



Newsletter ~ October 2016

Snettisham Primary School



What a fantastic start to the year we have had here at Snettisham Primary. All the children have settled into their new classes and have enjoyed getting stuck into this terms topic 'The Big Dig', focusing on the Ancient Egyptians.

All pupils were excited to explore an Ancient Egyptian topic box which contained various artefacts including: replica canopic jars, hieroglyph stamps and clothing typical of that period to dress up in. This really helped to bring their learning to life and sparked further enquiry.



The children have also explored how the Egyptian farmers divided their year into three seasons, based on the cycles of the Nile River.



Using a range of materials and techniques the pupils created Tutankhamun style death masks.

The children have also studied the water cycle through the use of songs, crafts and texts. Internet research on the ipads has helped to further embed their understanding.



The theme in Willow Class this term has been 'Magical Me'. The children have been learning all about themselves. They have explored their senses by tasting different foods, playing listening games and going on senses walks. The children have also learnt how to keep themselves healthy – designing and making sandwiches for a balanced diet.



Phonics

The children have enjoyed their daily phonic sessions with Reception learning all their phase 2 sounds and Year 1 revising and consolidating phase 3.

The children are all very excited for the move into their new classroom next half term when their topic will be 'Amazing Architects'.

It has certainly been a busy few weeks. The children polished it off marvellously with their performance at Harvest Festival on Tuesday. Our pupils received a warm welcome at the church from Reverend Wilson. Their appropriately themed songs and poems were delivered with great confidence and enthusiasm. It was so lovely to see so many friends and relatives in church to support all the children too!

Our House Captains



Ruby
London



Aaron
Sydney



Maddie
Nairobi



Chloe
New York

We are pleased to introduce our House Captains for this academic year. They are responsible for motivating and leading their respective teams. They also count house points ready for achievement assembly every Friday.



Governor News

I can hardly believe we are already 6 weeks into the term but hope that everyone is settling in to what promises to be an exciting time for Snettisham Primary school. I thought this would be a good time to give you an update from the schools governing body.

At the end of last term many of you took the time to register your thoughts on 'parent view' and I would like to thank all who did. We had a fantastic response and the results and feedback will not only help towards our next OFSTED visit but also form part of our action plan in continuing the work in making Snettisham a Great School.

As you all know we are looking forward to the arrival of the new early years classrooms later this month and as governors we are working hard to capitalise on the wider opportunities these will offer in terms of moving forward and attracting new families and the next generation of learners to the school. If you know anybody who is moving to the area please tell them about the exciting things that are happening and the friendly welcoming school that we are.

We held our first meeting of the school year last month and were unanimous in support of the hard work already being done by the new senior leadership team and the teachers as they begin a new journey of learning within the Academy set up.

A full summary of the meeting and what we do can be found on the school website under the governor tab. If you have any questions or want to discuss anything in regard to the school please feel free to catch me in the playground or drop me a message via the office.

Andy Gee – Chair of Governors

Please remember **NOT** to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside our school when dropping off or picking up your child. This is because it puts our children at risk, as outside school gates there are lots of children running around, buggy congestion and little ones on scooters and bikes. Our local PCSO will be monitoring this closely after half term.



Friends of Snettisham Primary School

The first 'Friends' meeting was held on the 7th October and members got straight to work organising many fund raising events for the autumn term.

Forthcoming events include:

- Halloween cake sale on 31st October straight after school;
- Victorian market stall on Sunday 4th December 3-6pm in the village;
- Christmas fair after school on 8th December 2-4pm;
- Christmas disco on 15th December, 4-5.30 for children in Early Years/ KS1 and 5.30-7 for children in KS2.

All of these events are being held to raise much needed funds for the benefit of all our pupils. These funds have already paid for Christmas gifts for all the children, as well as an architecture workshop which will be held in November.

Notice Board



No PE?

If your child is unable to participate in PE, for whatever reason, please send a note to the class teacher or the school office so that we have confirmation from home.

Architecture Workshops

On 23rd November All the children will participate in 'Build It' workshops throughout the day.

To find out more visit: www.architectureworkshops.org

COMING SOON

..... Our new Early Years building! The new building will be installed over the October half term holiday and should be operational within a few weeks. This means that Willow Class will be able to take full advantage of all the extra space and new facilities by Christmas.