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Term 2 2020-2021 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made a good start back to term 2 and our new whole school topic, 'A long walk to Freedom' has sparked a lot of interest. We hope you have all received your topic webs so that you can see the learning planned. We are also using the book 'Grandpa Mandela' as well as the 'Illustrated Long Walk to Freedom' for our research and English work.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater for their attendance of 100% last week and again for this week! Please note that any children self-isolating do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

100 Points – Underwater- Woody -Bugs – Bonnie

300 Points – Underwater - Kellan

200 Points – Underwater – Isla – Bugs –Millie

600 Points – High Peaks - Arlo

900 Points – Jungle - Jemma

1000 Points – Jungle – Grace

1200 Points – Jungle - George

BLUE PETER LAUNCH

Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and they are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your child/ren would be interested in this you can subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe!)

CHILDREN IN NEED

Today we celebrated Children in Need day and our school council decided to raise money by inviting the children to wear their pyjamas/ lounge wear to school, in return for a minimum £1 donation. It was a lovely day and we managed to raise **£147.13** for a fantastic cause. Thank you to everyone for supporting the day.

ECO UPDATE

Eco Ernie has returned and was awarded to Bugs class for their excellent recycling. We will be announcing shortly how the new Eco Warrior group will be set up - so look out for the exciting announcement in the next newsletter! In the meantime, please continue to bring in crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, pens and batteries as we get money for every one we send off! We have just sent off 2 huge boxes which fantastic!

Diary

November

18th - New to EYFS open sessions

24th – Flu Vaccinations

December

3rd – LSA Christmas Shop

4th – LSA Christmas Shop

4th – No Uniform Day

11th Christmas Jumper Day

14th– LSA Christmas Shop

18th – End of Term

January

4th – INSET

5th – Children return to school

REMEMBRANCE

We were very proud of the children this week, as well as observing a 2 minutes silence within their classes, they created some wonderful pieces of work to reflect upon remembrance. Here are just a few of them:



STARFISH MALAWI



Laughton CP School has now joined Firlce CEP School in supporting this charity. We are linked with Thawale School in Malawi which will provide opportunities for children in all three schools to learn about each other's cultures and hopefully to communicate with each other. We will hold events across the year to raise money for the charity - more details to follow.

On Monday the children in all classes across both schools in The Oak Tree Federation enjoyed learning activities as part of **Starfish Malawi Day**, which will now be a yearly event. Learning included comparing domestic and wild animals in England and Malawi; finding out about water in Malawi; comparing and contrasting trees in both countries and learning about the importance of trees for a healthy planet.



The children of Underwater Class created a bar graph to show their favourite wild animal from Malawi (python, leopard, owl, crocodile, elephant, hippopotamus or lion):



Jungle Class created posters, explaining the importance of trees:

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2021 is on **Wednesday 18th November 2020**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. To ensure we are COVID compliant, only two people are invited from each potential new family. This can be with either your child, or one other adult. There will be a maximum of 5 parties per session so please book your attendance with the school office on 01323 811306 or email office@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. Social distancing will apply throughout your visit. The session will last a maximum of 40 minutes. You will need to bring photo ID for safeguarding purposes and also provide your email and contact number when booking your place for track and trace purposes. Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day will be **Friday 8th January 2021**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2021**.

BONFIRE DAY

We wrapped up warm, went outside and made a bonfire. Around the fire we toasted marshmallows, drank hot chocolate and ate hotdogs. We also learnt about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire celebrations.

Thea - "It was fun and it was so cool to have that experience. I loved toasting the marshmallows they were sweet and yummy!"

Bonnie - "We had roast marshmallows and hot dogs. We made a bonfire; I would like to do it again because I liked it and the hot chocolate was good."

Teddie - "We had a bonfire, we had to stay back. I particularly liked the hot dogs; it was an enjoyable day."



BUGS TOPIC WORK

Bugs class worked collaboratively with their talk partners to create a colourful pattern in each square given to them. We then pieced all the squares together to create a display of Nelson Mandela as part of this terms topic, 'A long walk to freedom'. We're really proud of the finished display!



LSA

The LSA are asking for your help. We, with your help raise a lot for the school, but this year has been very different. From Monday 16th November each class will have a money jar. Each jar will be specifically for that class and in turn whatever is raised will go straight to that class. To start off each class will be raising money for a Clicker 8 licence. Each licence costs around £100 so they are not cheap.

The Clicker 8 programme is a literacy support software which helps users of all ages and abilities to develop their reading and writing skills. Once they hit their target the class will receive their licence and then we can see if we can all help with anything else. Please dig deep and help as much as you can and Thankyou in advance.

LSA Christmas Shop

Great news - the LSA are planning the Christmas Shop this year. To make sure we are Covid-19 compliant we need to be more organised this year. **If you would like to donate gifts to the Christmas shop, please can you do so by the 30th November.** This will give us the opportunity to photograph all gifts and wrap them in advance. If you would like to buy gifts for the Christmas shop please buy a minimum of 5 identical gifts and hand them in to the school office. You are welcome to claim your expenses if you would like to. Gifts should be bought for about £1 but not exceed £1.50. Thank you very much. Gemma Collins (Rupert and Hannah's mother)



**School shops - These are run at various times throughout the year by the LSA. Using items purchased and donated, the shops give the children the opportunity to independently choose and purchase presents for friends and family. These are then gift wrapped for the children to take home as a surprise for the intended recipient. Parents will be asked to send their children in with a small amount of money in a named purse on a certain day. Shops are run for Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Donations of items for these shops are welcomed.*

AMONG US

We are aware that the new app craze 'Among Us' has reached our schools and wanted to ensure parents are kept up to date about this new game and what it means for children playing it online. Please find attached a parent guide to the App, to help understand what children are up to. We would like to remind parents that this is a great opportunity to check in with pupils regarding keeping any accounts and online games private and reporting any concerns to adults if they arise.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week we will be taking part in national anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'United against bullying'. We will be discussing with children what bullying is, what we do about it and how we can work together to stop it. I met with the school council today who shared their thoughts and we are hoping to make a film next week with children's understanding and ideas. Classes will have sessions on bullying and we will share our learning in the next newsletter.

HARVEST

Loughton CP School managed to collect an impressive 136.20kg of food for harvest this year. This is enough to provide 324 meals for families in crisis within Hailsham and the surrounding area. Thank you so much for your support.

CHRISTMAS

We are hoping to keep Christmas full of fun activities and events in school and staff are planning a short music/ drama/ readings for their classes to perform either with social distancing or via a live feed, further information to follow.

Kind Regards
Rachel West, Vicki Brown