



# Newsletter ~ December 2016

## Snettisham Primary School



Well we've almost reached the end of term and what a packed term it has been. All the classes have embraced their learning with interest and enthusiasm.

**Willow Class** have spent lots of time designing and building their own structures as part of their 'Amazing Architects' topic. Miss Moore set small groups of children a challenge to build a bridge that allowed a small car to cross. They covered 2D and 3D shapes in maths and learnt all about The Great Fire of London.

**Oak class** enjoyed a fantastic day at Norwich Castle Museum where they discovered how pharaohs were mummified! In English they have learnt about stories, poems, recounts and letters. Maths lessons have focused on place value, subtraction and addition; they have also started to look at fractions, time, money and shape.

**Ash class** made their own water cycles and canopic jars. They have written a news report on the discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb and created some fantastic drama around Egyptian daily life. Fractions and division have given them all a challenge!

**Birch Class** have been mummifying teddies, playing the part of Egyptian embalmers and priests. They have also experimented with the force of water resistance and crafted a play-dough boat to see which shape floated most successfully. In English, the children wrote mystery stories and then read them out at a candle-lit story telling evening on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Crowded Room Snettisham

We were very excited to welcome local artist Tim Mann to host 'Crowded Room Snettisham' from 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November. The children took part in class workshops and formed part of the finished portrait which consists of the outline of hundreds of people.



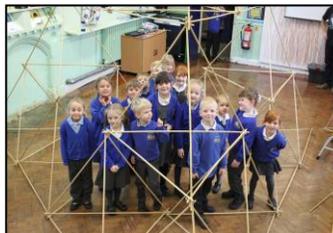
The aim was to highlight awareness of all aspects of Snettisham and the importance of its community. The project invited everyone from Snettisham and the surrounding areas to come along and take part. 'Crowded Room Snettisham' is now being shown in Snettisham Memorial Hall.

### Architecture Workshops

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in some architecture workshops held in school on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Throughout the day the children explored Ancient Egyptian Pyramid building feats, including the techniques they used for cutting and transporting stone. The pupils built small, large and finally one giant pyramid that they could all fit inside.

The workshops really stimulated the children's imaginations and put their teamwork and co-operation skills to the test.



### 'Gold from Norfolk' Book Launch

The 'Gold from Norfolk' book launch was held in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It was a very exciting evening. Councillor David Whitby, the Mayor of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, as well as many other representatives from the village were in attendance. The book was written by Birch Class pupils with the help and direction of John Haden. It is on sale in school for £5 and all the money raised from sales of the book will go towards purchasing new books for the school library.





## Governor News

As this term comes to a close it is amazing to think what the school has crammed in. The children have visited Norwich castle and built a pyramid out of canes. We have also opened the new classroom and launched our new early years building. We are speaking to Bobtails about them using part of the new building as a new location for the pre-school. We hope that this will further develop links and help with the transition of children into the reception class, as well as attracting new families to the school. We hosted the crowded room project and, during the weekend, welcomed pupils past and present with the oldest visitor being 84! She shared some very interesting tales of the school and past pupils.

Birch class launched a book as part of a project looking into the history of the Snettisham Torc and at its launch the school again welcomed some very distinguished guests who commented on how proud we should all be to have such polite and enthusiastic children and committed staff in our school. At our last meeting we discussed and agreed the school action plan and self-evaluation report which sets out our strategy for the next two years and this, combined with the latest pupil performance figures, clearly shows the school is in a great place to continue its progression to becoming Good/Outstanding. As Governors we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Andy Gee – Chair of Governors



## Friends of Snettisham Primary School

The second 'Friends' meeting of this academic year was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and we got straight to work planning Christmas events.

A huge thank you to everybody that braved the cold and supported us at the Victorian Market on 4<sup>th</sup> December. The ever popular tombola raised £200.

We also hosted a very festive Christmas Fair last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families attending this event. Even Santa put in an appearance! We managed to raise £500 - another fantastic total!

The funds raised by the Friends benefit all the children of Snettisham Primary School with workshops, trips and resources.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please come along and join us to find out how you could get involved.



## New Build Grand Opening

On Friday 2nd December 2016, Sir Henry Bellingham officially opened our new classroom building and trim trail.

During the opening School Council representatives escorted Sir Henry Bellingham around the school and the choir performed the school's anthem before he officially opened the sites unveiling a commemorative plaque. Willow Class is now happily settling into their new environment and enjoying all the benefits the spacious classroom has to offer.



"This is a really important day for Snettisham Village and a historic day for Snettisham Primary School, to see a project of this scale, £250,000 come to fruition. I would like to congratulate all those that made it happen and it has secured the future of the school for the next generation."

Sir Henry Bellingham – MP for West Norfolk

## Notice Board



### Fundraising

Fundraising events have been well supported this term and include:  
Children in Need £120  
Poppy Appeal £143.91  
Wild Tomorrow Fund £59

Many thanks!



Merry Christmas to you all!

Please remember that we return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Ensure that your child comes prepared for the new term with full PE kit as Edufit will start the first week back.

**COMING SOON**

.....our topic next term is 'Star Wars' and we plan to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester at the end of February. It promises to be an educational journey that's out of this world!

