

New Close News

Friday 13th July, 2018

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown

It has been a busy week and I am delighted to say that having received our Key Stage 2 SATs results we have significantly improved in all areas which is summarised in the table below.

| Subject | % achieving expected standard 2018 | % achieving expected standard 2017 | % achieving expected standard Nationally 2018 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| English Reading | 71% | 28% | 75% |
| English grammar, punctuation and grammar | 82% | 50% | 78% |
| Maths | 82% | 56% | 76% |
| English writing | 65% | 61% | 78% |

It is great to see that we are above the National average in both maths and English grammar, punctuation and spelling and closing the gap in English reading and English writing. Well done to all the year 6 pupils who have demonstrated a lot of resilience throughout this year and an "I can do it attitude" which makes a great recipe for success. I am sure they will take this with them on to Kingdown. A special thank you to Mrs Walker for her persistent determination and the team around her who provided a lot of support and intervention during the year.

Please can you check your child's bag for their end of year report which comes out today. This is followed by parents' evening on Monday from 3.00 – 6.00pm. If you have not yet made an appointment for this, it is not too late. It is vital to your child's education that parents discuss their child's progress this year with their class teacher. This is to support them further as they move through the school and prepare them for secondary education.

On Tuesday 10th July, Otter Class visited the Hawk Conservancy Trust near Andover. After a quick briefing from Michael, one of the falconers, the children experienced the feeding frenzy of 'The Vulture Restaurant.' Here, they learnt all about the role of vultures in cleaning up the environment, the dangers these comical birds face in modern times and the role the trust is playing in getting the public to appreciate vultures and put a halt to the steep decline in their numbers. We were all charmed by Delores and her jaunty jumps. The Wings of Africa flying display, gave the children an up-close-and-personal-experience, which they will surely never forget, as owls, ibis, storks, a fish eagle, kites and vultures swooped over their hastily bowed heads. We were in danger of losing hats and hair! Dr No – a rather determined secretary bird – demonstrated kicking skills that England strikers can only dream of, before we had an opportunity to explore the site and participate in the owl prowl. The sun shone brightly, the children were excellent ambassadors for the school and a grand day out was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Miss Brown, Mrs Braddell and Mrs Parker for accompanying the class on the trip and making the day such a success and definitely one to treasure.



Have a good weekend.
Mr Evans

NEW CLOSE HAS GOT TALENT! - FUNDRAISING EVENT

The final fundraiser of the year will take place on Thursday 19th July at 2pm, with the annual New Close Has Got Talent! Pupils have been through the early auditions and we are now down to the final 10 acts. Parents are welcome but please go to the office to sign up for a space to see the Live Finals and usher 2018's most talented pupil! All proceeds go to Julia's House Hospices, helping children throughout Dorset and Wiltshire.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

English - inspired by 'Andy's Prehistoric Adventures', Rabbits have planned and started making little Andy books, sharing their amazing ideas about dinosaurs as their last project!

Maths - the children have been showing how well they can share and double, either in number sentences or with toys and objects.

★ We will give out the Stars certificates next week.

HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in English, we have been learning to read, recite and perform poems with a sea theme.

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time and to calculate duration of time.

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SQUIRREL CLASS

In English we are completing our books and are now at the stage of adding illustrations, the blurb and a piece about the author. We are really looking forward to sharing them with other people.

In maths, our focus has been on number and in particular short division. We continue to work on our multiplication tables and are proud of the progress we have made with these.

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OTTER CLASS

This week in English, we have been reviewing our grammar and punctuation and have written a recount of our day at the Hawk Conservancy.

In maths, we have been revisiting non-negotiable number skills and solving logic problems.

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FOX CLASS

Maths

Additional pieces for their Year 7 work have been completed.

English

Children have enjoyed writing biographies about Mary Anning and her famous fossils.

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CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

The children's class and team photographs will be on display at Monday's parents' evening for you to view and are available to purchase on Wisepay, costing £1.00 for each photograph. If you have any problems accessing Wisepay please contact the office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please check that you have ordered your child's school lunch, if required, each week. We do not send text message reminders to parents every week.

Look out for the new Autumn Term menus which will be on Wisepay soon.

If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office .

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost. For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school office.



Fruit bowl

When available we will keep a fruit bowl for the KS2 children to choose from, if they want it. This is a great way to encourage healthy choices and helps to top up energy levels during the day – as we already see in the younger children, who have free fruit or vegetables every day in school. **Please let us know if you do not want us to offer fruit to your child.**

