

Class Updates - 10.02.2023



Butterflies update:

Wow, another half term has raced past. The children have really enjoyed the Space Topic and are now able to share lots of facts that they have learnt about the Universe. The children are developing their **woodworking skills** and here are some of the children's 'space buggies':



This week has been **Children's Mental Health week** and we have talked about how we are all unique and how we are all connected in Butterfly class and St Mary's. The children have been developing their skills by working as a team, looking after their own mental health and others. Mindfulness Exercises have included breathing, stretching by 'painting the rainbow' and just taking a few minutes to be calm and quiet.

The children also created their own gingerbread selves and thought about how they are all unique but also connected together in Butterfly Class and St Mary's school.



Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the **Road Safety Awareness training** with the class. It was certainly very useful and a reminder to adults and children of the importance of road safety and to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think**.

Thank you for returning the **Focus Child forms**, I am glad that you agree what amazing progress the children have been making since starting Reception and how they are developing their reading skills.

Have a great half term break,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and we have been doing lots of activities focused on 'connection'. We created a class 'connecting hands' display and spent time talking to each other about the similarities and differences between us and how we are connected. We have watched mindfulness videos and listened to stories on friendship and understanding our emotions. We worked hard in PE as a team and we have really enjoyed spending time together doing our favourite activities such as colouring!



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team

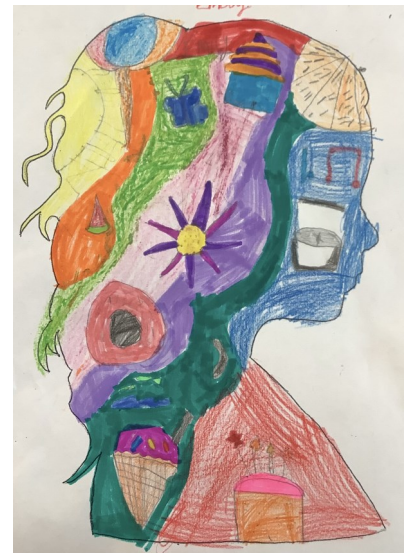


Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have been focussing on the Children's Mental Health Week theme in class this week— 'Let's Connect.' We created a circle of everyone's hands in the class and then connected them. Next, we filled our circle of hands with post it notes that said how we were connected to different people in the class. We also created artwork that what all about us. We thought about our hobbies, our favourite foods, drinks, books, games and who we enjoy spending time with. We then drew our favourite things in a silhouette. We have also practiced breathing methods to help us stay calm and took part in cosmic yoga as part of our PE lesson.

Have a brilliant half term and well deserved break, Caterpillars!

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Each day we have completed various activities to encourage us to focus on our well-being. This week we have been focussing on 'Children's Mental Health Week'. We started the week by doing some tapping and concentrating on our breathing. As a class, we will continue tapping as it has been embedded as part of our school day and the children in the class find it so beneficial. Along with tapping, the children have done it this week by 'pressing' and using breathing techniques to help us with our emotions.

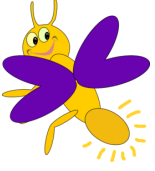
We have also completed some mindfulness by colouring and also completing a menti-metre word cloud on the computer, reflecting on the benefits of focusing on tapping and our mental health.

Finally, the children completed some artwork all about themselves. They gathered different words and used them in their final art piece to show many other parts of themselves and celebrate who we are.

Have a fantastic weekend and half term,
Mr Brown and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update

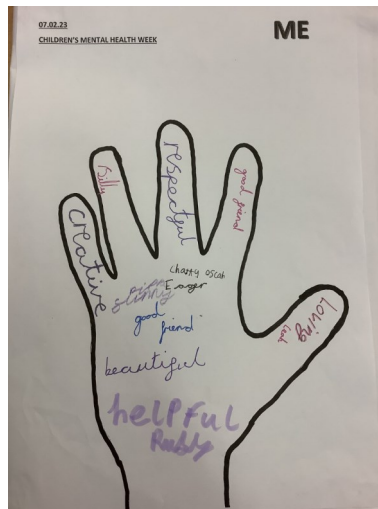
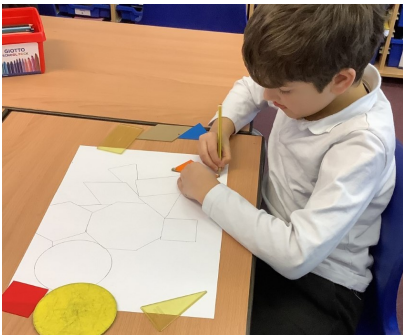


This week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' so we have been doing a range of activities based around this. We started the week with the children thinking about how they see themselves and how others see them. Using a hand template they had to write 4 positive things about themselves, i.e. kind, helpful, hard-working etc... then on the fifth finger they had to ask someone else in the class to write a word to describe them. It was lovely to see the children hear positive things about themselves as well as have to think about what positive qualities they have.

We also created a piece art called 'Me'. The children started by painting or drawing a background that showed their personality. They then had a photo taken doing something they enjoy, for example: reading, playing football, solving math's problems, writing or art. They finished the piece off by writing all about themselves on strips of paper and sticking them onto their artwork.

We also discussed breathing techniques for when they are feeling stressed or worried, did mindfulness colouring and exercised to show the benefits it can have for mental health.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team





Year 5 Busybees Update

We have been busy this week creating Anglo Saxon art using printing techniques. We thought carefully about how Anglo Saxon artists designed jewellery and used these as inspiration for our own art. We were very



proud to finally recite our Anglo-Saxon stories to Hatt, the intrepid explorer! He enjoyed our tales which were told with such great expression and we loved working out the riddles that he told us...

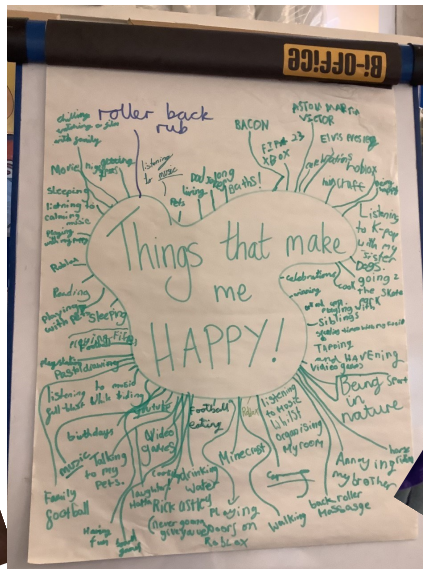
It has been Children's Mental Health Week this week so we have done lots of activities around the theme of 'connection' and how we are all connected



including making paper chains showing all of the things we have in common and completing a fun hula hoop challenge where we had to keep our arms connected whilst getting the hoop around the whole class in a big circle!

We have also discussed how we all have times when we feel sad and that this is OK. We thought of ways to make ourselves feel happy and drew these along with our self portraits. We loved expressing ourselves with our own clothes on Friday and taking part in the dance competition at break time. Ready for a well earned break now! Well done Busybees, have a wonderful half term rest.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Dricoll





Dragonflies Update

Dear parents/carers

Dragonflies class have ended a short but busy term with lots of activities this week! They launched into their Art unit, looking at printmaking and the artwork of Hokusai. They surveyed different types of printmaking, made some initial designs, a final design and then got down to making them. The prints came up really well and it was interesting seeing them grapple with a whole different way of producing shapes!

We also completed our line dancing unit, filming our dance to Cotton Eyed Joe. I have been so impressed at how many of the children pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and really went for it!

It has been Children's Mental Health week, so with all the art and dancing we've also been listening to music during lessons to keep things fun and relaxed! The children have been particularly enjoying the 90s music (which they now class as 'retro', just to make everyone reading this feel even older!). To celebrate being ourselves, the children created art about what they enjoy and what makes them, them!

Have a great half term and we'll see you in a week!

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

