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Please find the link above which directs you to The Pod-NHS website, here you can seek advice and guidance for any Children's Therapies. You can also find a self-referral application form for each of the therapies provided.



THE LLEWELLYN
SCHOOL

Term 6 Newsletter



NOCN



NATIONAL OPEN COLLEGE NETWORK

This year has been a significant milestone for Llewellyn School as we became a recognised centre for The National Open College Network (NOCN). Becoming an approved NOCN centre has enabled us to deliver nationally recognised vocational qualifications and accreditations, helping our pupils develop essential Maths, English and employability skills while celebrating their individual achievements.

Throughout the year, we have successfully delivered NOCN Entry Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications in Maths and Literacy. We are delighted to announce that pupils across Elder and Birch Tree classes have successfully completed and passed their accreditations.

We are especially proud to celebrate the achievements of five pupils from Birch Class, who have successfully gained their NOCN Functional Skills Level 1 qualification. This is an excellent accomplishment and reflects their hard work, resilience and commitment to learning. Achieving Functional Skills Level 1 is an important step towards further education, employment and greater independence.

These qualifications recognise not only academic progress but also the confidence, determination and perseverance shown by our pupils throughout their learning journey. Their success is a testament to the dedication of both our learners and staff, who have worked together to ensure every pupil has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Congratulations to every pupil who has taken part in the NOCN programme this year. We are all incredibly proud of you and your fantastic achievements. Well done!



Oak Class

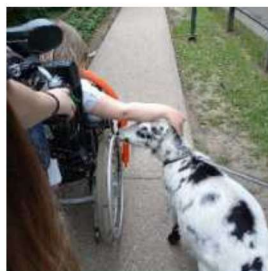
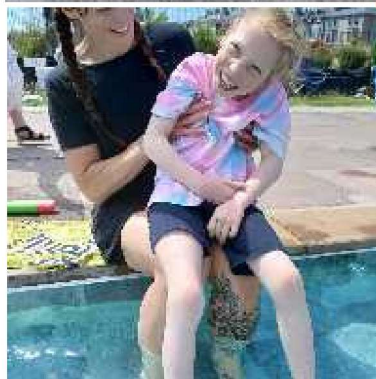
Oak Class has had a fantastic summer term packed with exciting experiences and wonderful achievements.

We were delighted to welcome the local Fire and Rescue Service to school, where the pupils enjoyed meeting the firefighters and using the fire hose to spray a target. As part of our The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch topic, we also visited South Foreland Lighthouse, bringing our learning to life.

During Beach Week, the pupils had a brilliant time crabbing before enjoying fish and chips with their school friends. Our animal care sessions have also been a highlight, with the pupil's taking goats for walks and learning how to care for them.

We are incredibly proud of everyone's progress this term. Evie has shown fantastic determination using her new specialist walker, Louie has developed a real love for morning meditation, and Amy has made excellent progress with her physiotherapy, walking more confidently and using her British Sign Language (BSL) with increasing confidence.

It has been a wonderful term, and we are so proud of everything Oak Class has achieved. We wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer break!



Fish & Chips



Wall Art



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Forest School

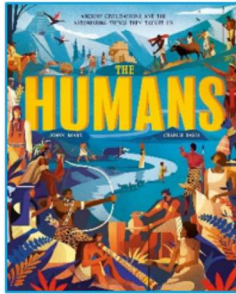
Crabbing



Birch Class

English -

This term we have continued to use *The Humans* as our class book and looked at a variety of ancient civilizations from around the World. We began by looking at the Mongols and the children were challenged to form opinions from what they read about them and provide justifications for those opinions. We then studied three civilizations that were around during the same period (The Romans, The Greeks and the Mayans) and compared how their societies were different as well as looking for any similarities.

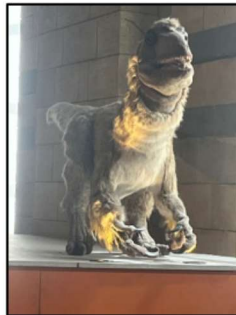


Maths -

Our focus during our maths lessons this term has been fractions. We began by learning to understand what a fraction is and how to identify what fraction of a shape or amount is shaded. We then looked at mixed numbers and improper fractions to understand how to convert between them and find those that are equivalent. To conclude the term we then taught the children how to add and subtract fractions.

Science -

In science this term we have continued studying reproduction. We first set up an experiment in order to see if we could clone a mint plant, the results were mixed, but we did get a couple of plants to start growing. The children were also taught how plants and animals reproduce to create offspring.



Topic -

As hinted at in last term's newsletter, this term's topic was the Mayans. Linking to our work from term five, we first investigated the benefits and potential issues of living in the rainforest and how this influenced Mayan life. We then looked at videos and pictures of Ancient Mayan ruins to see what we could infer about the way they lived and what was important to them. To conclude the topic, we researched the different Gods the Mayans believed in and what role each of them played.

To further our understanding of both rainforest and the Mayan civilization we also visited the natural history museum. The children had a great time, and we even had a chance to take part in a guided experience narrated by David Attenborough!



After School Art Club with Sarah B

AT OUR AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, WE PROVIDE A CALM, NURTURING, AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERY CHILD IS ENCOURAGED TO THRIVE. THROUGH A VARIETY OF STRUCTURED AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, CHILDREN DEVELOP ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS, INCLUDING SOCIAL INTERACTION, SELF-CONFIDENCE, EMOTIONAL REGULATION, AND COMMUNICATION.

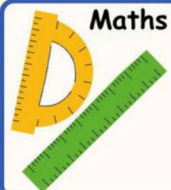
RECENTLY, THE CHILDREN HAVE MADE WONDERFUL PROGRESS WHILE TAKING PART IN ENGAGING PROJECTS SUCH AS CREATING CUPCAKE FLOWER CRAFTS, PAINTING DECORATIVE PEBBLES, DESIGNING PERSONALISED FLAGS, AND MAKING LAVENDER FAIRIES. THESE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY, STRENGTHEN FINE MOTOR SKILLS, AND PROMOTE PROBLEM-SOLVING, WHILE GIVING EACH CHILD A GENUINE SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.

CELEBRATING THEIR SUCCESSES HELPS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, INDEPENDENCE, AND RESILIENCE, PROVIDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, SELF-EXPRESSION, AND POSITIVE WELLBEING.



Hoping to seeing you again in September ♡ Sarah B

CHESTNUTCLASS



Maths

In Maths, we have been exploring position and direction. Although this has been a challenging topic, the children have shown wonderful perseverance and determination. We have learned and practised the key vocabulary forwards, backwards, left, right, above, and below through a variety of engaging activities. These included hands-on practical tasks, using technology, and directing a person along a planned pathway to apply their understanding in fun and meaningful ways.

Our young learners have continued to develop their reading and word-building skills this term. We have been focusing on bossy verbs and how they are used when giving instructions. The children enjoyed creating their very own set of instructions on how to make a jam sandwich, carefully using bossy verbs to guide each step. They showed fantastic creativity and a growing understanding of instructional writing.

Literacy

Topic

Our Geography lessons have focused on our local area and comparing it with places around the world. The children have enjoyed exploring similarities and differences between locations and have also been learning about the United Kingdom. They can now identify the four countries that make up the UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.



Science

In Science, we have been learning about where our food comes from. One of the highlights of the term was our trip to the farm, where the children had the opportunity to pick their own fruit. This exciting experience helped them understand that many of the foods we eat are grown on farms before they reach our homes and shops. It was a wonderful way to bring our learning to life.

A Wonderful Year Together

This year has been full of laughter, learning, and exciting experiences. It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new skills, and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and thank you for all your support throughout the year.

We wish you all a fantastic Summer holiday filled with fun, relaxation, and special family moments. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of new adventures and learning!



Willow Class

Willow Class enjoyed a summer term packed with fun, excitement and surprises.

Our summer text was The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, and we visited Dover Harbour to spot some of the settings featured in the story. We saw the famous White Cliffs of Dover, with a cottage perched on the edge, and spotted many seagulls along the coastline. We also saw two lighthouses on the harbour wall. Some of us visited South Foreland Lighthouse at St Margaret's Bay, where we enjoyed a picnic lunch and explored the lighthouse keeper's cottage.

Willow Class loved Beach Week and all the exciting activities that were arranged. Back at school, our cooking teacher, Lorna, linked many of the picnic surprises from The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch into our popular weekly cooking sessions.

The sensory opportunities at Minnis Bay excited us all. We had great fun crabbing, paddling, building sandcastles and taking part in scavenger hunts. A particular highlight was our fish and chip picnic, which was absolutely delicious!

Willow Class also benefited from free-play exploration during a visit to Fowlmead Forest School, where lots of new language emerged from the pupils. They continue to surprise us every day with their hard work, determination and the progress they make.

Punch and Judy shows have entertained us, and our end-of-term treats have included time in the splash pool at Forest School, a cinema trip to see Toy Story 5, a visit to Gootopia at Elevate, and an amazing range of new inflatable play resources in the playground.

All in all, Willow Class had an exciting and memorable summer term, and we are now looking forward to a wonderful summer holiday.



🕒 ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Term starts:
Wednesday 2nd
September**

Please remember we have a slightly later start to term due to our inset day on the 1st September. We look forward to welcoming you back on the Wednesday morning.

At the Llewellyn School we understand just how a few days missed can negatively impact pupil attainment and well-being. We want to work with you to minimise this, but also understand there are always justifiable reasons for missed days. Just 18 days missed over the course of a year leads to attendance below 90% (A pupil enrolment is identified as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more of their possible sessions). That equates to just 3 days off in each of our 6 terms. We like to measure this each term and will notify you if the pupil drops below the potential to achieve 90% for each term. We feel by looking after attendance in the short term, the long term will manage itself. You can keep an eye on attendance in the Arbor app. Please ensure that all absences are reported via the main school number 01843 845033 (there is a voicemail recording facility) or if it is in advance you can email absence@thellewellyn.school with any supporting documents. Using this method ensures the information gets where it needs to and is recorded accurately.



We had two amazing fundraisers this term raising money for Louie's Helping Hands.

A Huge Thank You to Kyle McNeill!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kyle McNeill for taking on the incredible challenge of the Brighton Marathon in support of Louie's Helping Hands. Kyle completed the full 26.2-mile marathon with determination and dedication, raising an outstanding £1,770 for our charity. His generosity, commitment, and hard work will make a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for his support.

Thank you, Kyle, for inspiring our school community and helping us continue to support children and families through Louie's Helping Hands. Congratulations on such an amazing achievement!



A huge thank you to Aaron Lowery for taking on the epic Chase the Sun cycling challenge in support of Louie's Helping Hands. Aaron pedalled an incredible 205 miles across the country, that's a lot of time in the saddle! His determination, endurance, and fantastic sense of adventure helped him raise an amazing £2,640 for our charity.

We are so grateful for Aaron's support and generosity. Every mile he cycled and every pound he raised will help make a real difference. Congratulations on an incredible achievement, Aaron, and thank you for going the extra mile (or 205 of them!) for Louie's Helping Hands!



Silver Birch

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Beach Week

Our Beach Week was a fantastic success, filled with exciting activities and lots of smiles! Pupils enjoyed exploring the shoreline while crabbing, creating colourful chalk art, and taking part in Music in the Dip, where everyone had fun singing and making music together. The scavenger hunt encouraged teamwork and keen observation as children searched for a variety of beach treasures.

Back at school, everyone was entertained by a traditional Punch and Judy show, full of laughter and excitement. To round off a wonderful week, the ice cream van paid us a special visit, giving everyone a delicious treat to celebrate an unforgettable Beach Week.



Literacy

Student Spotlight

Congratulations, Bethany! This term, we are delighted to celebrate Bethany as she graduates from our class and moves on to Birch Tree Class. Bethany has worked incredibly hard, shown great determination, and made wonderful progress throughout the year. We are very proud of all she has achieved and know she is ready for the next stage of her school journey. We wish Bethany every success and happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter.

This term, our literacy learning has been inspired by The Lion King. Pupils have enjoyed exploring the story, discussing the main characters, their personalities, and how they change throughout the tale. They have developed their reading, writing, and speaking skills through a range of exciting activities based on this much-loved story.

Unfortunately, our planned trip to London's Lyceum Theatre to watch The Lion King was cancelled due to the heatwave. We are pleased to let you know that the visit has been rescheduled for Term 2, giving everyone something exciting to look forward to.

Boonies

Our trip to the Boonies Assault Course was packed with adventure! The children tackled every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, climbing, swinging, balancing, and leaping across ropes over water and mud. They showed fantastic courage, resilience, and teamwork, encouraging one another every step of the way. It was an exciting day full of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

