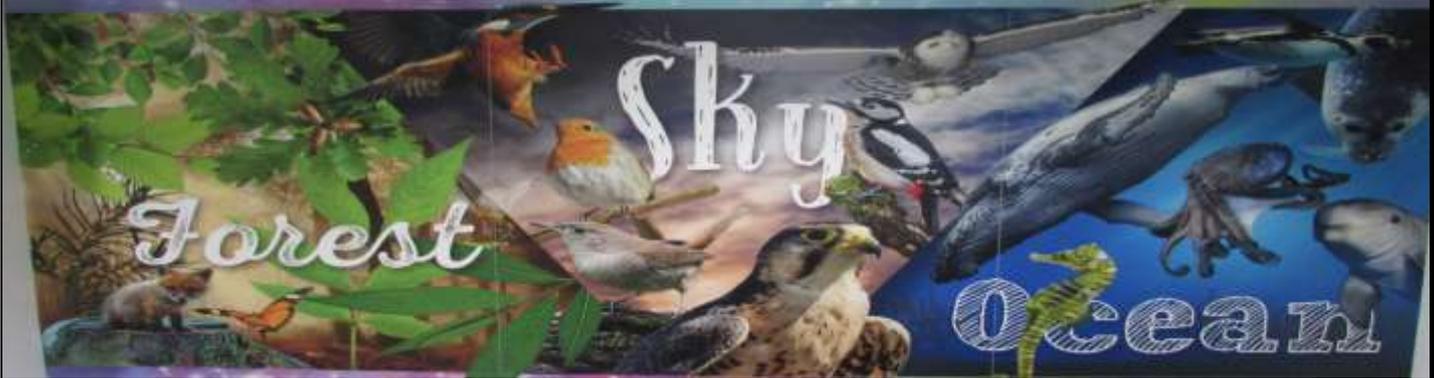


TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Ocean Community Newsletter Easter 2018

Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year lots of classes have risen to the challenge:

Gruffalo: 97% Whale: 97.3% Seal: 98.7% Penguin: 97.2%
Octopus: 96.6% Seahorse: 98.4% Dolphin: 98.5%

Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in terms 3 and 4:

Gruffalo: Benjamin, Annabelle, Thomas, Evan, Bradley S, Isobelle H, Leo, Toby and Hermione

Whale: Ava, Elizabeth, Jenson, Ava, Lacey, Meredith, Katie, Archie and Callum

Seal: Thomas H, Thomas, Hayden, Eva, Tommy, Finlay, Tommy, Rikin and Callum

Penguin: Ellie-Marie, Lottie, Oliver, Alisia, Alfie, Charlotte, Ted, Charlie and Harleigh

Octopus: Zac, Oscar M, Amelia A, Joshua, Lily-Mai Rebecca, Bella, Harvey and Chloe

Seahorse: Maisie, Ty-Reece, Emma, Shivan, Luca Calum, Scarlett, Milo and Jessica

Dolphin: Aoife, Holly, Harry J, Henry, Alfie, Alice, Riley, Eden and Georgia

Shout outs:

- Many thanks for your support with our Sport Relief effort. The children raised a wonderful amount of money through dressing up and buying wristbands and the P.E team had great fun putting on their relay race.
- Our Australia day celebrations also went off with a bang with the children enjoying some delicious, Australian inspired food.
- Max, Maisie, Holly, Evan and Georgia took part in a Swimming Gala and did the school proud as our sports teams always do.
- The Minterne 7's tournament also took place including Alex T, Ethan, Calum, Oliver, Alex G, Harvey, Riley, Harry, Benjamin, Milo, Henry, Max and Holly. Iwade put out two teams who both performed amazingly on the day.
- Ruby, Bethany, Erin and Katie all took part in the Gymnastics tournament.
- Last but not least, well done to Georgia, Holly, Max, Maddy, Riley, Henry and Rosie who took part in the Dodgeball tournament

Reading:

Since Christmas, reading has gone from strength to strength. The class totals for accelerated reader are as follows:

- Whale class have read 178,649 words.
- In Seal class they have read 373,071 words.
- Penguin Class have read 1,771,014 words.
- Octopus class have managed 2,609,096 words.
- Seahorse Class have read 3,378,244 words.
- Finally, Dolphin class have read 3,135,327.

An incredible effort by these children and hopefully these numbers will continue to increase!

World Book Day

This term also saw us (eventually) celebrate world book day. The children had a wonderful time moving from class to class learning about different books and completing different activities.

"I enjoyed all of the activities. Especially solving the crime in year 6!"
Emma in Seahorse Class



Term 3 and 4 WOW days



"My favourite part of the day was making the crown, because I loved it when we used the glitter, and the cakes were yummy!" Evie in Whale Class



"I really enjoyed our trip to Leeds Castle. I liked looking around the castle and I found out that it is over 900 years old." Rikin in Seal Class



"On our wow day I learnt the longboats were really long. I learnt the Vikings loved jewellery and they lived in very cold conditions. I also learnt what clothes were worn and that children had to work' – Jamie in Seahorse Class



"I learned where the Saxons came from and I also got to be King"
Austin in Octopus Class



"It was fun and informative. We learnt a lot of new things and it was good to have pictures to see and activities."
James from Dolphin Class



"I loved being a superhero for the day and finding Griff."
Anabelle in Gruffalo Class



"I enjoyed doing the tortoise formation because Mr Banning and Mrs Brown threw beanbags at us and we had to defend against them." Stephen in Penguin Class

Again we celebrate some significant achievements from staff:

Huge congratulations to

- Mr & Mrs Powell on the birth of their baby son, Charlie!
- Miss McBride has completed 75 miles of running during January and February, and Mrs Downes has achieved 140k of the 500k target which she has set for the year!
- Mr and Mrs Claridge who ran the London half marathon last weekend.

Many thanks for your continued support this year, especially during the snow days.

We all hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing all the children refreshed and re-energised ready for term 5 on the 16th April 2018.

What's coming up:

- Parent's Evenings will be taking place on the 19th and 24th of April.
- The children will be receiving some fire safety talks from the Fire Service.
- We will be holding our annual Race for Life at the school for the children to participate in.
- Family Trust will again come and deliver their assemblies to the children.
- As well as all this, we will be keeping our fingers crossed for our year 6 and year 2 children who will be taking their SATs