

# ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Spring 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. Thankfully now the mornings and evenings are getting lighter and spring is in the air! Hopefully the rain will now stop and we will see some better weather.

We have appointed 7 new members of staff— Mr Booker, Miss Buisson, Mrs Eggleston, Mrs Kubiak, Mrs Nikalayenka, Ms Taylor and Mrs Healy.

We also have welcomed 1 new pupil this term who has started at St Anthony's. They have settled in well and already are very much part of the school.

Pupils have been involved in a wide range of activities both in and out of school and have represented the school in a

number of different activities. These have included a range of visits to support curriculum areas. I would like to thank all those pupils who have represented the school in the community this term so well.

It is lovely to see so many pupils accessing breakfast club each day. Can I please remind parents that this starts at 8.30am. Pupils should not be coming into school before this time.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and it is lovely to be able to share some of the activities and experiences your child has had this term.

St. Anthony's continues to be a very successful and happy school. We could not be as successful without the support we receive from parents, carers

and friends of the school. Please continue to support and work with us. Your support is very much appreciated and valued by all the staff and governors.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy reading our newsletter.

*Heleen Ball*

  
**Ofsted**  
Outstanding  
Provider



Our Spring learning has involved..



Having fun and learning together!

# Chestnut class

Making owl ice cream from 'The Gruffalo'.

Planting carrots with soil and seeds.



We have had lots of fun learning and exploring stories such as *Colours, colours everywhere* and *The Gruffalo*.



# Apple Class

We have had a great time this term reading some of our favourite books, 'The Gruffalo' and 'Monkey Puzzle' both by Julia Donaldson. We have loved P.E every Friday, based on these stories.



We have also been learning about colours and shapes. Singing about rainbows has inspired lots of mark making and painting!



The Apple Team wish you all a very happy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all in Summer term, when we will be exploring the Ocean!

# Oak 1 Class



This term our topic has been The Rainforest. We have learnt that rainforests have four different layers, the forest floor, the understory, the canopy and the emergent layer. We have also found out about some of the animals that live in the rainforest and their food chains.

## Animals Of The Rainforest

We learned what different animals eat. We made food chain cups to help us understand where each animal came in the food chain. We had fun during our group sessions with Mrs Morgan, learning the Makaton signs for the animals and making different animals with fruit and vegetables. We even made a monkey sandwich!



I made my own food chain cups to show the food chain of the jaguar.



## Trees And Plants In The Rainforest

We painted and made models of the rainforest and the animals that live there. We also explored fruits that grow in the rainforest and talked about making healthy food choices.



## Exploring The Rainforest

We have enjoyed thinking about how animals move and live in the rainforest outside of our classroom.



## Our Stories

Our class books were Rumble In The Jungle and One Day On Our Blue Planet In the Rainforest. We used colorful semantics to help us make sentences about the story.



# Dak 2 Class

This term our topic has been The Rainforest. We have learnt that rainforests have four different layers, the forest floor, the understory, the canopy and the emergent layer. We have also found out about some of the animals that live there.

## Exploring the Rainforest

We have made models of rainforest animals using food, play-doh and card. We have used our models in Maths and found out lots of facts about the rainforest.



## Drama

In drama, with Mrs Hills, we explored our emotions and learnt some fun games.



## Our Visit to Pallant House Gallery

We visited Pallant House with Hawthorn 2 class and looked at a painting by Joe Tilson, then made our own in his style.





Hawthorn  
1  
Class

We have enjoyed learning through our topic of habitats—the Amazon Rainforest



We have enjoyed horse-riding weekly



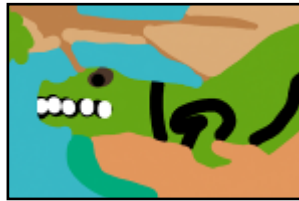
We had fun taking part in Little Group which builds our attention, turn-taking and communication skills.



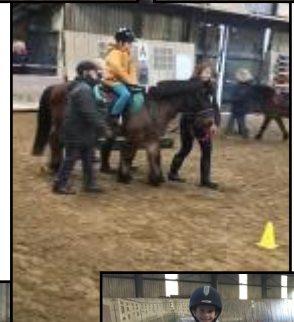
We have been learning about various animals that live in the rainforest.







We have been very creative this term playing different instruments, drawing animals on the computer and going to an art event at Pallant House Gallery



Well-Being Wednesdays





# Sycamore

Look how good we are at yoga!



The class have been learning about colour and print. We have mixed colours together and used them in lots of different ways, including spraying and splatting with sponges!



Sycamore celebrated World Book Day. The children looked so colourful, we made capes and masks and read so many books! Some children came to read to us, look how hard we are listening.



Reggie and Jayden made brilliant 'Supertato' models. They planned it first and then found all the things they needed.



We have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated around the world.

We tried using chopsticks and made a dragon mask because it is the 'Year of the Dragon'. We had a procession and made some loud music too!



Sycamore have been learning about what plants need to thrive. We have planted some seeds and are growing bean seeds in plastic 'greenhouses' to see the roots and the shoots burst into life.



We have been learning how to measure objects using non-standard and standard measures.

# Beech Class



Bella enjoyed doing some yoga outside for her free choice.



Beech class have been experimenting with colour mixing as part of Little Group.



The children have been very engaged with our Makaton music sessions, playing the instruments and signing along to I Am The Music Man.



The class have been exploring colour through lots of multimedia activities.

# Rowan Class

Our topic this term has been rainforests. We have been learning about the Amazon rainforest and the different layers. We have also been learning about the different animals that live in their habitats in the different layers of the rainforest. We have also been reading and writing diary entries based upon our class narrative and currently creating fact files. In numeracy we have been learning 3 and 6 times tables, fractions and time.



This term Rowan Class have been learning how to play the ukuleles in music, they have been learning how play the different beats in time with different music. They have also created their own class song using the different animals that live in the rainforest.

Rowan Class have been going to forest school and they are enjoying playing different games, starting fires and cooking foods around the fire.



Rowan Class are learning about an artist called Henri Rousseau, who has created artwork of the rainforest. They have all created their own rainforest shoeboxes using a range of materials. Rowan Class are currently planning and creating their own rainforest collages.



# Yew Class

We have had a busy Spring term in Yew class! Our learning has been through our Amazon Rainforest topic where we have explored the layers of the rainforest and the animals within them.

We enjoyed taking part in the Children's Concert at Chichester Festival Theatre in January and going to Forest school in the first half of the Spring term.

We have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and taking part in World Book day



We have been learning about the Amazon rainforest throughout the curriculum.

At Forest school we have been cooking, fire lighting, exploring and working together.



# Bella



Hi Everyone,

Sorry I've not been in school this term, I've missed you all.

I hope you have been working well and learning lots.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and don't eat too many Easter eggs.

I will see you all in the summer term.





Year 7 are looking at the Spring term topic Aboriginal. With this topic they explore how Aboriginals' art is used to tell their stories and have looked at the work of Betty Mbitjana, her paintings are based on footprints in the sand, that were created during ceremonial dancing. The children have created their own inspired piece of work using oil pastels.



Year 8 are looking at the Spring term topic British Crafts. One of the artists they are exploring is LS Lowry, an artist who originates from Manchester. They have developed a different way to interpret his work, he uses stick figures in his paintings and the children have been making their own 3D Lowry figures using tin foil, masking tape and paint.



Pupils from Year 9 wearing masks from their Identify project.

# ENGLISH

## Year 7

We have been looking at the text *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The pupils have completed storyboards and discussed the characters and plot of the story. They have a weekly Makaton session and they have all been contributing very well. They particularly enjoyed the pancake day lesson, signing the different toppings on their pancakes.

### 7JB pancakes



## Year 8

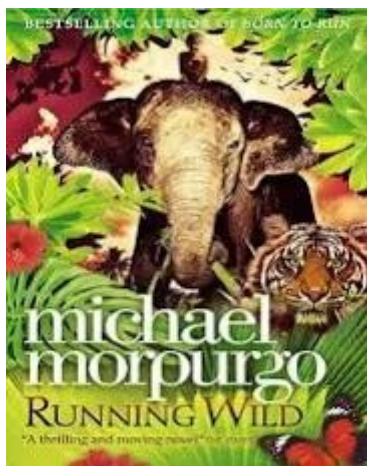
We have been looking at non-fiction texts and report writing based around the theme of British Wildlife. Pupils have looked at British mammals and reptiles as well as local insects. They have chosen the animals they want to investigate further and write their reports on. We had a visit from Brent Lodge Wildlife Centre earlier in the term. The pupils enjoyed listening to Alex and learning about the calls of different owls.



# ENGLISH

## Year 9

We have been learning about *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare in English. The pupils have completed comprehension questions on the text. They have discussed plot, character and the setting of the story. We have looked at a mixture of the original text and simplified text and they have done very well with the sections in original text. For fun they created their own versions of Ariel's scary mask.



## Year 10

We have been learning about *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo in English. The pupils have completed comprehension questions on the text and discussed character and plot in the text. They have completed storyboards to consolidate their understanding of the chapters. They also complete a comprehension task each week based on the First News newspaper articles.



## Year 11

The pupils have been working hard to complete their coursework. They researched Australia and the UK in order to reply to the fictional pen pal letter they received and to include accurate information about their own areas and interests in their autobiographical reply. They have also completed their reading papers this term.



# HISTORY

The Year 7s are learning about the Norman Period in History 1066-1154. They have learnt about the Battle of Hastings. Pupils have enjoyed the role play which supports learning of this period, they re-enacted the Battle of Hastings, tried on chain mail and used measuring clicker wheels to work out how far through school the 70 metre Bayeux tapestry would have reached from various points.



# HISTORY

## Year 8

The Year 8s are studying the Native Americans and the tribes of the First Nation people. Pupils are learning how tribes adapted to their environments and are focusing on the Sioux Tribe and their relationship with the buffalo. 8K had a go at using a bow and arrow as they were training to be Native American warriors. They were very skilful.



## Year 10

Year 10 have been working hard on their Humanities Entry Pathways coursework. They have learned about the interwar period and the problems Germany faced with the Weimar Republic and the rise of the Nazi party.



## Year 11

The Year 11s have successfully completed their History coursework for the WJEC Humanities Entry Pathway qualification. Well done to all of our Year 11s for working so hard over the last 2 years. We are currently preparing to visit Ypres in Belgium for a 2 day tour of the Battlefields.



## KS3 Maths

One of our topics this half term has been 'Money'. The pupils have been practising making different amounts. Year 7 made some foil boats and counted how much money their boats were able to hold before they sank to the bottom of the tank! They did some brilliant counting in twos.



Year 9 have been applying their Money skills to some real life situations and have used the 'Yo Sushi' menus to create their ideal dinner and work out how much it would cost, using the coloured bowl key. They enjoyed being able to see how this skill would help them when they are older!



# MUSIC



## CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



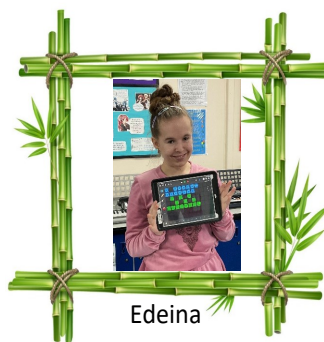
Harmony: Yanqin  
Harmony: Suzheng  
Melody Question: Pipa  
Melody Answer: Erhu  
Rhythm: Chinese Drum Kit

## Year 11 WJEC Performing Arts- MUSIC & ASDAN Expressive Arts

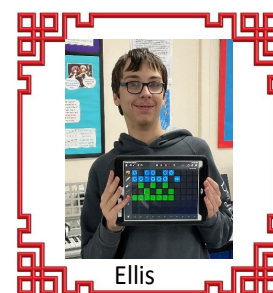
Pupils have been learning to use Garageband to compose Chinese traditional music. They have composed their own melodic phrases for the Pipa and Erhu.



Tyler



Edeina



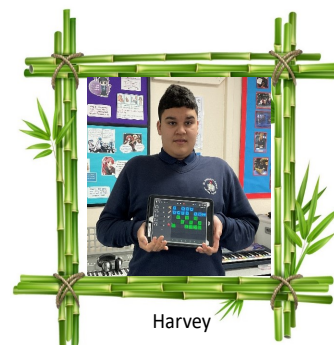
Ellis



Matty



Lily-May



Harvey

## Year 10 Music Spring Term - Ensemble performances WJEC Performing Arts

We are learning to play as part of an ensemble.



Lily and Max



Max and Bailie



Rosie and Lily



# MUSIC

Yew class performing with boomwhackers



Isla (7s) and Oliver (9A) practising on the keyboards.

Archie (7W) practicing pentatonic scales

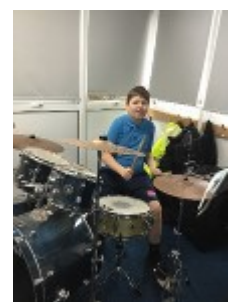


8K Cops and Robbers



Charlie (7W)  
Charlie (7JB)  
Chloe (7JB)  
Practicing on guitars

Drummers practicing at drum club and at calm time



Millie (7S)

Brandon (8K)

PA (7W)

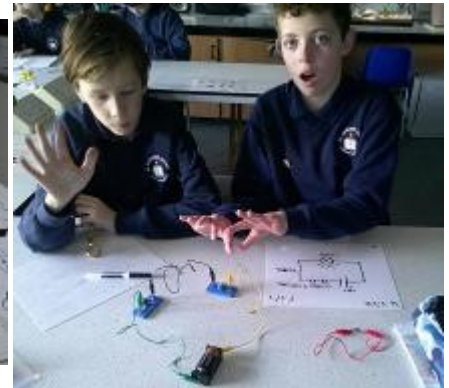
Poppy (8K)

James (7JB)

Jacob (Rowan)

# SCIENCE

Year 7 are presently learning about Electrical Circuits. They are learning this concept through observing flow of charges in insulators, making simple working electrical circuits, and using simulations (<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/circuit-construction-kit-dc>)



Year 8 pupils are learning about measuring Temperature and its applications. The below pictures show experiments to find out what is Melting Point.

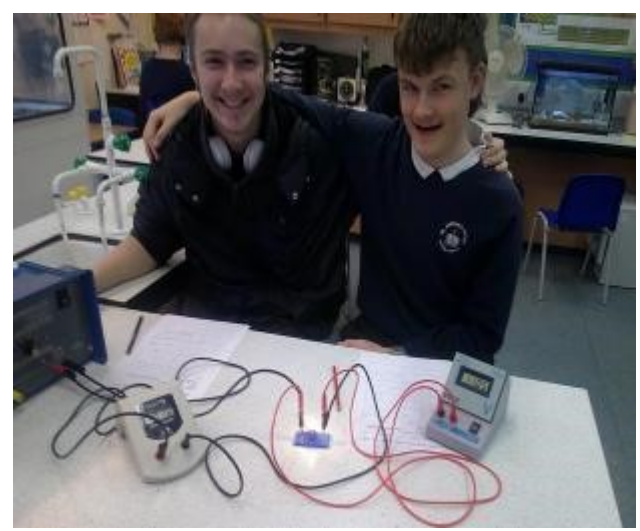
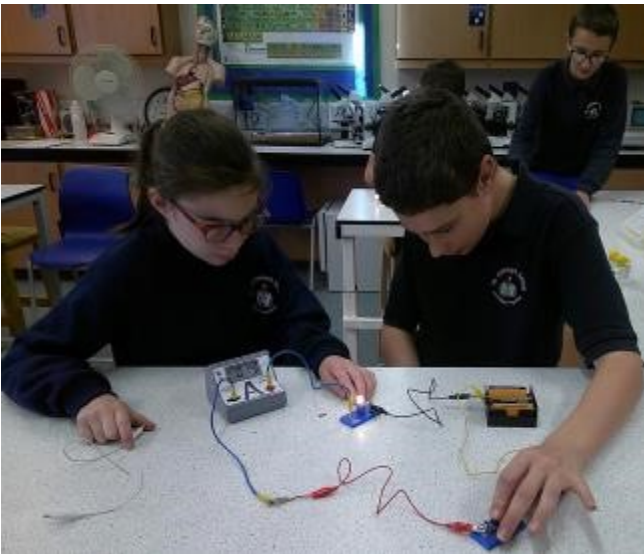


In addition, Year 8 had the opportunity of having a trip to Winchester Science Museum to explore the applications of Forces in the real world



# SCIENCE

Year 10 pupils started their Entry Pathways Qualifications in Science by building on Prior Knowledge acquired in Year 7 involving “Working with Electrical Circuits”. The pupils explored this Unit in greater depth. The Unit is a 3 Credits Unit where pupils measure the current flowing in their circuits, investigate the effect of Voltage input on Current in a simple working circuit and its application and explore other sources of energy.



# FOOD TECH



Thank you for your continued support this term and for all of the donations towards ingredients, it is very much appreciated.

This term pupils across the year groups have continued to be busy with their cookery skills and have prepared a variety of different dishes from around the world.

Year 11s have concentrated on main meals as their focus in preparation for their BTEC qualification and worked hard to create very tasty meals.

Year 10 have been busy planning and running a St Ant's healthy snack shop, where they made all of the snacks to sell. It was very successful raising £96 to go back into the department. It was enjoyed by pupils and staff!

Our year 9 pupils enjoyed learning about China and India and have cooked tasty Bombay potatoes and created Chinese table decorations. They have also been to Pizza Express to see how they make their pizzas, have go at making their own and experiencing behind the scenes in a high street restaurant.

Year 8 have investigated dairy foods and enjoyed making strawberry milkshakes, fruit smoothies and pancakes which proved very popular.

The healthiest cooking award again goes to year 7 with their baking vegetables topic. They enjoyed making some very tasty butternut muffins, carrot twists and vegetable pasties. They were very proud of the result.





# SUPPORT CENTRE

In the Support Centre we have been learning about the World of Work, exploring some of the jobs that we are interested in both within school and in the community. This week we had a visit from Robyn, a Veterinary Nurse, who came to tell us all about her job looking after poorly animals. Pupils really enjoyed dressing up and practicing bandaging skills, as well as inserting and

scanning for microchips. They also had great fun looking at x-rays, to see which weird and wonderful items some dogs had swallowed, including a spoon, a toy car and even a rubber duck!

Mrs Wilson



# FOREST SCHOOL



Year 10s had a visit to Sky Farm Park in Petersfield to see the deer, as part of D of E and Forest School.



Can we add a big thank you to the park, as they let us in for free.



# FOREST SCHOOL

Students from Year 11 forest school group have been working towards their John Muir Conservation Award taking part in programme 4 activities to "discover, explore, conserve and share".

As well as learning about Apuldram, its nature and history students have been able to visit other local woodlands and wild sites to discover and explore the South Downs. They have made bird feeders, planted trees and enjoyed a developed whole range of forest school activities.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH



## Volunteering

Students from Years 10 and 11 have been working hard at Crimsham Farm this term to complete their 'Volunteering' section of their award. Jobs have included, mucking out animal enclosures, grooming the goats, collecting eggs and building pens.

# LAND BASED STUDIES



The Year 10s this term have been learning about pests and diseases and how to control them. They have also been learning how to use secateurs and taking hard wood cuttings as well as learning techniques for plant care including thinning out, watering and using a propagator. They will soon begin growing plants and planting out their broad beans, onions, potatoes and other vegetables.



The Year 11s have been finishing their unit on Myself in the Community by visiting different places around Chichester. They have visited the Library, Cathedral, Novium museum, Goodwood race course and airport, Chichester Theatre, Hospital, Priory Park, Ten Pin Bowling, Greggs, Railway and Bus Station and the Police Station.

# YAS



## Year 11 YAS

This half term Year 11 were visited by PC Brand who spoke to the class about rights and responsibilities and how to be a good citizen. They had a lot of interesting questions for him and they found out about what it is like to be a police officer.

As part of their Personal Care module, Year 11 have been visiting Chichester town regularly. They have seen how different places such as opticians and clothes shops are able to help them to look after and care for themselves. In Sports Direct, the pupils had fun putting together different outfits.

# FRENCH

This term Year 9A have done extremely well in French. We have been building up our conversation to invite someone to join us for a social event.

Pupils have been practising using phones to ask someone if they would like to go on an outing.



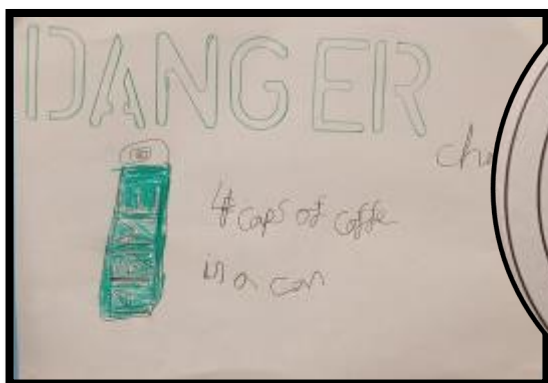
# PSD

In January all year groups focused on relationships. We explored what makes a healthy relationship, and what makes a relationship unhealthy. We covered friendships and other relationships too. We have continued to talk about different relationships we have both in and outside school, and the things we can do to help ensure our relationships are healthy ones.



## We are now focusing on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

We are learning about all the ways that help towards keeping our body and mind healthy. We have learnt about why we need a balanced diet and how different food groups help with different things i.e. fighting off bugs, repair our skin, strong bones. We also explored what influences our food and drink choices. We have also learnt about teeth hygiene, personal hygiene, the importance of quality sleep, medicines and for older pupils smoking, vaping, alcohol, legal and illegal drugs.



Year 11 have been extremely busy.

Year 11 have taken part in Travel Training on a train where we travelled to Littlehampton.

Many Year 11s have attended 'Your Future 24' careers and transition event in Horsham where they met with a range of employers and organisations who can help them in adulthood.

# SPORTS

## PE

Our Year 11 PE ASDAN students have been out in the community this term looking at different sports facilities they may wish to access in the future. This included a trip to Westgate Leisure Centre where they had the opportunity to spend time in the new fitness room trying out the various equipment. This was then followed with a visit to Chichester College where our students were able to look at the different spaces, including the climbing wall and multiuse pitches.



The Year 10 students have been working on their leadership skills. They have learnt what skills are needed for effective leadership. Within small groups they have planned, practiced and delivered a variety of sporting games and activities to the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.



# Tutor Group news

9A enjoy going to different places when not at school and also have a very creative side. Here are a few examples of what they have been up to...

Gabby went and watched Southampton ladies V Manchester United ladies and met her football Idol Mary Earps.

George painted a landscape at Challengers and was over the moon when it was bought by the Olive Tree in Guildford at an auction and raised £60 for the Challengers charity.

Lucas enjoys showing his creative side and building Lego scenes at home. He makes most of them from scratch and made this fabulous model, it even includes lights.



## 10H Tutor Time - Talking Tuesdays

As well as time for additional support, our afternoon tutor sessions give us time to work as a group on different key skills.

Talking Tuesdays not only provide us with time to work on Makaton and signing skills but also provides an opportunity to work on developing social and emotional communication skills. This term we have been focusing on "All about Me" which helps to build pupils' self awareness. Topics covered include qualities and strengths, feelings, and how to be a good friend. Together we explored strategies that support pupils when they are feeling down or low and help them develop their resilience skills which will help them in the future.



Examples of some of the sentences prompts for "All about Me" topic .

Some of the pupils learning to use the Makaton sign banana.



In Maths we looked at capacity and measurement. We also used scales to estimate and find heavy, light and balanced.



In Science we have been looking at food groups. We have explored different food groups and been exposed to different tastes and textures.



In English we have been listening to and joining in with Bee & Me narrative. We made our own musical instruments and joined in with the story.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book day is a highlight of the school year. We celebrated together on 7<sup>th</sup> March with a variety of activities. Pupils and staff dressed up as a character from a book for the occasion. There were many themes for costumes, with classics such as Goldilocks and the three bears and Peter Pan, as well as modern classics like the Gruffalo and Supertato. Stories by Roald Dahl were also very popular choices. Mrs Correia arranged for older pupils to read to the younger ones in their classrooms, which was very much enjoyed. Our book swap table was very popular. Thanks to your generous donations, most of the pupils in school were able to leave with a donated book on the day. Book tokens from the World Book day were also given out to all pupils, don't forget to exchange your token for a book and keep reading all year round!



# LIBRARY

On 26<sup>th</sup> February our local Lions Club came into school to present us with a set of books for the library. The Lions are a group of people who volunteer their time to support health and wellbeing in their local communities. They have a project to inspire children to tackle the issues of plastic pollution, climate change and habitat loss through an inspiring set of books - Wild Tribe Heroes.

The Wild Tribe Heroes, are set of colourful picturebooks which show how humans beings are making a positive impact helping wildlife in different parts of the world.

These beautiful books will be added to our Library as a class resource learning pack within our Environment Library resources.

Thank you to the Lions for their generous support for the school.



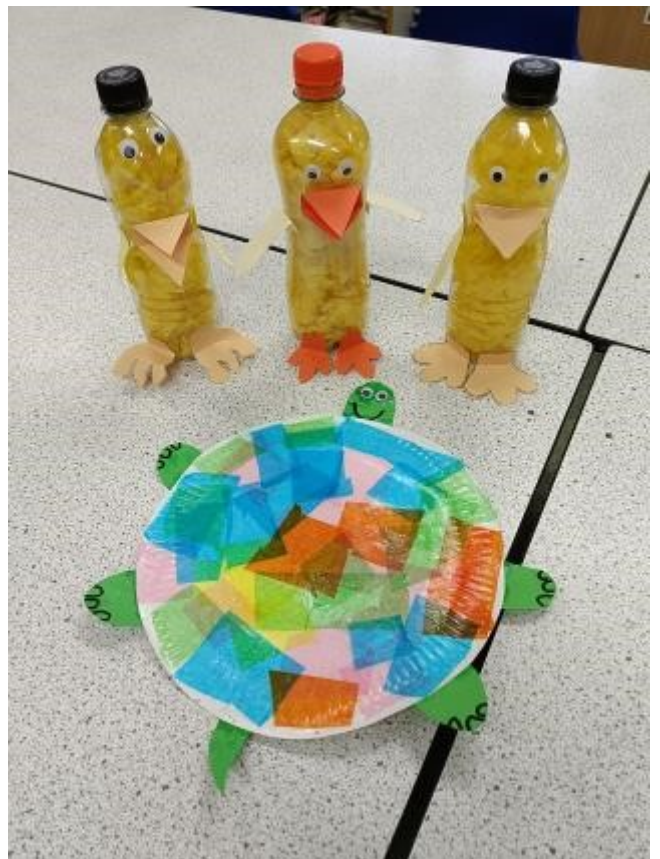
# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are happy to show the finished art work that the Art club have made for weeks 1 and 2.

The turtles were made using paper plates and an assortment of different coloured tissue paper cut into squares, the children stuck the tissue paper onto the plate, then they drew legs, a head and tail onto green paper, cut them out and glued them onto complete the finished turtle.

The chickens were made by scrunching up yellow tissue paper into small pieces and putting it inside a plastic bottle, they then drew wings, feet and a beak onto orange and yellow paper, cut the shapes out and I attached them by asking where they wanted them placed using a glue gun, we finished them by adding some googly eyes.

These activities are easy and the children enjoyed making them, they get to take home anything that they make whilst in Art club.



## Last week's Art Club

The children made sharks using paper plates, long cardboard tubes, they painted them blue, added some scary teeth, drew and cut out fins and eyes, then everything was attached by Mrs Scrivener using a glue gun.

Art club is directed by Mrs Scrivener and Mr Polson.

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs has been able to offer some new clubs this year. Starting with KS4 first aid club. They have been able to learn all the basics and CPR, giving the children a life skill. First aid club will be on offer to the younger groups as we move throughout this year.



Art club has created some lovely work this half term with Mrs Scrivener & Mr Polson planning each week club to be different and fun. Dance club has proved to be popular again this half term and the group are working towards dances for the school production, this is very exciting.



As a school we are very proud to be able to offer Oakwood school trampoline club. This is a great start to building a new link between the two schools.



WE'RE TAKING PART IN THE  
BIG HOOT'S LITTLE HOOT FOR  
CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE!



Keep an eye out for our 2 Owls soon to be decorated by St Anthony's pupils. There will be an art trail around Chichester and Arun throughout the summer where you can see if you can spot the St Anthony's Owls while out and about.

For more information about The Big Hoot, visit [www.bighoot.org.uk](http://www.bighoot.org.uk)

# Key Dates

## Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April

Monday 6th May

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May

Wednesday 12th June

Friday 19th July

Term begins

Bank Holiday

Half term

INSET Day

Last day of term



- If your child is absent for illness, appointment or any other reason please contact the school in the morning by telephone - 01243 785965 or email - schooloffice@st-ants.org
- Please inform the school office of any contact details changes.
- Can all uniform be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name
- If you pay for your child's school lunch can you please ensure that the balance does not go overdrawn.
- All school communication is through the My Child at School (MCAS) app. If you need any assistance with accessing the app please contact the school office.

stonepillow PRESENTS

SCAN FOR TICKETS!

SUN 07 APRIL 1:30PM

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

[ LICENSED BAR O'HAGAN'S SAUSAGES POPCORN ]

Oakland's Park, Chichester PO19 8BB.  
Event opens at 1:30pm. Film starts at 3pm. Entry by Rugby Club.  
Bring a chair & blanket!

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