



# Newsletter – October 2021

## Snettisham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this term. The children have enjoyed being able to mix with other bubbles at playtime and come together for assemblies. It has also been great to welcome families back into the playground at the start and end of the school day at last!

We have also welcomed families into school for workshops to talk about reading for pleasure and to take a look at the lovely reading spaces that we have around the school and in classrooms. Reading regularly and exploring books both at home and school is so important. It doesn't just have to be about books.....words are everywhere! Encourage your child to read whilst out and about; this could include: reading signs (such as shop signs, road signs) and notices (or spotting letters) when out and about or around the home, or sharing the menu with your child when out for a meal, looking at a magazine together, reading information leaflets about places or information boards on daytrips. Our local libraries are also a wonderful free resource and often run events during holidays. After half term we will run further sessions including Maths Mastery, behaviour and home learning and enrichment – all welcome!

Our 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October was successful. The children enjoyed dressing in yellow to mark the occasion. Many thanks for all your kind donations.

Engagement in learning has been good and pupils continue to benefit from our knowledge curriculum, which has enabled them to study the works of Henry Moore and Paul Klee, discover what makes a good map and find out about compass points, learn about online safety and explore the creation story among other exciting things!

Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

*Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt and Catherine Bennett*

### Term Dates

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.

Please see our website for information

**The Last day of Term is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Children return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021!**



### Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than Facebook.



If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher Emma Hunt, or our Assistant Head, Clare Enters, please make an appointment at the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority 😊

**Learning together, succeeding together**

## Our Learning

### **WILLOW CLASS**

We have had a very busy start to the school year but the children have been amazing! We are settled and happy in our routines. We have made a great start on our Read, Write, Inc phonics and looking in depth at the numbers to five. Our knowledge has been based all around 'ourselves' and we have learnt all about our skeleton, the organs inside our body, talked about our emotions, explored different types of homes compared to our own and learnt all about how to keep ourselves healthy! We have also had the very exciting addition of the new stream! We are very excited for all the learning and exploration opportunities this will bring!



### **OAK CLASS**

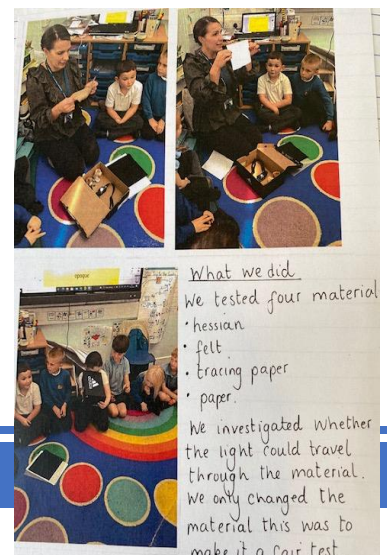
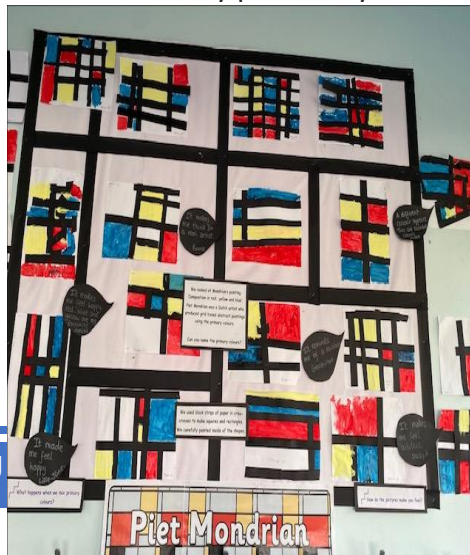
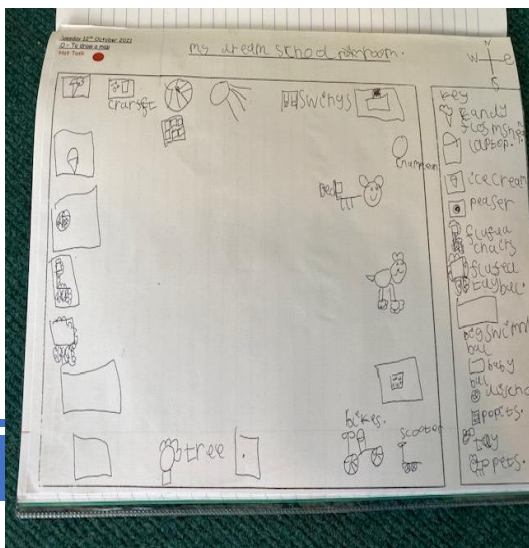
Firstly, I would like to say how lovely it is to welcome Oak class back to school after a lovely summer break, the children have settled in brilliantly and are working hard.

In English the children have been learning the story 'The Tom Cat' and have written their own 'fast forward stories'. In maths Year 2 have been looking at numbers to 100 and Year 1 numbers to 10 and how they can successfully add and subtract.

In Science we have been learning all about the human body and exploring the five senses, we went on a sound walk and investigated which material would make the best ear defenders. In Art we have been learning about the primary and secondary colours and the use of different lines. The children enjoyed creating their own Mondrian!

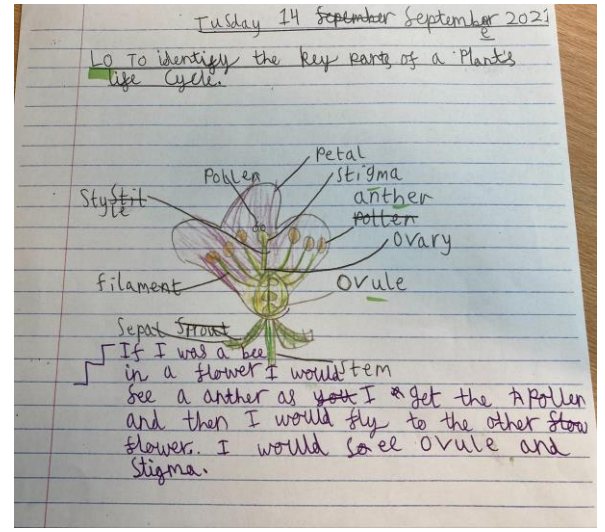
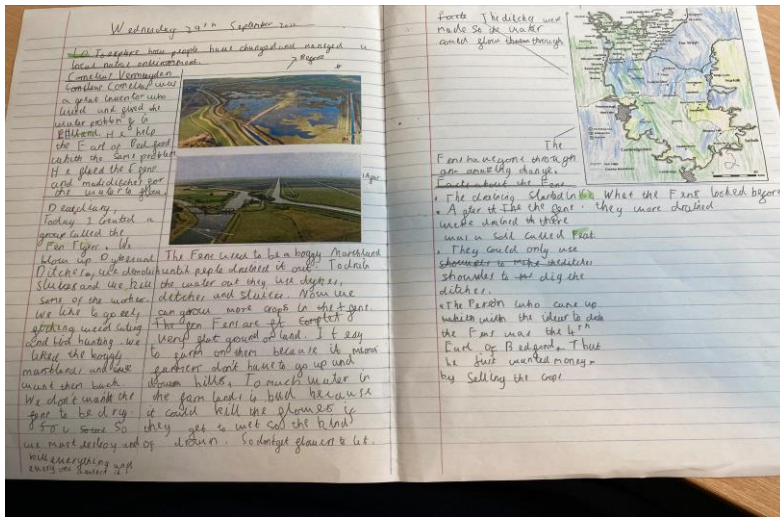
In Geography the children have been learning all about maps and what makes a successful map. They have had great fun designing their own map for their 'Dream Classroom'.

The standard of work has been incredible and I am extremely proud of you all!



## ASH CLASS

In Geography we've been learning about OS Maps, the City of Puno in Peru and the history of the fenlands. In Science we have been looking at the lifecycles, specifically butterflies, frogs, plants and the Earth's seasons. We also looked at the migration of the pink-footed goose.



## BIRCH CLASS

We are so impressed with our Birchlings and all of their amazing learning this half term. In such a short space of time they have made incredible progress. We have used a hosepipe and bucket of water to test lung capacity in Science, in History, we have compared Baghdad and Kings Lynn in the Middle Ages (both were incredibly important trading points!), competed in Olympic Games at Smithdon, written the most wonderful Journey Tales in English, conquered division (hooray!), written to the President of Cop 26 and really loved being back together – working and playing collaboratively!



## Olympic Festival for year 4 and 5 at Smithdon High School

All the children that attended enjoyed themselves and showed amazing sportsmanship.



We hope to be able to offer more events as the term continues and are currently looking into how we can safely celebrate our usual Christmas School Traditions. We will advise in due course.

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days and/or take a test if you have a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Those that are fully vaccinated or under 18 may not need to isolate providing they have no symptoms. Remember



keep washing your hands regularly



wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Related Knowledge Distillation Strategies



West Norfolk Academies Trust is now on [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com). If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

**You might be eligible for Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium funding.**

You can apply online:

Or email the office for an application form.

Just One from the Children's and Young People's Health Service has lots of useful information on pregnancy, children's health and developmental needs, activities and more. They also have a very helpful section about starting school – how to deal with any worries or concerns, how to get organised and where you can get some support.





The Friends of Snettisham Primary are very busy at the moment and we have lots of events going on right now as well lots of upcoming excitement!

We sent out the Christmas card templates recently - please ensure you have returned your envelope with payment enclosed by Thursday 21st October.

We also have a Firework Picture Competition running - please send all your fireworks pictures to Rebecca Chilvers (or hand into school office) by Wednesday 3rd November, £1 an entry. The winner will be announced on Friday 5th November and will receive an art set!

On **Saturday 6th November**, The Queen Victoria pub in Snettisham is having a bonfire and fireworks night and has kindly agreed to donate to our Charity - please come along and show your support!

We will be holding **Fabulous Friday on Friday 26th November** - children are encouraged to come to school in their brightest, most vibrant colours, £1 a child.

We are also running a **Christmas Raffle** with 15 plus prizes to be won - raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 14th December** in the Halls Room at the end of the school day, there will also be refreshments, lucky dip and children's activity boxes available to purchase. Tickets will be available from Rebecca, Cheryl and Cori soon!

We are holding a **Christmas Disco on Thursday 16th December** - tickets are £2.50 each and include a hot dog and a drink. Willow and Oak disco will be from 4.30 - 6.00 and Ash and Birch disco will be from 6.15 - 7.45. Tickets available soon!

You can also show your support to the Friends using AmazonSmile and Your School Lottery, links can be found on The Friends Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support of The Friends!

**We would also like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone that supported us at the Halloween Cake Stall  
we raised an amazing £141.50 !**

