

Gillibrand Primary School

October Newsletter 2020

Early Years and Key stage 1 News



Wheelton Nursery

This is a polite reminder from the nursery on site that it is open and currently has places available for 2- and 3-year olds. If you require any more information, please call 07749562310 or send an email to gillibrandpreschool.oosc@live.co.uk.

EYFS

We have been looking at the topics of fruit, vegetables, and harvest over the past few weeks. This has involved tasting fruit and vegetables, making vegetable soup and thinking about healthy eating.

We have also starting learning to read and write during our daily phonics sessions. Very exciting! The children are coming to the end of their first half-term at school. They have been brilliant throughout this exciting and sometimes tiring time. Well done children!



Year 1

October started with our walk in the local community. As part of our geography curriculum, we walked along Grosvenor Road and down a section of Collingwood Road. We spotted all kinds of features of our locality and even saw a highway worker cleaning the road signs on the streetlights!

In class we celebrated 'Grandparents Day' by talking about how important our families are and we made medals for our grandparents to show them how much we care.

The children have been working hard in all aspects of our 'Living Together, Learning Together' topic and this was celebrated with a lovely video that was sent out to parents via Seesaw.

Year 2

In year 2 we have been continuing our topic 'Living Together, Learning Together'. In art we have produced magnificent self- portraits that represent the different emotions we feel. In geography we learnt some simple fieldwork techniques when we identified and recorded changes within our community. We have been reading different books by the author David Litchfield we have written our own version of his book 'The Bear and The Piano' and we have been performing musical compositions to his book 'Rain before Rainbows'. In science we have been learning all about food chains and how animals depend on each other to survive, role playing different food chains and designing our own dioramas of different habitats.

I cannot believe it is October half term already and what a busy half term it has been. It has been lovely to visit the classes (wearing my visor!) and hear about the fantastic learning that is taking place. This week I had the pleasure of listening to Year 4 singing "Living on a Prayer" with Miss Jones, the music teacher. The new verse they wrote about coming back to school was amazing! Our Reception children have settled in well and I spend lunchtimes on duty in the hall with them, getting to know their names and finding out their likes and dislikes when it comes to food! I would again like to thank all parents for their support this half term, and more recently this week with wearing masks on the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. I know we will all continue to work together to ensure we keep each other safe during this time. I would like to wish you all a restful, enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Year 3

This month we have been designing and making dream catchers for our topic 'Living Together Learning Together'. The children used hacksaws to cut their wood they also used glue, string, and tape to strengthen their structure.

In science we have been investigating reflective surfaces and how shadows are formed. Did you know that the reflective strip is called: 'Retro Reflective Material'? In our writing we have used the book 'The Journey'. We have read the book together, acted out the story and produced alternative endings. The children worked hard, especially as the book has no words, which meant we had to investigate lots of new words to mean 'went'.

Year 4

Over the past few weeks, year 4 have been working hard and have settled back into school routine. We have been reading our class novel 'Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot' and have been looking at the structure of a narrative. The children have written some fantastic descriptions and before half term will have the opportunity to write their own chapter of the book.

In our science lessons, we have been looking at sound and how it travels. This week we have completed an investigation, looking at what happens to the volume of a sound when we move further away from it. The children used data loggers to record and measure the volume of sound at different distances. The children really enjoyed learning how to use data loggers.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great month. We have now finished our topic 'Living Together, Learning Together'. During this topic, we have completed learning on how Covid has been a big part of our history and how it has changed many aspects of our life. The children have worked hard and have a great understanding of adaptations in our community. This linked well to our PSHE and how we deal with mixed emotions during life changes. In art, we have been learning to draw portraits of people showing a range of emotions and how this changes their features. These drawings will support our community art project 'A street through time' which we hope to share with you in the new year. In music, children composed their own piece of music linked to a range of feelings people have felt during lockdown. The children would like to share these with you on Seesaw so please take a look and feel free to comment.

What a fantastic half term we've had!!

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Key Stage 2 News



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started on their Reading Plus Journey. The computer programme is designed to support and develop reading. We have really enjoyed using it in school and at home.

Year 6 have spent this month completing their 2- point perspective drawing of houses in the local area. We have found them tricky at first, but we persevered and created some amazing artwork. We have also been investigating corrosion in science. We have left nails in different liquids to see which will corrode first.

Well done Year 6!