



Newsletter 16

As you will read, it has been a very busy end of term across the school. Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent events. It has been lovely to see so many of you in the school. In between the events, we have also welcomed Ofsted into our school. We are hoping to receive their report before the end of term but it usually takes at least 10 working days to turn around. This may mean that we will not receive the report until September.

At the end of the year, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff and in September, welcoming others. Mr Holland, Miss Pilgrim, Miss Coxon, Miss Middleton and Miss Starkl will all be taking on new challenges after the summer holidays. In September, Mrs English will be returning to the school after Maternity Leave and both Miss K Smith and Mrs Hall will re-join our teaching team.

We will also be welcoming a significant amount of new children in September and therefore we will be reorganising the classes slightly differently from September.

| Class | Teacher | Year Group |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Zebras | Miss Smith | Year N |
| Otters | Miss Adams | Year R |
| Aardvarks | Mr Chipperfield | Year 1 |
| Giraffes | Miss Laws | Year 1/2 |
| Owls | Mrs English/Mrs Russell | Year 3 |
| Meerkats | Miss Egleton | Year 4 |
| Lemurs | Mrs Hall | Year 4 |
| Antelopes | Miss Damore | Year 5 |
| Lions | Mrs Burton | Year 6 |

All of the children have had the opportunity to spend this morning with their new teachers and classes.

Building Projects

As shared previously, our school has secured substantial funding for three major improvement projects to be completed in the next few months. Two of these projects will be completed over the summer and one of these will start on Wednesday. The existing EYFS canopy will be removed on Wednesday and therefore this area will be out of bounds all day. The whole of EYFS will be participating in a Pirates Day and we ask all pupils to register in the Reception Classes. Nursery will register in Owls Class and Reception in Otters Class. Please can all EYFS pupils and parents enter the classrooms through the fire door off the main playground.

The rest of the canopy works will be completed in the summer holidays. We will also be having the school roof repaired, with 19 new electronic skylights installed over the summer.

The refurbishment of the toilets across the school will start in the autumn term and this will be a rolling process.





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Dome Experience

On Monday, we were very lucky to welcome Ben and Olivia to school with their Explorer Dome. The dome is a giant inflatable planetarium, which is used to teach children about various science topics. We were learning about our planet and renewable energy sources.

Otters and Owls were the first classes to experience the dome. They sat under the stars and sang along to *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* and put on virtual space suits for a ride through space. The children particularly enjoyed imagining what it would be like to climb to the very top of our wind turbines and had fun trying to catch the clouds!

Meerkats and Lemurs learnt all about the different types of renewable energy around us, including energy that we can harness from the wind, the waves, the sun and the tide. We found out how the wind turbines are built and talked about keeping our planet safe.

Antelopes and Lions investigated energy chains and found out that all energy originally comes from the sun. They tracked their own energy through the food that they ate at lunchtime, where that food came from and how it grew. They also learnt about the importance of carbon dioxide and how greenhouse gases can affect our planet.

Norwich Castle

KS1 had a great time on their trip to Norwich castle. On arrival they were greeted by Lady Isabella, the housekeeper and Maud, the servant girl. Lady Isabella taught us all about tournaments and helped us to make a pennant to wave. The housekeeper needed help sorting artefacts into things that belonged to the tournament knights and things that belonged to the castle. Finally, Maud the servant girl showed us how she made candles and then showed us around the castle toilets! After lunch, we were able to explore the museum, before heading back to the coach. The children were very well-behaved and represented the school brilliantly.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to encourage and support the children during our Sports Day. It was brilliant to see our EYFS children competing with the rest of the school and we will certainly do this again next year. We would like to thank the Co-op for supplying much needed refreshments throughout the day and Beccles Free School Sports Leaders for supporting each of the activities.

Year 6

Last Wednesday saw our Year 6 pupils put on an outstanding performance of *'Dream On'*. The children performed with such pride and confidence to an audience of over 80 friends and family who were thoroughly entertained. We expect to see a number of our Year 6 pupils on an even bigger stage in the future. Well done to them all!





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The leavers' party and assembly saw us saying farewell to our Class of 2017. We would like to thank The Village Fryer and the Friends of the School for contributing to these events.

Class Assembly

The class assemblies have been very well supported this year and the Lemurs and Giraffes classes were no exception. We all enjoyed discovering what each class had learnt this half term and were very proud of everyone involved.

DT Workshop Day

On Friday 30th June, Year 5 visited Beccles Free School for an afternoon of D.T. and French. They enjoyed using different tools and machines to create their own robots from scrap pieces of wood. The results were great! In the French session, the children learned about their favourite sports and hobbies and played some French games. It was a fantastic afternoon and the children's behaviour was exemplary.

A Scarecrow's Wedding

Reception enjoyed a wonderful performance of *The Scarecrows' Wedding* at the Marina Theatre last week. The children loved the interactive aspects of the show and the catchy songs and had a fantastic time. We were delighted to hear that the staff at the Marina Theatre were very impressed by our children and commented on how beautifully they behaved during the visit.

Friends of the School

We would like to say a big thank you to our Friends of the School for all the fund raising events they have held this year. There have been many, including the summer fete, which I am sure everyone will agree was a huge success. To organise such an event takes a lot of organisation and it is very much appreciated. Including the Community Award through the Co-op, the Friends of the School have raised a very impressive total of £5395. The money that was raised has gone towards subsidising trips, IT equipment, cameras, games and much more and will hopefully help us to fund a minibus in the future. We are very grateful to all the parents for their continued support with all the fund raising events and would welcome any new members in the future.

Mini Monsters

On Thursday 13th July, the Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow came to Nursery. Ed showed us a range of creatures, which we could ask questions about and stroke and hold (if we wanted to!). There was a giant millipede, a giant African land snail, a snake, a tarantula spider and a bearded dragon lizard. We thought Ed's creatures were amazing and we learned a lot of interesting information. Lots of our parents came into Nursery on Friday to see our photograph display, and said how much their children had enjoyed their experience. We would like to thank the Friends of Kessingland Primary Academy for sponsoring this event for the Nursery children.





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Lowestoft In Bloom

Our Sensory Garden is looking wonderful and will be judged later in July. Miss Graham and Mrs Knowles have worked hard to create such a lovely area but we also have many people to thank for making this possible:-

Mr & Mrs Hancock, Mr E Graham, Mr & Mrs Miller, Cole Family, Flinton family, Mendonca Family, Tomkins Family, Wickes Builders merchant, Infinity Carpentry, Ward Family, Clarke/Custance Family, Harlow Family, Rachel SCC, Angel and Finley, Mrs Baldwin and her DT group, Knowles Family, Miss Smith, Lowestoft in Bloom and anyone else who may have donated but didn't leave their names.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July – There will be no after school clubs during the last week of term.

Tuesday 18th July – Saxmundham Free School Sports Coaching - Reception Classes (pm)

Friday 21st July – Last day of school

Wednesday 6th September – First day back

