



Celebrating our Sports Stars Phenomenal Phoebe!

As you will know from previous newsletters Phoebe became the Girls' Under 11 English Squash Champion in November. Since then, Phoebe has continued her success. She played for

Hampshire with the under 13 team and helped them win the Inter-County National Champions. She is also now sponsored by Dunlop and has been selected for England Squash Potential squads with a chance to represent England in the future.

If you are inspired by Phoebe, and keen to get involved in squash, 'Hampshire Squash Stars' have opportunities at Abshot Country Club. They are part of county wide initiative to get more children to try this fantastic sport. They teach the 'ABCs' - Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed - whilst having great fun indoors -whatever the weather! If you would like to find out more please visit hampshiresquash.co.uk/juniors.

The Brilliant BMX Brothers

Huge congratulations to Harry and Jack who have been competing successfully in BMX competitions across the country.

They will both be competing in the National BMX Race Series this year. The series takes place all over the UK and their first round is at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester where British Olympian Silver Medallist Kye Whyte and Beth Schriever train. Beth Schriever became the first British BMX racing cyclist in history to win both the Olympic and World titles in the same year. In last year's Regionals, Harry was ranked 7th for his age group and Jack was ranked 5th. At club level (Gosport BMX Club) Harry is ranked 5th, racing up with the 9 and 10 year olds and Jack 3rd in his age group. They will be competing in more events in the 2022 British Cycling National BMX Series country- good luck boys!



Hampshire Squash Stars

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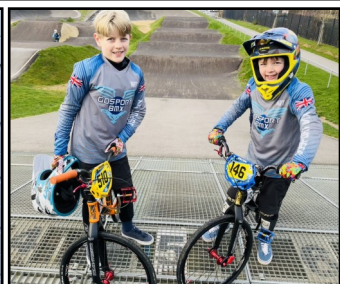
"Squash helps me keep fit by playing a game I really enjoy"

"I love squash because it's really fun. I've made new friends and I can play even when it's raining!"

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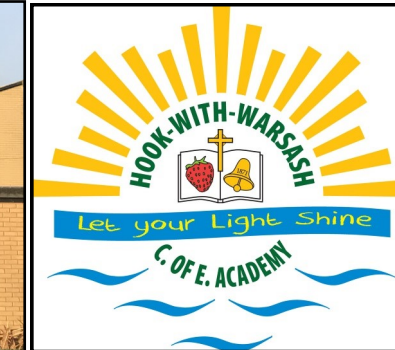
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All Aboard!

Covid restrictions didn't hinder our pupils who worked tremendously hard to raise money for a new play bus for the infant playground.

The School Council organised socially distanced fund-raising activities throughout last year to raise enough money to improve the play facilities at the school. This included a

sponsored spelling test and sponsored marathon. The PTFA have also raised funds to help with the children's project. Together they managed a total of just over £6000 for the bus which was officially opened by Mrs Willoughby who cut the ribbon with Year 6 school councillor Sam. The School Council had held a competition to design the new play area and the children voted

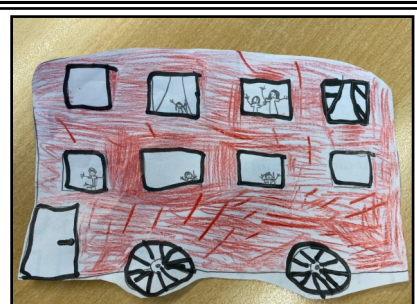
for the bus design with the school's motto 'Let you Light Shine' which incorporates the school's values of Love, Independence, Growth, Happiness and Trust. The School Councillors were the first to enjoy exploring the bus which includes a matrix of wood to climb up and over on the top deck. One of the year 6 pupils, said, "I love that the design is totally unique-there won't be another play area like it anywhere because it was built specially to copy the design that we chose. One of the year 1 pupils said, "My favourite part of the bus is the bell- I love ringing the bell!"

Cross-Country Champions!! By Harriett and Phoebe 6P

We are excited to announce that the boys' cross-country team have been crowned Champions in the South East Hampshire Schools' Cross Country league. They raced in 6 races competing against 13 other schools. This is the first time in the history of the competition that the boys at this school have won! Well done boys! The girls also achieved an incredible 2nd place in the league. One of the competitors Harriett said, "Towards the end of the races we all began to work

together to ensure that all of our team mates crossed the line. Once each person had finished we went back to the race and cheered on our friends to keep them going-right to the bitter end!"

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the races and those who supported us along the way including all of the parents and teachers.



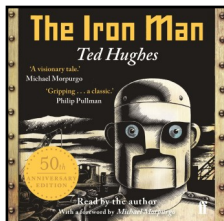


School Council project: School Guinea-Pigs!!

Each year our School Councillors consult all of the children in the school to find out what they feel the school needs. In the past they chose to build a new play area for the juniors and the play bus for the infants. This year the children have decided that they would really like a school pet! Mr Bizley has agreed that he would be happy for the school to have some guinea-pigs that would be looked after by the staff and the children. We have never had a school pet before so the children are very excited about this. We are wondering if anybody has a hutch that they no longer need, or a run, that they would be happy to donate to the school. Please e-mail admin@warsash.hant.sch.uk FAO Mrs Nice if you feel you can help with this. Thank you.

Learning all about Ancient Greece in Year 5 by Ellen and Florence 5E

Year 5 had a fantastic time learning about all the wonders of Ancient Greece. Some of the stories we have learned about include: Theseus and the Minotaur, Daedalus and Icarus, Medusa, Zeus, The Odyssey and Poseidon and the Golden Fleece. We even performed a collective worship about the Odyssey and acted out the story. For a writing task we created our own hero and beast to use for our own myths. Megan C's hero was called 'Taleus' and her beast was called the 'Cerratous'. Her beast was created by combining different creatures- these included a lion, scorpion and eagle. It lived in a forest and the sounds it made included ROARING and GROWLING! Mathew R's hero was called Maffataffas and his beast was called the 'Sabre - tooth'. His beast is a wolf and it lives in a forest. The sounds it makes includes LOUD GROWLS! We have learnt about all the Greek gods. One of the best stories was Medusa because it was fascinating learning about how she became a monster. We have loved learning about Ancient Greece.



The Iron Man written by Grace and Rory 4S

Year 4 have been reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We wrote newspaper reports about the events and characters in the book including Hogarth (a little boy); Hogarth's dad and the Iron man. We also wrote diaries about what Hogarth saw. We all enjoyed this book because there were lots of exciting parts! We like doing the activities based on the events in this story. We really recommend this book if you haven't read it before.

Lighting up the Night in year 4 By Pippa and Poppy 4E

We have been designing night lights in year 4. We have also experimented with creating circuits to see how it would work. We have drawn simple circuits to remind us. Everyone has been collecting recycled materials and brought them into class. We used our recycled materials, and our designs, to create these unique night lights.



Greek Poetry in Year 5 by Kyle and Freddie 5P

Year 5 have been learning about the poem called 'The Odyssey'. It was a poem that got changed into a story and year 5 turned it back into a poem- using their creativity to put some rhyming couplets in it too. Our favourite part of the poem was when Odysseus stabbed the Cyclops. Odysseus had told Cyclops his name was 'No-one' so when Cyclops shouted, "No-one hurt me!" the other giants thought nothing was wrong and that he was just having a bad dream. We also liked another part of the poem in which the wicked Sirens were singing to the sailors to draw them towards the rocks. They couldn't hear them because Odysseus had warned them to out wax into their ears. Odysseus did not have wax in his hears so he could hear the Sirens singing. He shouted to the sailors to free him but they could not hear him so his plan worked. We really enjoyed the story of Odysseus.



Passover and food tasting in Year 2 by Phoebe and Nathan 2L

In Year 2 we have been learning about the Jewish festival of Passover. During Passover a special meal is eaten. We tried some of the foods that are eaten during the Passover meal. We tried parsley dipped in salt water, wheat crackers and horseradish. The horseradish was very hot and spicy! We enjoyed learning about Passover and eating the foods.

Mustard Sandwiches Anyone? By Hugo and Dottie 2H

In year 2 we listened to a story about the Light House Keeper's lunch. His wife kept trying to send the sandwiches out to the lighthouse on a special line but the they kept getting stolen by the seagulls. So, she put mustard in the sandwiches to punish the seagulls! We got to try real mustard sandwiches- they were spicy and horrible! We wrote letters to the cook at school to persuade her never to make mustard sandwiches for our school lunches.



Midnight Monster

In a spooky corner of the one and only castle
of the dragons
Midnight Monster wakes.
In that corner she softly rolls
with one big yawn it could be as wide as the
Entire Earth.

In a spooky corner of the one and only castle
of the dragons
Midnight Monster creeps.
With a little dash
when she sneaks she is as
Quiet as a mouse.

In a spooky corner of the one and only castle
of the dragons
Midnight Monster hunts.
She locates wisely and has a
fun time and when she
flies she can fly as high
as a skyscraper.

In a spooky corner of the one and only castle
of the dragons
Midnight Monster eats.
She is calm, happy and
Eager and she can be
As calm as quiet music.

Written by Elissa C 3S



Dragon poems!

Our topic is all about
dragons. We have been
reading dragon poems
and talking about our
favourite ones. The
popular poems were
rhyming poems about
dragons. We had a go
at writing our own
poems which we have
shared on our blog.
You can see some
examples here:
**COME AND SEE 29
MORE ON THE
BLOG!**

The Spitfire Dragon

Deep in the eerie moonlit cavern
The lazy Spitfire dragon
wakes.
His screeching scratches are as
deafening as his roar.

Deep in the eerie moonlit cavern
The lazy Spitfire dragon
bakes.
He cooks slowly as a snail
and stirs as loudly as a lion.

Deep in the eerie moonlit cavern
The lazy Spitfire dragon
waits.
The pause was long
but he stayed strong
The wait was as long as a year.

Deep in the eerie moonlit cavern
The lazy Spitfire dragon
eats.
Cookies as hot as lava
The whole world shakes
As he finishes his cakes.

Written by Carter B 3S

Chinese New Year by Elizabeth and Amelia (3H)

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year in Year 3. We have learnt all about Chinese food and we were even allowed to try prawn crackers, hoisin sauce, lychee juice and egg fried rice! The most popular choice was lychee juice. We did a collective worship about Chines New Year and told the story of The Jade Emperor who wanted to measure time. He held a race on his birthday and told the animals that the first 12 animals in the race would be the winners. Their prize would be that they would have a year of the zodiac named after them. We acted out this story and the winners were in this order: **Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.** This year is the year of the tiger. We had so much fun learning all about the Chinese New Year.

FACT: The Chinese New Year celebrations last for 15 days and the children all get one month off school!

The Wonder of Winter By Harry S and Victoria 6J

In January, 6J performed a lovely collective worship about the Wonder of Winter and how beautiful it can be. Everyone was included in the performance even the audience. Lexi said, "I liked doing the snowflake actions." Charlie S and Fraser said, "The facts about the snowflakes were very interesting." Grace said, "It was my idea to wear snowflake related items." It was a very fun activity to do in front of the juniors; we hope to do something like that again.

It's Freezing in Year 1! By Isla and Barkley 1H

Class 1H have been learning about animals that live in cold places and we have been writing about polar bears and penguins. We have learnt that polar bears come from the Artic and Penguins live in Antarctica. "I like Polar Bears the best because they look cute!" said Barkley.



FUN FACTS by 1EH: DID YOU KNOW?

Polar bear fur is not white. It is actually 'see-through' (transparent). Their fur reflects the sun and snow. Penguins spend most of their time in the water. This is about three-quarters of the day! (75%)



Anya the Superstar!

Anya (Class 2L) has decided to donate some of her hair to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children and young adults. She would like to help raise money to make a wig. It costs £550 to make a wig. So far Anya has raised an amazing £1120. If you would like to donate some money to help support Anya and this brilliant charity please go to- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anya-simpson29>. What a Superstar you are Anya!