



Newsletter ~ February 2019

Snettisham Primary School



It is hard to believe that we've almost reached the end of half-term already but we do have such a lot to show for it! The children have thrown themselves into their learning in school centered on our topic of Earth, Wind & Fire.

BIRCH CLASS

2019 has been a great start for Birch class. Linking with our Science, we have been busy writing biographies about famous naturalists and learning about life cycles - this led to some amazing zoological sketches being exhibited at Smithdon. We were also really proud to exhibit our Big Draw canvas and Viking felt pictures. To continue the Power of Pictures research project, we are working hard on creating our very own picture books ready for Mrs Enters to present in London. We are also fully absorbed in our class book Floodland which has led to some brilliant broadcasts and letter writing as well as helping us develop our reading skills. We can't believe how much we have fitted in to this half term!



ASH CLASS

Ash Class have had great fun this half-term getting stuck into our new topic Earth, Wind and Fire. They started the term off making their own 3D volcanoes and there was great excitement when they erupted them using a bicarbonate of soda and vinegar solution. They have done lots of instruction writing linked to this and are currently writing volcano poems. Ash have also enjoyed contributing to the cluster school Art Exhibition at Smithdon by drawing some fantastic volcano pictures.

Oak Class

Oak Class have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood. They have been working hard on improving their stories by adding amazing words, including adjectives and conjunctions. They have also included fantastic punctuation, such as speech marks, exclamation marks and question marks. They have also enjoyed a taste of Chinese food for Chinese New Year.



WILLOW CLASS

We have had another busy half term in Willow Class! The children have helped to develop their outdoor area with the addition of a new, bigger mud kitchen, large sandpit, planters and a bike shed. We are looking forward to spring time when we can plant our own flowers etc! 'The Gruffalo' has been the focus for our Power of Reading which the children have loved! We have put ourselves in the shoes of the characters to discuss our thoughts and feelings, we have made artwork in response to the forest and we even baked Gruffalo crumble!



FOREST SCHOOL

We have absolutely loved Forest School this term so far in our special new woodland. It has been really exciting to go to our new site and we really enjoy being in our beautiful village too. We used maps to navigate our way there and appreciated some of the lovely views across Snettisham. "Wow, our village is so peaceful!" Emily (Birch). When we first arrived we each found a wooden medal with our name on it! What a lovely welcome from our new forest... it was very special. We have spent some time identifying the 'dangers' so that we are able to manage our own risks but we have soon made ourselves right at home. We have celebrated Chinese New Year, identified birds, made bug hotels, built dens, and have even done some whittling too! Ash class are in the process of designing and making houses for their little wooden characters that live around the world- hopefully their designs will withstand some of the natural disasters we have been learning about! Birch have been busy presenting, filming and using an app to edit a Forest School documentary! Our new forest is so beautiful and is on the 'Autumn Trail' at Snettisham Park (farm). Please go and visit if you get the chance... I'm sure the children would LOVE to show you around! Don't forget to follow our fun on Instagram too: [forestschool_wnat](#)



SCULPTURE CLUB

Miss Scott has been busy working with the children, so far they have looked at paper artists (Yulia Brodskaya & Matt Shilan) and Italian stickman creator Giacometti. Using tinfoil they created their own Giacometti figure sculptures in various poses. Over the coming weeks the children will be looking at Cubism and Surrealism 3D Faces, UK greats - Henry Moore & Barbara Hepworth, before completing their final project for an open Art Exhibition on Wednesday 3rd April (details to follow).



ANGLIAN WATER VISIT

Jason from Anglian Water came to visit the children. They looked at ways to save water and what we use water for. The children particularly enjoyed the experiments, well some more than others!



Diary Dates

March

1 st	Art Competition
6 th	World Book Day Event
14 th	Year 5 taster day at Smithdon
15 th	Red Nose Day (details to follow)
19 th	Parents Evening
21 st	Parents Evening
27 th	Hi Five Netball at Smithdon

April

1 st	Natural History Museum visit
2 nd	First Steps Netball at Smithdon
3 rd	Art Exhibition
4 th	Easter Service at St Mary's 1.30pm
5 th	Trigolf at Heacham Junior School

8th-22nd

EASTER HOLIDAY

23rd

Back to school

25th

Junior Football Tournament

May

1 st	Tempest Photography – class photos
6 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
13 th	SATs week

27th – 31st

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY



Friends of Snettisham Primary School

Thanks to all the great fundraising events held in the autumn term. A huge thank you to all our fantastic fundraisers!

Up-coming fund raising events include:

Children's Bingo – Friday 15th March 3.10pm-4.30pm

Easter Cake Stall – 5th April

Date of next meeting: Friday 1st March 3.10pm-4.00pm
All are welcome.

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SMITHDON HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Ash and Birch children exhibited some amazing art work at the Smithdon Art Exhibition



Notice Board

The Parent Forums
are back!

Next Meeting
Monday 4th March
9-10am in the
Halls Room

Come and join us to find out about
school improvement and share your
own thoughts and ideas.