



The Waveney Valley Partnership
Mendham Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 9th May 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Time definitely flies when you are having fun!!

I cannot believe that on Monday our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs – we are all so proud of them and their efforts this year and we know that they will try their best in all of the assessments next week.

This week we have been commemorating VE Day in School and had a special visitor in school who transported some of our children back to World War 2!



Mendham News

Dates for your diary:

Walk to school week – 19-23 May
Crucial Crew (Year 6) – 16th June
Mini-Monsters (Seedlings) -17th June
Kentwell hall (Juniper) – 24th June
Learn more with Mr Lera – 26th June
Sports day – 27th June more information to follow
KS2 performance – 8th and 9th July
Hippodrome (Pine) – 11th July
Red House (Seedlings) – 15th July
Harry Potter (Sycamore) – 16th July
Leavers assembly – 22nd July at 9am

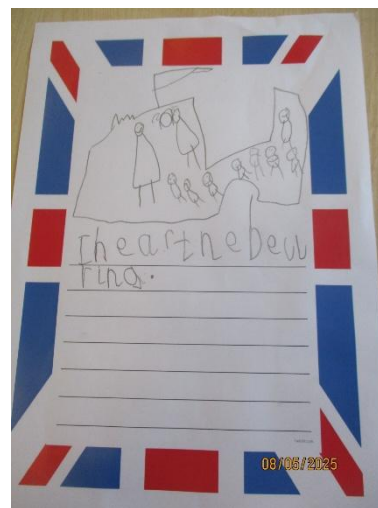
Polite reminder from Mrs Rogers that all clubs and meals are payable in advance, please help save admin time by paying for purchases at the time or before. Thank you.

Pupil Responsibility News

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be sharing information next week with all the pupils about Walk to School Week which is Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May

We appreciate that many of our parents have to travel by car to school but have you thought about where you can drop off to walk a further distance – Every Little Helps the environment!

Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class



VE Day has inspired some fantastic writing from Seedlings. Following a visit to the Church where we: looked and listened to stories about the war, waved flags, heard the Church bells ringing, listened to war time music and sang a war time song, we came back to school and wrote about our experience. Our writing reflected what we had heard and seen. Most children remembered hearing the Church bells outside the Church but were surprised that they couldn't be heard inside!

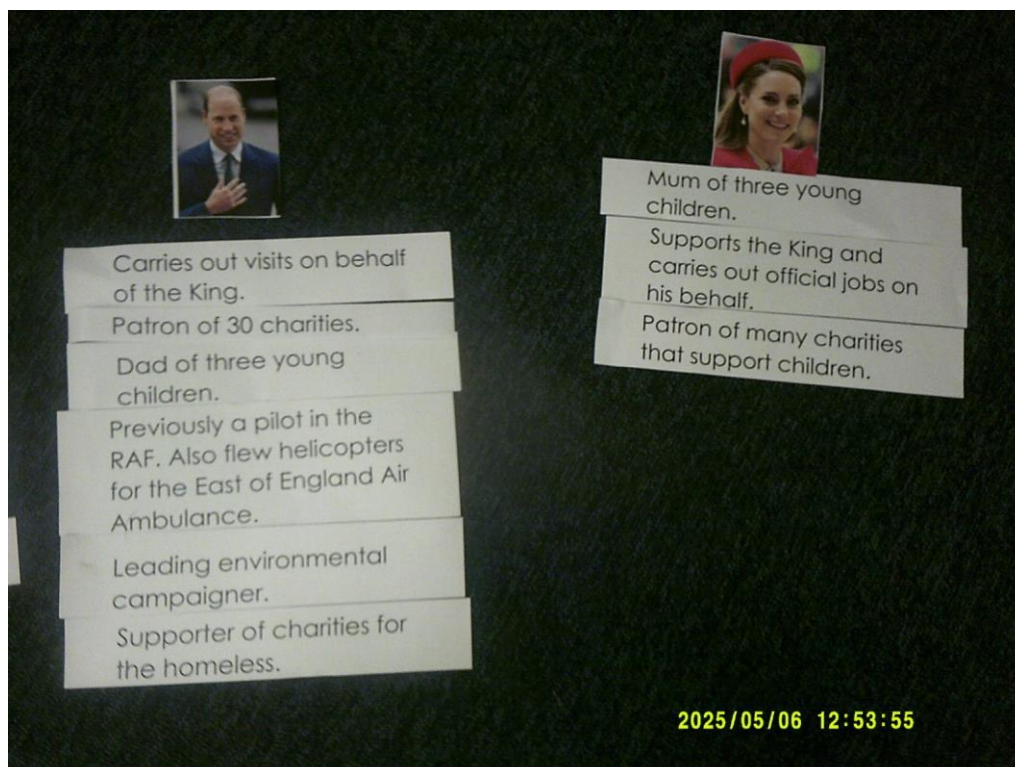


Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class



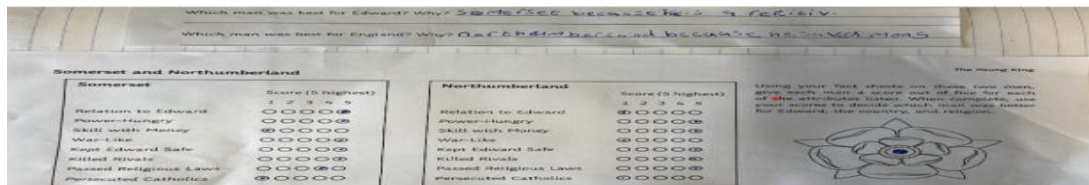
In Art lessons we are learning the technique of collaging. Last week we used different textures to make burgers with lots of fillings! This week we will learn about Van Gogh's famous sunflower painting and then think about how we can represent this using collage.

In History we are comparing the similarities and differences between our families and the Royal Family. We have looked at family trees and this week we found out about the jobs that the Royal Family do and compared them to our parent's jobs.



Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

This week in Juniper we have been continuing our learning about the Tudors. We have been asking the question 'Was Edward VI a puppet king?' We looked at evidence about the grownups, the Earl of Somerset and the Earl of Northumberland, who were helping him rule England. They were both very strong characters who had different ideas of what was best for Edward and his kingdom. We rated the characters using a one to five rating. Most of us thought that these men probably ruled England and not Edward VI.



In Maths we have been learning about time, durations and days, weeks and months. We have learnt how to tell the time on digital clocks, 24-hour clocks and analogue clocks. We have learnt how to convert the time to the 24-hour clock too. We have all worked hard using different methods to calculate the correct times even though it was a bit tricky working with 12s, 25s and 60s!

6.5.25

LO: I can demonstrate how to find duration

1 The clocks show the start and finish times of some activities. Work out the duration of each activity.

a)

5:12 start 5:49 finish 37 minutes

b)

13:08 start 13:59 finish 51 minutes

2 Jo went out for a walk at 11:37 am and got home at 12:58 pm. She wants to work out how long she was walking. Here are her workings.

+ 23 mins + 58 mins

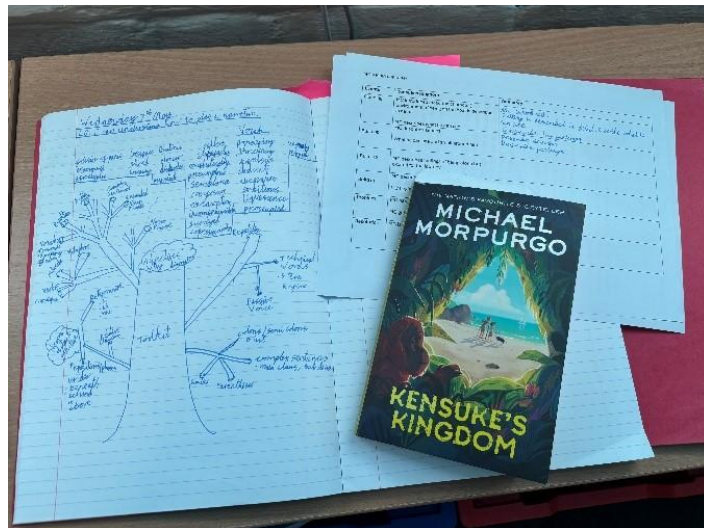
11:37 am 12 noon 12:58 pm

I was out walking for 1 hour and 21 minutes.

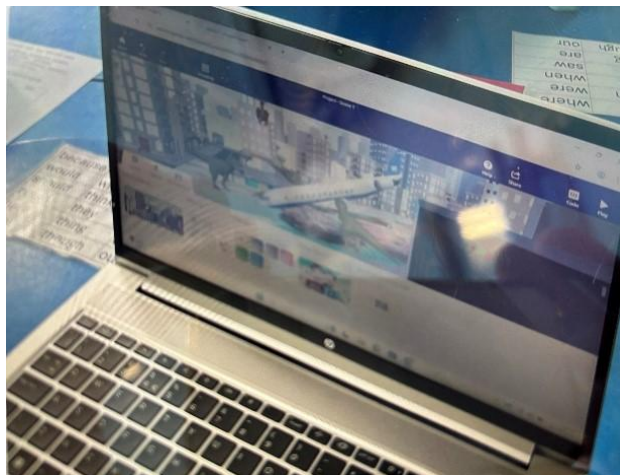
Is Jo correct? Yes

Are there any other methods that Jo could have used? Yes

Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class



Sycamore have been reading the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. They have been using the story to plan their own adventure stories. We created a shared 'Toolkit' of writing skills that the children could include in their writing and looked at how we can plan our stories. I am excited about reading these when they are finished!



The children have also been using their skills of computing technology to create settings which are based on their own ideas for their adventure stories in literacy. They have been creating different environments and characters and coding in dialogue, as well as making their characters move! Hopefully, this will give them some more inspiration and work as a stimulus for their literacy work.

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.



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We are gathering the experiences of parents and carers on Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) in the last year, to influence positive change in Suffolk for children and young people.

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