



The Waveney Valley Partnership
Mendham Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 15th November 2024

Message from Mr Lea

What a wonderful start to the half term!

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents Consultation Evening - we have now completed over 90% of all consultations.

Secondly, I had the pleasure of sending out many emails and certificates rewarding pupils for their fantastic attendance last half term. 61% of our children were in school for more than 96% of the time, with a total of 33% being in school every single day.

We have so many things to look forward to with trips organised for Juniper and Sycamore classes along with all the Christmas Festivities. I will be sending out all the dates early next week to you all.

Thank you for all your support!

Mendham News

November

28.11.24 Learn More with Mr Lea

29.11.24 Celebration assembly 8.45 am

Christmas dates to follow

Our Head Pupils have organised a Children in Need / Allergy Awareness Day on Thursday 21st November.

See below for more details:



We have pupils attending Pupil Parliament for all schools across the trust next week – this is an exciting opportunity for them to improve both their debating and delivery skills to a wider audience!

Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Seedlings have been considering the relevance of Poppies and Remembrance this week. The children have watched a short video (Cbeebies 'Poppies') to engage them in discussion about why we see poppies at this time of year. We then spent time creating our own poppies in a variety of different formats throughout the week. We used paint on acetate to print poppies, threaded yarn through fabric poppies and used hammers and nails to create a frame to weave red and black yarn around. Children could take part in other poppy themed activities in the classroom including drawing poppies on the interactive whiteboard and creating poppies with loose parts.



Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



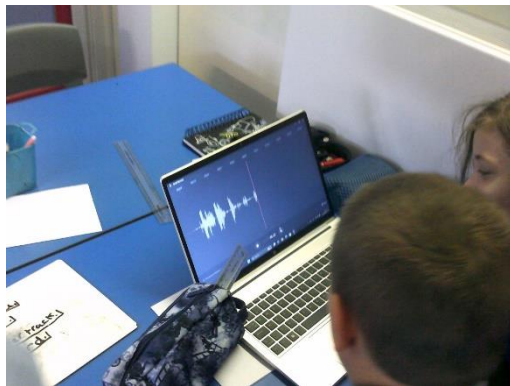
We had a great day at Framlingham Castle last Friday. We looked at all the features of castles we have been learning about both from inside and outside the castle and had great fun exploring the museum exhibits and taking on the challenge of the wall walk. The castle was not open to the public, so the children were able to experience what it would be like to be in the castle with the doors closed! What an amazing experience.

In DT we are learning all about different types of puppets this half term. We started last week by learning about the different types and this week used templates to cut out designs to make finger puppets. Here are some of our finished puppets.



Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

Juniper class have been outside in Maths this week. We have started our learning on multiplication and division, and we have been thinking about arrays. Arrays are a way of visualising groups which help us to understand how our times tables are groups of amounts. We went outside and collected natural items to create some lovely arrays.



In computing we have been looking at different audio recordings including podcasts. We have discussed the types of language and how we need to use our voices clearly. We then went off to record ourselves using laptops and listened back to our recordings. Next, we thought about what we could do to change our recordings and make them better.

Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class



In Science, Sycamore have been looking at reproduction in plants. We have looked at the different ways flowering and non-flowering plants reproduce. We looked at moss through a digital microscope to view the spores on the plants. We then watched how spores are dispersed and then became spores ourselves!



In Design and Technology, the pupils have been learning about linkages and how to use different mechanisms. They have been working on using these techniques, along with pivots to begin to create 3D pop up cards.

Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:
www.suffolksp.org.uk

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.