



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 5

Friday 8th October

Filming and taking photos

Please could we remind you that filming of performances or taking photos of your children whilst they are performing is fine but please do not share these on any social media if they have other children in them.

We appreciate you want to keep memories of your children but some families do not give permission for the sharing of images/videos and do not want their child's image/video shared. .



Top Tips

• Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- ◇ Use of media
- ◇ Parking: 08/10/21

• School Lunches

There were difficulties with school lunch orders on Thursday and Friday this week and we apologise if your child did not get the expected lunch. Please would you check to ensure your orders **from next week** are saved.



Attendance

Whole school: week: **97.6%**
year: **97.6%**

Maple: 100%

Cherry: 96.5%

Willow: 96.2%

Lilac: 96.1%

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold

Well done Maple Class, another amazing 100%!



Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home and please add additional comments in the reading records if required. Reading Records are checked each Thursday and minutes counted for the class total.

This week's results:

Maple: 1,330 minutes

Cherry: 550 minutes

Willow: 1,319 minutes

Lilac: 1,269 minutes

Well done, Maple Class!



School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term we are looking at Thankfulness.



Thankfulness

Week 5:

This week, we read the parable of the barn and how sometimes we can be selfish with the things we have – even when we don't need them anymore. What sort of things are more important than toys or clothes or the latest computer game? How important are all these things compared to family and friends? Make a list as a class to display in your reflection area.

If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

William: for great listening, following instructions and full participation during PE.

Evalyn: for excellent balance, co-ordination and control during Speed Bounce.

Ryah-Rose: for being very supportive, focussed and determined throughout Cross Country practice.

Rhys: for excellent pacing, focus and determination during Cross Country practice.

Well done to you all!



Dates for your Diary

October

9th: Open Morning for prospective parents

14th: Maple Class Forest School

11th: World Mental Health Day

15th: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am

19th: FGB Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm

21st: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

21st: Lilac Bake Sale

21st: PTFA AGM - 2:45pm

22nd: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am

22nd: Lilac Bake Sale

22nd: Last Day of Term 1

November

1st: First Day of Term 2

BBC News

On Tuesday afternoon, Eva, Hugo and Freddie spent the afternoon with Zoe Conway, a BBC News correspondent talking all things Winnie-the-Pooh! The original Pooh Bridge went up for auction on Wednesday and the children did an incredible job at explaining the rules of Pooh Sticks, reading an extract of the story and showing just how important Winnie the Pooh is to the community in Hartfield. We are so proud of the children for their confidence, sense of fun and patience when recording it as they had to repeat their part a few times to make sure it was the best it can be!



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St Mary's

There are a lot of events coming up. Please add them to your calendar.

October

Thursday 21st, after school: Lilac Class Bake Sale

Friday 22nd, after school: Lilac Class Bake Sale

Friday 22nd, 2:45pm - 3:15pm: PTFA AGM in school hall

November

Thursday 4th: Mufti Day (£1 donation to wear non school uniform)

Thursday 4th, afterschool: PTFA Disco

December

Friday 10th: Mufti Day (tombola donation to wear non school uniform)

Saturday 11th: Christmas Fair

The PTFA is always happy to welcome **new volunteers** so if you have a bit of spare time and would be happy to join them, please get in touch.



One Run Global Schools Day

St Mary the Virgin School has signed up to take part in the One Run Global Schools Day!

One Run for Good are helping to support children get active all around the world, wanting to put a bit of good back in the world and on Friday 15th October, teachers and pupils from all over the world are going to be running, walking and moving for 15+ minutes to unite the globe.

Look out for photos in next week's Newsletter.



Wildlife Explorers

This week the Wildlife Explorers learned how to make plant pots from toilet roll cardboard centres. They were easy and fun to make. Once club members had filled them with peat free compost, the rooting plant cuttings from last week could be gently put into the cardboard pots to take home where they can grow on for a month or so with just a little watering.

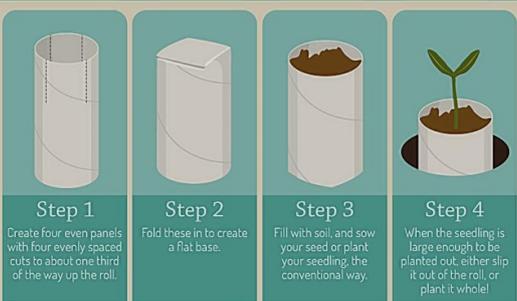


Apart from recycling the pots, the cuttings can be put straight into the soil inside the cardboard which just decomposes!

The club asks all gardeners to:

- recycle,
- be peat free,
- use no plastics and
- multiply your own plants by collecting cuttings and seeds at home!

Four Steps to Make Your Own Cardboard Roll Seed Pots



Source: Aspiciyerspective.com

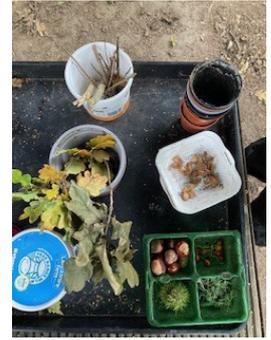
Forest School :Thursday 30th September, Willow Class

The Impact of Forest School is the knowledge the children gain from the Forest School experience which can be seen through the skills developed, tools used, art and craft activities undertaken, their observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons, and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

On the way to the woods, Willow Class took some litter pickers and collected as much rubbish from the hedgerows and edges of the public footpaths and bridleways they used.



After sharing some of the topic learning about the 'Stone Age', we discussed how in those times people would use natural resources to live. So we tried to think of any links to their topic learning as we walked to the woods. The children were given some small leather pouches (made by the Yr 5/6 children) and cotton bags to collect their Autumn hedgerow finds.



The children picked some blackberries, hawthorn berries, sloes, chestnuts and acorns after identifying them correctly with the adults. They have previously learned they shouldn't ever eat anything they pick, unless their supporting adults

have discussed it with them, because it might make them ill. They managed to col-



lect a huge range of berries, creating a plentiful supply to make and paint with in the woods.

Some children had a go at using a modern version of 'Flint and Steel' to light a fire. They talked about how they had to persevere with it and how people in the Stone Age would use fires for warmth, light and cooking with.



Some children spent their time following the step by step written instructions they had done at school about how to make tools. They collected some flint from the Forest Way track and had a go at learning some knots to bind the flint onto sticks.

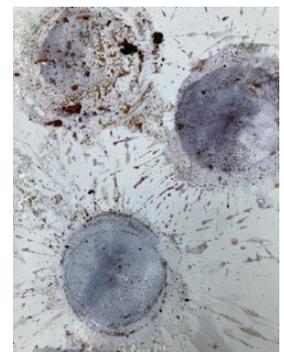
There were some pots available to plant some of the conkers and acorns and hawthorn berries which the children had collected. They carefully filled pots with some soil from the forest floor and watered them with the handwashing tippy taps. They will come back to them and nurture them throughout the year to monitor their growth.



The stream was a draw as some children set about adapting and rebuilding the bridge over it as a group.



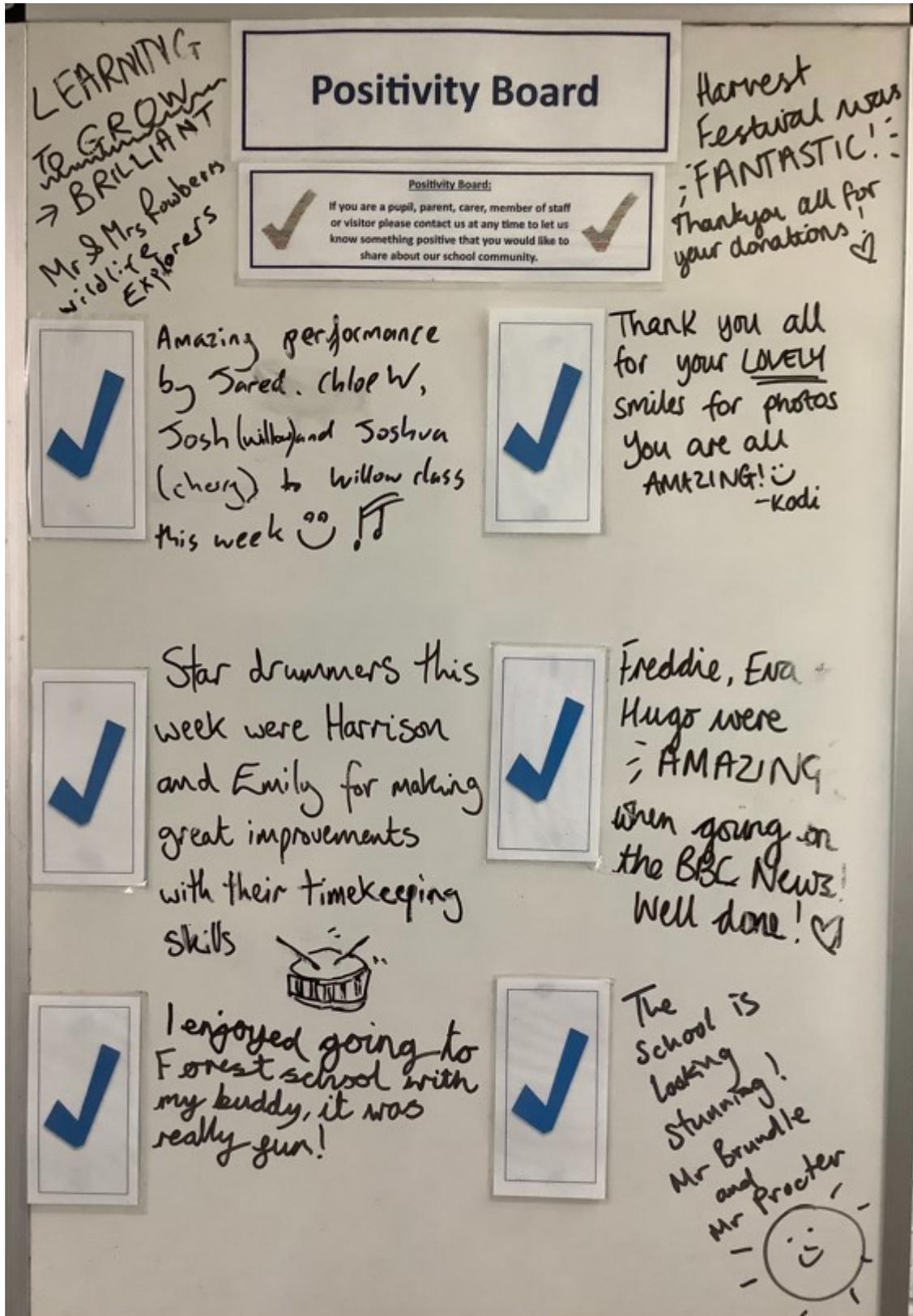
Many thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make our Forest School possible and for their patience and skills in supporting the children with fire lighting, knot tying and paint making.



Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



Well Being Poster

This week's wellbeing poster looks at 10 ways to make exercise a habit.

10 WAYS TO MAKE EXERCISE A HABIT

MOTIVATION

Keep motivated to persist for some time before the habit forms



BENEFITS

Avoid slumps by focusing on the benefits you are getting from exercise



MISSED SESSIONS

Try to cancel out the effect of a missed session by fitting in another activity that week



FREQUENCY

Frequent early repetitions seem to help build automaticity



VARIETY

Include a range of activities within your week. Try something different



GOALS

Set some process, outcome and performance goals

HEALTH

Don't forget about nutrition and sleep. Eat a well balanced diet and get between 7-9hrs sleep



MONITOR

Log or monitor your weekly activities.



REWARD

Reward yourself every so often. Be proud of what you are achieving



HABITS

Start to develop several smaller habits such as waking up early to exercise or taking gym clothes to work



Opportunity

RUGBY FOR GIRLS!

Crowborough Rugby are looking for new players

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 17TH OCT (9.45AM - 11.15AM)

Girls from years 6 - 13 are welcome to join us on Sun for our open day
or just turn up any other Sunday between 10am - 11.15am
No experience necessary

For further information please contact Sharon Green

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GET READY TO PARTY AT...

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTFA
FIREWORK THEMED DISCO**

Where? School Hall

When? Thursday 4th November 3.30-5.30pm

Tickets – £5 per ticket booked online in advance (payment must be made by 1st November), £5.50 cash on the door.

Ticket includes entrance to the disco, mufti day donation, a hot dog and unlimited squash!

Also available – Bar, tuck shop, ice lollies, crisps, neon tattoos, neon face paints, glow sticks, dance competitions and much more!

All children must be accompanied by a nominated adult (adults go free!).

Please pay online (payment must be made by 1st November) by BACS to:

Hartfield School PTFA
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account Number 00060500