



Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fabulous, sunny end to this half term! It is lovely to see the children having fun outside with their friends, enjoying our Party on the Playground wearing their 'Halloween colours'. Like all schools, we are trying to find ways to safely adapt some of our enrichment activity and this has been a great bit of fun that has brought many smiles to lots of faces. This has also doubled-up as a PTA fundraiser too, so many thanks for your kind donations.

I have had a close look at the breadth of our children's curriculum experience this week. The data, and work in books, shows the children are making good progress in English and maths (core subjects) but I was particularly keen to see other subjects in action. I was delighted with what I saw which included Forest School, Young Voices, The Warwick Singing Town project, Rugby, Football, Swimming, baking bread, Street Dance, Judo and a fantastic, immersive auditory experience called, Now Press Play which involves the children wearing headphones and listening to topic-related audio which, in turn, stimulates imagination, language and vocabulary development. This isn't an exhaustive list, and I don't have the space here to do it all justice, but I wanted to share some of the highlights from this week with you, to illustrate some of the amazing things your children do when they are at school.

Have a lovely half term break and please keep safe.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher



After Sunny the Meerkat was kidnapped by a jackal, Year 2 have been busy designing traps to catch it and help Sunny to return safely back to school. Some of our children made these amazing models of their traps at home. Let's hope they catch that pesky jackal soon!

Governor Focus

This week the governing body met for the second time this term, to review progress against the school's key objectives in the Learning Improvement Plan for this year, and review the half termly report that covers many aspects of the quality and standards of education being delivered. We were really pleased to see the results on pupils' progress so far this academic year, and discuss the new approach and policy around behaviour being drafted and delivered this term.

Louisa Farino—Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 6Y (Ms Younghusband) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.7% (school target 96.5%)

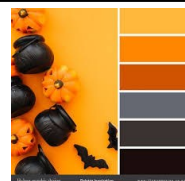
What I love about Woodloes

Woodloes provides us with a fun and engaging curriculum!
Lauren
Class 5G



Friends

The children all looked great today in their 'Halloween colours' and supported our PTA by donating a £1.00. Thank you to everyone who donated to this. The children really enjoyed dressing up in their own Halloween themed clothes and there was a mass of colours!



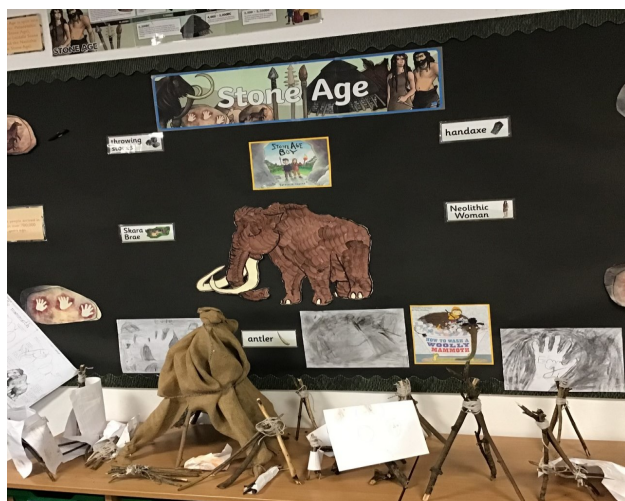
Focus on Excellence

As part of our Stone Age topic, the pupils in Year 3 enjoyed "Stone Age Day" on Monday this week.

The day saw lots of animal print, Stone Age tools and weaponry and lots of grunting!

The children demonstrated their knowledge of the topic by creating models of Stone Age houses and went on a virtual trip (via our green screen) to Stonehenge!

The whole topic has been a huge success and it was brilliant to see it come to life on the day!



Other News

Public Health Campaign

Over this academic year, Woodloes Primary School will be supporting children with their mental health and wellbeing through our 'Public Health Campaign' initiative. To support this, we have six Year 6 Public Health Champions who will be sharing information with pupils and teachers. Please see the web page for updates and further information after half term.

Mrs Khaira

Pupil Mental Health Lead

October Half Term

Warwick Library

are offering various clubs during half term:-

Saturday 23rd October—Lego Club, 10am & 11am ages 4-11 (book online)

Monday 25th October—Autumn Crafts 10am-12pm all ages (drop in)

Thursday 28th October—Autumn Crafts 2-4pm all ages (drop in)

Saturday 30th October—Lego Club 10am & 11am ages 4-11 (book online)

Go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrensactivities and select Warwick Library

The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum

have a number of October half term activities taking place -

Rainy Roman Days 26th & 27th October 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm. Costumed guides will run interactive demonstrations of the most popular board games of the Roman world. Designed for ages 5—12.

The Big Draw 23rd to 30th October 10.30am to 12pm and 2pm to 3.30pm. Explore art as a means for mindfulness for families and to support children's mental wellbeing in the worldwide festival of drawing. Designed for ages 5—11

Make and Play Engineers: Playful Pendulum Painting 25th & 27th October 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm. Create pendulums for painting and discover the world of STEM through hand on experiences. Designed for ages 3 –12

The above is a snapshot of what is going on at the Herbert Art Gallery. To book any of the above (or to explore what else is on offer) go to transport-museum.com