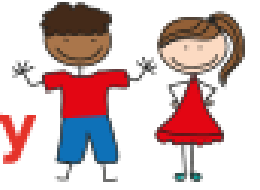


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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 3rd July - Inset Day

Tuesday 7th July

- ❖ Yrs 1 & 2 Action Stations (Sports Day)
- ❖ Open Doors

Wednesday 8th July

- ❖ Nursery & Reception Action Stations (Sports Day)
- ❖ Open Doors

Tuesday 14th July

Yr2 Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th July – End of Term
The School day ends at 1.30pm



A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

I would like to thank everyone for another busy and successful month. The recent heatwave brought some challenges, but by working together we ensured that the children remained safe throughout. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families and, of course, our wonderful children for the way everyone adapted so positively.

Our children also represented the school brilliantly at the Eco Summit. They were thoughtful, confident and enthusiastic, and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We are incredibly proud of the way they shared their ideas and demonstrated our school values.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our fantastic volunteers. Whether you have been listening to children read, supporting number games, helping with design and technology, or accompanying educational visits, your time and commitment make a real difference to the experiences and achievements of our children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make our school such a special place.

Warm wishes

S. Mullarkey



LAURA KNOWLES



Visiting Author



We were delighted to welcome visiting author Laura Knowles, who read her bestselling book *It Starts with a Seed* to our children. Known for her beautifully illustrated non-fiction books about the natural world, Laura also shared how she develops her ideas.

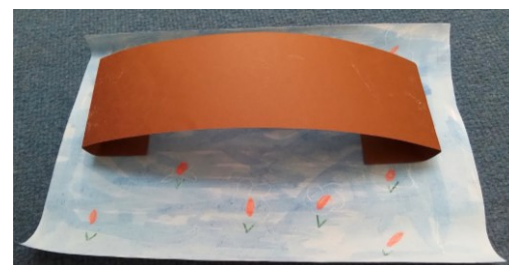
She invited the children to imagine themselves as trees—growing tall, feeling the wind and rain, and picturing animals scurrying around them—while exploring the descriptive language they could use.

Afterwards, the children wrote and illustrated their own imaginative poems about what it feels like to be a tree, using everything they had learned during the activity. We may well have some future authors and illustrators in the making!



Arts Week

During Arts Week, children across the school enjoyed our 'Take One Picture' project, inspired by Claude Monet's *'Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies'*. Each year group explored the painting, learning about Monet's use of colour, light and texture while creating their own imaginative pieces.



Using a range of materials and techniques, children created beautiful artwork in many different styles. From watercolour and pastel to collage, origami and papier-mâché, each class produced unique work inspired by Monet's famous painting. It has been wonderful to see so much creativity and enthusiasm across the school.

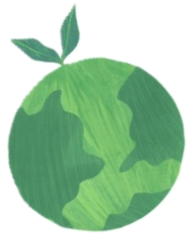


ECO NEWS



ECO SUMMIT

Schools from the Greensand Trust came together for their second annual Eco Summit to learn from each other and to celebrate the work that is done to highlight issues relating to the environment.



RECYCLE WORKSHOP

The children enjoyed learning about recycling, discovering what happens to recyclable materials and which items can and cannot be recycled. Year 1 made some fantastic posters about recycling.



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

June has been a sizzling month in Nursery as we explored the wonderful world of minibeasts!



The children have been busy using their creative and fine motor skills to make their own minibeast creations and enjoyed going on an exciting minibeast hunt in the woodland, discovering lots of tiny creatures in their natural habitats.



We were also thrilled to welcome some new pets into Nursery! The children have been carefully looking after our ants and are enjoying observing our ladybirds as they grow and develop through their life cycle.

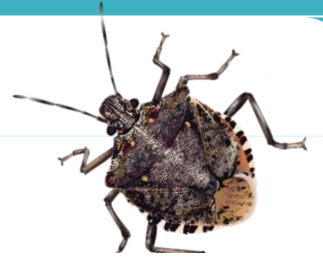
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION



MiniBeasts



Reception children had a wonderful time on their very first school trip to Nower Wood Nature Reserve. They explored the ancient woodland and took part in a range of exciting hands-on activities.

The children enjoyed minibeast hunting, pond dipping, learning about insects, and looking at them under a microscope.



We enjoyed watching the Minibeast Olympics, cheering enthusiastically and supporting the competitors!



We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all our parent volunteers whose support and enthusiasm helped make this special trip possible.

Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed taking part in the Junk Orchestra workshop. They looked carefully at what materials the recycled instruments had been made from. The children loved exploring and playing the instruments. They took it in turns to take on the role of conductor and lead their orchestra in playing music from different genres including jazz and rock.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

The children were inspired to design and create their own instruments. We came together at the end of the day to play as one enormous recycled instrument orchestra!



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Trip to Wakehurst Place



Year 2 had a fantastic day out at Wakehurst Place at the start of the month despite the weather! We enjoyed the ephemeral art workshop and worked so well in teams to make some very creative pieces of art using natural materials.



We had to be 'tree investigators' and look closely at their leaves, buds, flowers and bark to try to identify different trees.

We also enjoyed searching for habitats and microhabitats across the grounds. We were amazed by how many we found!



WELCOME TO YEAR 2 NEWS

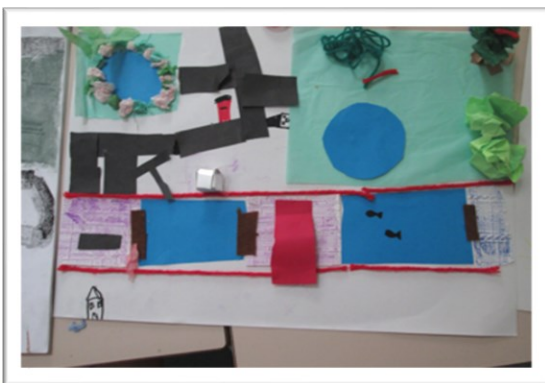
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At the end of the month, Year 2 took part in a recycling workshop where we learnt all about which items go in which recycling bin and how they are recycled. We also learnt that it is important to put your batteries in the correct bin as they can cause fires!

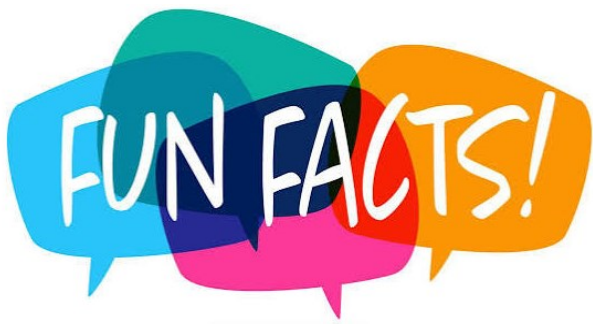
We talked about what we can reuse and reduce to help our environment.



As part of our 'craft and design' unit in Art we used maps as a stimulus and created some wonderful 3D pieces of Artwork in the form of artistic maps to show our journeys to school using a range of collage materials.



SPORTS ROUND



- A football team has 11 players on the pitch.
- Football is played in almost every country in the world.
- The FIFA world cup takes place every 4 years.
- The famous world cup trophy is made of gold.
- Football is known as 'The beautiful game' because it brings people together.

Try these football activities at home!

- 30 toe taps on the ball
- Dribble around 5 objects
- Pass the ball with a family member 20 times
- Balance on one foot for 15 seconds.

