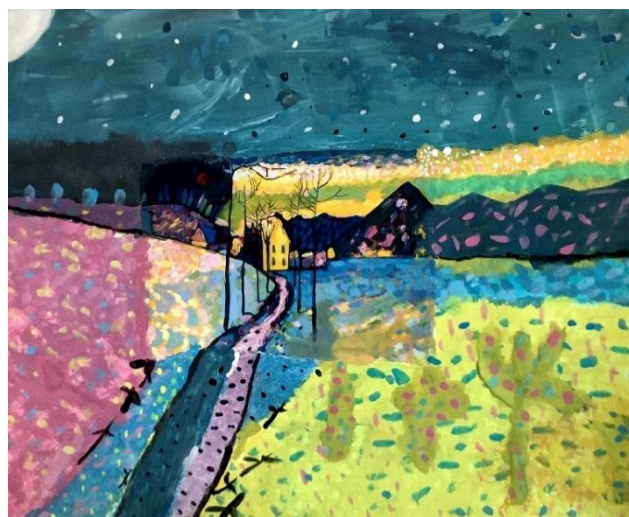
The children will be competing in their house teams and can wear a t-shirt in their house colours on the day. House colours are as follows:

Daring – red

Dauntless – yellow

Diamond – blue

Dragon – green



Year 5 art by 5B

We painted the foreground, middle ground and background of The Great Wave off Kanagawa by Hokusai. We started to mix gold with yellow to make peach for the sunrise. Then we mixed dark blue with white to make the light blue waves. Then we used the back of the brush to make the spray effect.

By David, Adam & William

We used different brush techniques like dabbing, stippling and long broad strokes. We mixed different paints together to try to match the colours of Kandinsky's Winter Landscape

By Sydney, Lydia & Daisy

Procedures for September

In September, we will be returning to our usual school start and finish times of **8:40 and 3pm**.

To ensure a calm and orderly start to the day the children will be directed to come on to site from 8:30 and line up in a designated spot with their teacher.

We will be sending further information regarding these procedures before the end of term.

Year 4 Roman Day by Oliver & Elsa (4N)

On Romans Day, a fun, crazy Roman man called Iggy came into year 4 to tell us about life in Ancient Rome. First of all, he took the whole of year 4 onto the front playground to tell us information about Ancient Rome. It was very interesting! He told us about Julius Caesar and how he was so powerful he created an Empire by taking over other countries like Britain, Africa, Germany and more! He told us how Caesar took over countries and also, about Boudicca and how she made a rebellion in the Battle of Watling Street. Secondly, our class, 4N went inside and played a couple of exciting, old board games. Then, Iggy came into our classroom to tell us how Roman bathhouses worked. Next, we got into pairs and got a sheet to fill in. There were boards for the answers that had the correct answers on them. Finally, year 4 went onto the field to learn about the Roman Army and how life was like back then! We threw javelins and saw how far each team could throw them! Romans Day was amazing!



Transition arrangements year 2 to year 3

Due to the changes in the roadmap we have had to change our transition arrangements. We will now be inviting year 2 pupils who will be joining us in September to attend an afterschool visit with their parents. Dates are:

Wednesday 14th July 3:30-4:30 Southsea infant

Wednesday 14th July 4:45 – 5:45 Bramble infant and non-feeder schools

Thursday 15th July 3:30-4:30 Cumberland infant

Transition arrangements year 3,4,5,6

The new transition date across the city is now **Wednesday 21st July**.

Children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be informed of their new classes for next year on **Friday 16th July**. They will then spend the morning of the transition day with their new teachers.

Some secondary schools will be welcoming year 6 children on that morning but these arrangements will be made on a school by school basis. This will be communicated with you separately.

Trip to Paulton's Park by Anay (6CR)

This summer we have been working on different designs for fairground rides in DT. On Tuesday, 15th July, 6CR went on a mini bus ride to Paulton's Park Theme Park. When we reached Paulton's, we went to a workshop to learn about coding and using it to make the rides spin forwards or backwards. Then we got to go on some of the rides. We went on the Cobra which was fast and scary! My favourite was the Velociraptor because when the ride started it went backwards and then shot down like a rocket! Our experience at Paulton's was absolutely outstanding. I was like 'Wow that was the best day I have ever had in my entire life.'

The next day, Mrs Carter-Rowe told the whole class that we were going to start a DT project to make our own fairground rides. The class made a plan of how they were going to make it, what they needed to make it and what the design would look like. We used spar to make a frame, then we got our resources to make our circuit. 1 battery holder, 1 battery, 2 black wires and 1 red wire. The frame and the circuit are hidden inside a box with a switch made from a paper clip to make the ride turn on and off. 6CR have made some great rides YAY!

Year 6 leavers' BBQ

As we are unable to host our usual leavers' celebrations year 6 will be hosting a leavers' BBQ on the field. This will be held on **Thursday 22nd July 1:30-3:30pm** with all food and provided by the PTA. The children will also be given Craneswater autograph books to get their year group to sign. We hope this will be a memorable end to their time at Craneswater in what has certainly been a memorable year!



Cricket by Mr. D. Richards 4R

Year 5/6 enjoyed a sunny Wednesday afternoon playing cricket at Cockleshell Gardens in June.

Two teams took part in four games each and learnt how to bowl, bat and field using Kwik cricket rules. Both teams played well and had an amazing afternoon. One of our teams finished in third place after narrowly missing out on the final by just a few runs but managed to grab themselves a bronze medal.

A special mention to Conal Paterson (5PW) who was the top run scorer of the day with 30 runs scored between the four matches and Leo Jenvey (5V) who bowled incredibly well giving away only a few runs and taking two wickets. After a very different year, it was lovely to see all of the children enjoying themselves and having fun competing against other schools. Great effort everyone!

Message from Health Education England

Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you!

This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. Health Education England (NHS) provide funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or If you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

Please do contact us for more information on: **01865 932097** or email **returntopractice.se@hee.nhs.uk**

Year 4 DT by Georgie (4N)

In DT, we had to make a purse or a wallet to hold money or a card. We had to take a lot of time and care over it.

We made them from felt and we could use velcro or a button to secure it. You could use back stitch, running stitch or blanket stitch.

My one is the blue one. Then there is Kailum-Blu, Ava, Charis and Clover.





Yr 6 Fairground rides by Harper Taylor and Elliott Mitchell (6C)

This term in DT, we have been working on making a theme park ride. First we looked at designs of real life theme park rides for inspiration. We then designed our ride. The next day we took different pieces of wood and sawed them into 2 x 19cm pieces, 2 x 12cm pieces and 3 x 13cm pieces. This would become our A-frame. After that, we put our A-frames together as well as decorating our boxes. We then made our motor saddle and battery holder. We used the 13cm lengths of wood and stuck them in an L shape. The motor was attached using rubber bands. For the battery holder, we attached three lolly sticks to a piece of card. These were stuck to the A frame using PVA glue and the battery was attached. Two wooden pegs were attached to hold the dowel. After attaching the wires and a lot of debugging we put the A-frame in the box with the dowel attached. It had a pulley, two straws, tap washers and the disc with our ride seats attached. We were then done! This is Hasin's fairground ride from 6B.

DIARY DATES

Mon 12 th July - Fri 16 th July	All day	Year 6 Stubbington residential
Mon 12 th July	AM	Year 5 sports day
Tue 13 th July	AM	Year 4 sports day
Wed 14 th July	AM	Year 3 sports day
	After school	Southsea infant Brambles and non-feeder schools
Thu 15 th July	After school	Cumberland infant
Fri 16 th July	PM	Children informed of classes for next year
Tue 20 th July	AM	Year 6 sports day
	3:30pm-7:30pm	Parents' evening
Wed 21 st July	AM	Transition morning
Fri 23 rd July		Last day of term
Thu 2 nd Sept		1 st day back Autumn Term 8:40

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