



Dear Parents,

I am not sure where the year is going, we are already two thirds of the way through our year - Mrs Ballard pointed that out to me the other day !

As you will see we have managed to cram a great deal of learning and exciting opportunities into a short space of time.

Your support with buying resources via the amazon account has been invaluable - please take a look when you are next on amazon and see if there is anything you fancy purchasing for the school ☺

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I received some great news on the last day of term - the ladies in FOTO put a collection tin in the shop around the corner (Nisa) - they have collected over £1000 for the school - all in loose change!

We are so very grateful for their support. This additional money has been earmarked to buy interesting reading books for KS1 to supplement the decodable books.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break.

Mrs Woods

## EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage - Nursery

This term, we have been focusing on the topic 'Healthy Me'.

We focused our learning on the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes and Shrove Tuesday. Linked to our topic we considered which toppings were healthy and unhealthy. We wrote shopping lists, counted money, and had pancake races.

We focused our learning on the story Supertato, during World Book Week. We made traps for evil pea and hunted for Supertato. We used our gross motor skills in potato sack races and our fine motor skills picking up peas with tweezers.

We began planting some vegetables after sharing the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We thought about how and where vegetables grow and did some exploring in the school garden.

We celebrated Mother's Day, by making cards, decorating biscuits and visiting the Mother's Day shop. We learnt a special song to sing to our mummy too.

We focused on the story 'The selfish crocodile' and thought about how to keep our teeth healthy. We did an experiment with glitter germs to see how germs spread and why it is important to wash our hands. We thought about how to keep our minds healthy too. We explored a range of different music genres.

This week, we have been focusing on Easter. We have shared a range of Easter stories and engaged in a range of Easter crafts and activities. We are hoping the Easter bunny will come.



## EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage - Reception

Oaks Class have had a very busy Spring term! We have enjoyed a class trip to Pizza Express to make our own pizzas! We have then used this experience to write instructions for our own healthy pizzas using our sounds, bossy words and time words. As part of our healthy me, healthy you theme we have also been learning about the importance of oral hygiene. We particularly enjoyed cleaning the teeth using the toothpaste! In RE we have been learning about the Easter Story. The children have made their own representations of the Christian Cross and an Easter Garden.



## Key Stage One – Year One

This half term has been all about growing! Year 1 have become expert gardeners as we have planted our own beans. After weeks of tender love and care they have all grown enormously! Year 1 now know what plants need to grow and we have explored which parts of different fruit and vegetables that we eat. We still await the harvest of our veggie patch in the summer! The progress in Year 1's writing and phonics has been huge this half term and we are so impressed with their level of independence. Year 1 have had a fantastic, creative, artistic and scientific half term and we look forward to more sunshine for our summer learning.



## Key Stage One – Year Two

What a busy half term it has been in Holly class!

Almost everything has been about plants in our learning theme 'How does your garden grow?'

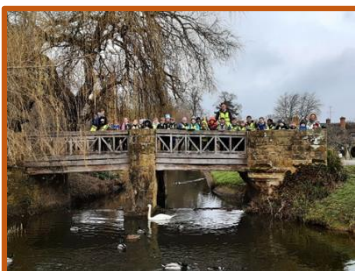
We began by looking at the creating observational drawings of Sunflowers. We also learnt about the artist Vincent Van Gogh and one of his most famous paintings Sunflowers. We have learnt to Sgraffito and painted sunflowers and self-portraits trying to create texture in his style. Also we have learnt about sculpture and made sculptures of plants using found materials. A number of us have also created art work at home which is decorating the walls in the classroom.

We have focussed on three texts, Camille and the Sunflowers (a story of Van Gogh), The Tiny Seed (about seed dispersal) and The Life Cycle of a Sunflower. This has linked wonderfully with our Science learning on plants and what they need to grow healthily and the life cycle of a plant from a seed. The culmination of this learning has been planting our own seeds and creating 3D models of Sunflowers whose leaves tell the life cycle of a sunflower.



## Key Stage Two – Year Three

It's been a wonderful term in Year 3 studying the Tudor period through our learning theme 'Divorced, Beheaded, Died'. In English, our main focus has been developing our diary writing skills by writing several diary entries from the perspective of Anne Boleyn. To learn more about Anne's life and to put ourselves in her shoes, we visited Hever Castle, which was her ancestral home. We had a busy day exploring the grounds as well as inside the castle, using the environment as inspiration for our writing ideas. Back in school we have delved into how Anne and Henry might have been feeling at different points in their lives by taking part in 'hot seating' activities, generating questions for the royal couple and speculating on their answers.



## Key Stage Two – Year Four

In Year 4, we've been enjoying finding out about the Ancient Maya. We've looked at various different aspects of their life thinking about when they lived and then examining where their different towns and settlements were. We've also looked at their religion and explored the different gods that they had, and how they worshiped them. Finally, we've examined how they wrote letters and numbers, working to translate them both.

Based on the Ancient Maya, we've also been exploring chocolate! It started with some chocolate tasting, before we then started to think about making our own truffles and adding flavours to them. We enjoyed making samples to try and before creating our final product and the packaging to go along with it.

This work on chocolate has also been linked to our English work. Here we've been thinking about persuasive writing and thinking about how we can convince people that our favourite chocolate is the best and why they should eat our truffles.



## Key Stage Two – Year Five



Year 5 have had a busy half term of learning, all based around 'The Terrible Tudors!' The children have engaged so much in this topic and have been very inquisitive with lots of questions. They have learnt a lot and can recall some brilliant new knowledge. In English, the children have produced some very heart-felt diary entries in the shoes of Anne Boleyn the night before her execution – they were very impressive!

We also took a trip to Redhill Methodist Church to watch the interactive 'Easter Experience' performance as part of our RE learning around Easter.

Finally, we had a wonderful day celebrating world book day – the children put so much effort into their costumes!

## Key Stage Two – Year Six

This half term in Year 6, our topic has been 'Island Life'. It has been a geography focused topic, and we have been learning about the geographical location of the Caribbean islands, as well as their physical and human features. As part of this topic, we have been enjoying our class text 'Windrush Child', and we wrote diary entries based on the main character's arrival in England. We have also been learning about the importance of Fairtrade, and we had lots of fun baking banana bread using Fairtrade products! After this, we then created a recipe based on how we made them.



## Staffing

### Fond farewells

We say goodbye to Ms Stock. Ms Stock has been with us since September 2015 when she opened the Nursery class. Ms Stock was instrumental in the development of the school into what is now a thriving through Primary school. She has watched many children move through the school and her first class left for secondary school last year.

We wish Ms Stock all the very best for her future.

### Welcome

We say hello to Mrs Dalton who has joined us as our lunch leader - she has big plans for improving the lunch time offer to support improved behaviour during playtimes.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Nelson who will be taking over from Ms Stock in Reception. Mrs Nelson has been working in the school since February and already knows most of the children. Mrs Nelson is also a parent of the school with children in Year 3 and Reception.

# Trinity Oaks Sports News

## HLP Events

This term has been a busy term for football! We have had 3 events in total throughout Key Stage 2.

### Year 3/4 Girls Football

We did a Year 3 and 4 football tournament. We played against Charlwood and Manorfield in the small schools competition. We beat Manorfield once, lost two games and tied one. Jessica scored a few goals and Alice saved a few too! It was really nerve wracking but in the end we came second by one goal. It was really fun!

*Written by Ava Kenton*



### Year 4 Boys Football

We went to the boys Year 4 football tournament. The walk there was not short but it was a great warm up. We did pretty well, I scored two and Robin scored one but overall we came 4<sup>th</sup>. We beat Manorfield 2-0 and played Yattendon, Meath Green and Langshott too. We scored goals in all the games and worked really well as a team. We really enjoyed it!

*Written by Anton James*



### Year 5 Boys Football

We went to a football tournament last Friday and played two matches against Manorfield and Charlwood. We beat Manorfield 3-0 and played really well as a team. We also beat Charlwood 1-0 and the next two games we lost but they were very close! In the end we came 2<sup>nd</sup> by one point but we showed good sportsmanship and teamwork. We couldn't have done it without our team!

*Written by Noah, Josh, Lucas and Logan*



## Curriculum PE

This half term, we have been working on the 'Creative' cog. Children across the school have been practising balances using counter balances in groups up to 4. They have built on this strength and applied it to different team like situations.

Next term we are moving onto the Physical cog, incorporating balancing, jumping and landing. We will be spending more time outside as the weather gets nicer and will start to practise for Athletics events later on in the summer!

## Upcoming events & coaching

### **Summer 1 coaching in school**

Y4 Football on Friday PM

Y5 Gymnastics Wednesday PM

### **Summer 1 HLP events**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023** Year 5 – 6 hockey tournament @ Yattendon

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Year 3 boys football @ Yattendon

### **Swimming**

Y6 Swimming @ Horley Leisure Centre: **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May inclusive @ 14.00 – 15.00**

Y2 Swimming @ Horley Leisure Centre: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July inclusive @ 13.00 – 14.00**

**District Sports:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July @ KS2 Leisure Centre, Crawley

*Details to those involved to follow*

We encourage parents to come to watch our children participating in tournaments and we appreciate your support – we do ask that parents remember that this is children's sport and all staff volunteer their time outside of their working hours. I ask that all parents keep comments respectful and appropriate at all times.

Mrs Woods

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March the children from Reception – Year 6 watched some brilliant interactive performances of Fantastic Fred. Learning all about good mental health and resilience using Fred’s name to learn about Food, Rest, Exercise and Devices.

Fantastic Fred were very impressed with all of the children who watched the shows and got involved. Well done everyone!



### Easter Bonnet parade

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Year 1 and Year 2 invited parents, relatives and the residents from Anvil court to join them in their end of term Easter Bonnet parade.

After the bonnet parade FOTO provided tea and hot cross buns for all – it was such a lovely event enjoyed by all.



**DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to school
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 6 SATs meeting – 3.15pm – in classroom
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 2 SATs meeting – 3.15pm – in classroom
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May BANK HOLIDAY BANK HOLIDAY – King’s Coronation
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key Stage Two SATs
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dorking Halls – Choir ( Year 6 late in to school Friday – 10am )
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Swimming
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Back to school
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	MUFTI – bring in bags of sweets for the summer fair
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	FOTO – Summer Disco !
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	MUFTI – bring in bags of sweets for the summer fair
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Horley Carnival
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New reception parents meeting – 6pm – 7pm
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	MUFTI – bring in bottles for the summer fair
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Transition day – meet new teacher
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	MUFTI – bring in bottles for the summer fair
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 – singing picnic
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	District sports
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FOTO – Summer fair !
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year reports to parents



<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of term – finish 2pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	INSET DAY – no children
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	INSET DAY – no children
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Children back to school !
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term ( Half term 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October)
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term – early finish <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET DAY – no children

### DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

#### Academic year 2023 to 2024

##### Autumn term 2023

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2023	23 October to 27 October 2023	15 December 2023

##### Spring term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
2 January 2024	12 February to 16 February 2024	28 March 2024

##### Summer term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
15 April 2024	27 May to 31 May 2024	23 July 2024

#### INSET DAYS for 2023 – 24 (preliminary dates)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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