



Diary Dates



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| Wednesday 13th February | - Year 6 Bikeability |
| Thursday 14th February | - Year 6 Bikeability |
| Monday 19th February | - Start of term |
| Thursday 22nd February | - Year 4 visit by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue (details to follow) |
| Friday 1st March | - Woodwind Concert - 14.00 |
| Wednesday 6th March | - World Book Day - Classes 10 and 12 |
| Thursday 7th March | - River Meon Trip - Classes 9 and 11 |
| Friday 8th March | - World Book Day - Year Groups 3, 4 and 6 and Classes 9 and 11 |
| Friday 8th March | - River Meon Trip - Classes 10 and 12 |
| Friday 22nd March | - Recorder Concert |
| Friday 22nd March | - Friends of Locks Heath Quiz Night |
| Monday 25th March | - Year 4 Showcase |
| | - Class 5 - 14.00 to 14.20 |
| | - Class 6 - 14.25 to 14.45 |
| Tuesday 26th March | - Class 7 - 14.00 to 14.20 |
| | - Class 8 - 14.25 to 14.45 |
| Tuesday 26th March | - Brookfield Collaborative Concert |
| Wednesday 27th March | - Brookfield Collaborative Concert |
| Wednesday 27th March | - Year 5 Showcase |
| | - Classes 9 and 10 - 09.00 to 09.30 |
| | - Classes 11 and 12 - 09.40 to 10.10 |
| Thursday 28th March | - End of term |
| Monday 15th April | - Start of term |
| Thursday 18th April | - Year's 3 & 4 School Disco - 16.45 to 17.45 |
| Friday 19th April | - Year 4 day trip to Fairthorne Manor |
| Friday 25th April | - Year's 5 & 6 School Disco - 18.00 to 19.00 |
| Monday 13th May | - Year 6 SATs week |
| Friday 24th May | - End of term |
| Monday 3rd June | - Inset Day |
| Tuesday 4th June | - Start of term |
| Monday 10th June | - Year 6 Biathlon |
| Tuesday 11th June | - Year 5 Biathlon |
| Tuesday 11th June | - Sportacular Event 16.00pm to 18.00 |
| Tuesday 11th June | - Year 6 Bridging Day to Brookfield (TBC) |
| Thursday 13th June | - Lower School Sports Carousel |
| Saturday 22nd June | - Summer Fair (details to follow) |
| Friday 5th July | - Transfer Day |
| Tuesday 23rd July | - End of term - Whole School Picnic (no hot lunches available on this day) |



Year 3

Year 3 have been working towards answering our big question: "Does anything positive come from conflict?"

Throughout this half term we have explored 'The Vikings' and their invasion of Britain and delved into the history of King Henry VIII and explored how the Mary Rose sank during the Battle of the Solent. Additionally, we have created some amazing art work, challenged our brains in maths and written some incredible out-comes!

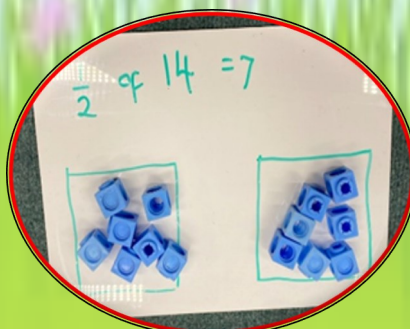


"The ship sunk because a big gust of wind knocked it over and the water went in to the gunports!"

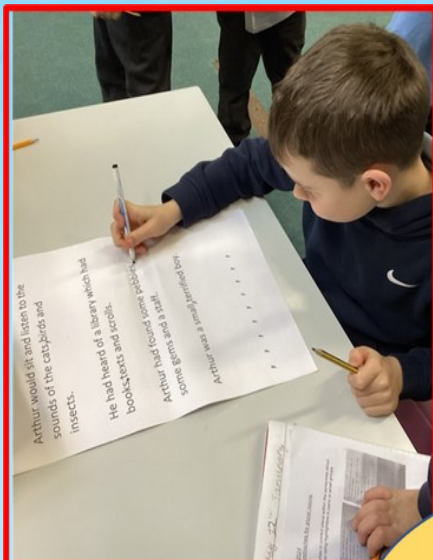
**Henry VIII
and the
Battle of
the Solent!**



I loved re-enacting the sinking of the Mary Rose! It was great fun!



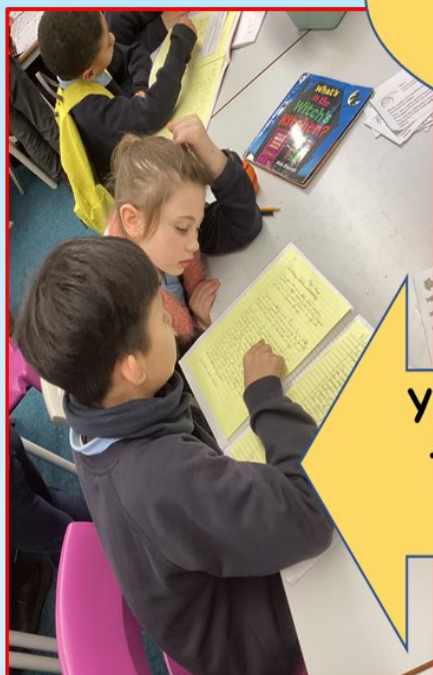
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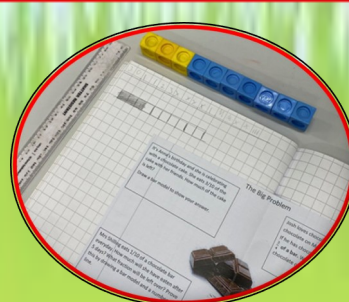
Lots of
reading and
writing!



It was really fun
to listen to the
writing the Year
4s have done!



Year 4 sharing
their writing
outcomes



Year 4



Year 4 had an exciting start to the Spring Term with a trip to the Southampton Art Gallery. During the trip, the children listened to an excellent story-teller regale the story of Perseus and the Gorgon's head using paintings by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

They learned how power is portrayed through the artwork throughout the story and about the artist himself. In art this term, we are using these to inspire our own Pre-Raphaelites. During the trip, we also used our modelling skills to create Medusa heads out of clay.

Finally, we had a look around some of the super artwork in the gallery.



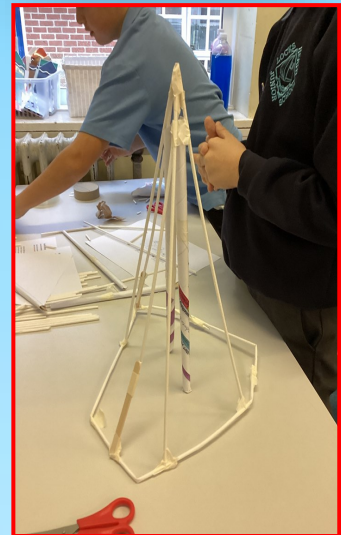
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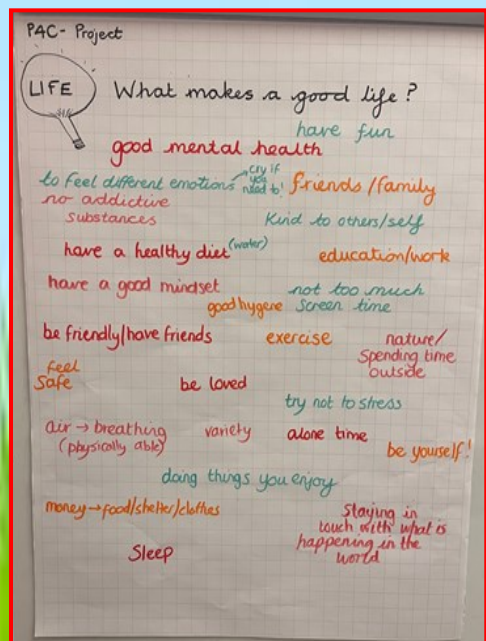
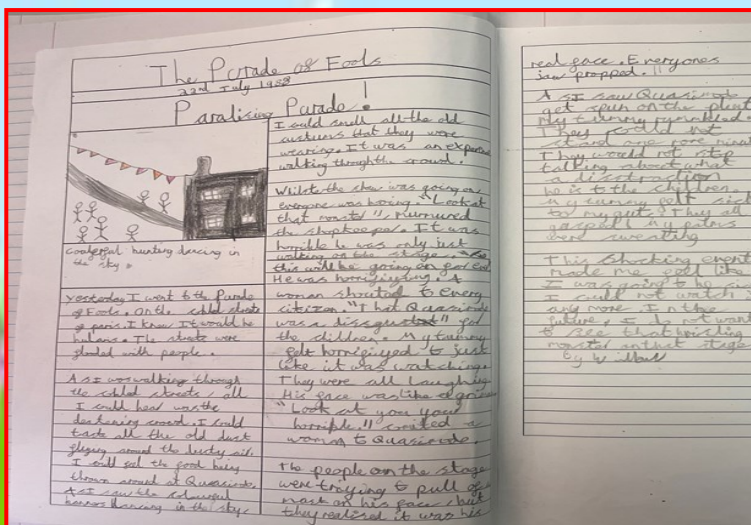
Year 5



Art - Taking inspiration from Alice Bailey and John Rubens, the children created their final piece with a focus on drawing eyes.



During DT, we made structures using different materials of a prototype 'all weather' shelter for our playground.



Writing - newspaper reports have been sent to Changing Faces Charity

'What makes a good life?'

Year 5

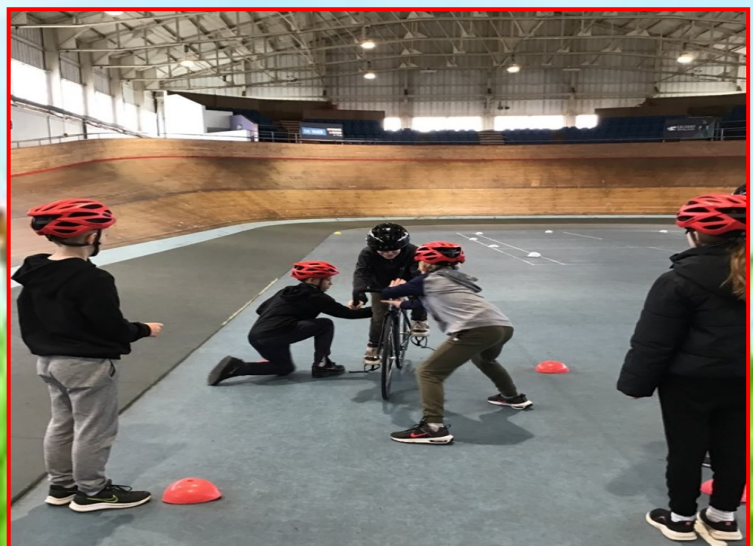
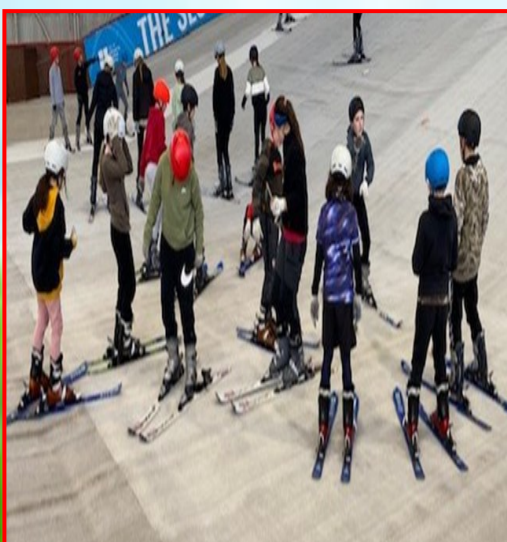


We used red and blue card to represent the journey of the blood through the lungs and heart.

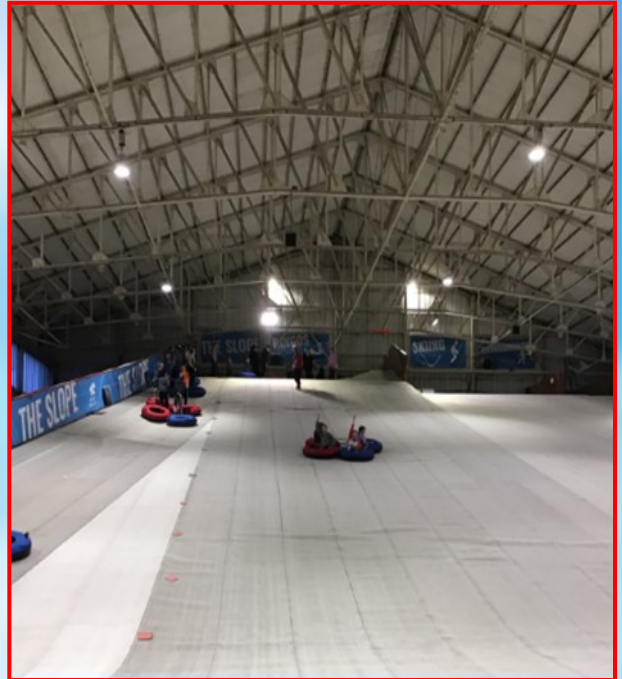
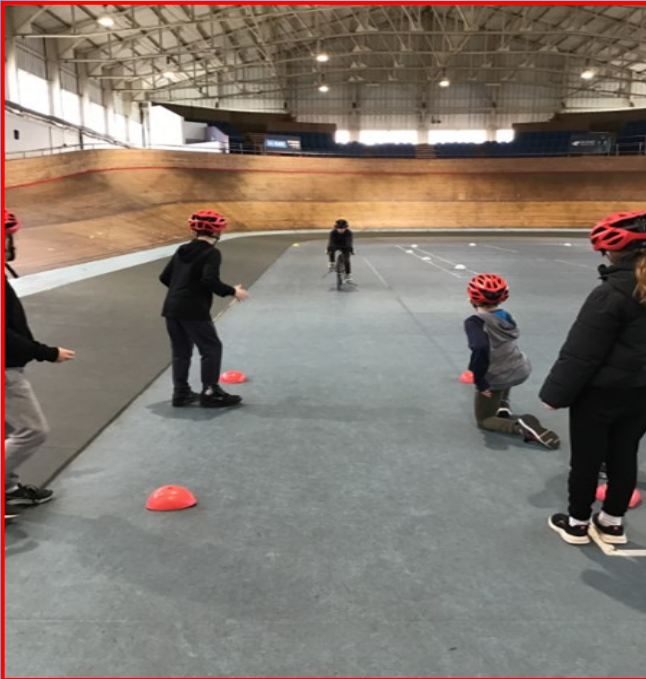
Read for oxygenated blood,
blue for deoxygenated blood



Year 6 - Calshot Memories



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Sports News



With the weather warming up this half term, we have enjoyed seeing the return of netball, football and cross country to Locks Heath Junior School this half term.

Netball training has been popular and well attended by girls from both Year 5 and Year 6. We have had over 30 girls attending, which is incredible to see so many children keen to play netball! So far, we have only played one game in the league and it was a triumph! We are looking forward to our future games over the next term. The girls have shown great teamwork and perseverance and are enjoying learning new skills and playing competitively again. There have been some wow moments already in training and in games and we look forward to many more as the season progresses.

The football team have been playing brilliantly in the local league. They had a brilliant game against Redlands where both teams came out on top. The team had a tough game against Hook-with-Warsash where they were beaten but they played with great resilience. All members continue to play with great teamwork, attitude and determination. A big thank you to Mr Elsworthy and Mrs Withey for giving up their time, and to all the parents for the ongoing support.

Additionally, the children were excited to get back into cross country after the Christmas break. In the last week, running club have attended their first race at Portsdown Hill. A big shout out to our new Year 4 members who ran their first race. We were blown away by everyone's amazing effort and currently both our boys and girls are in the top half of the league. Thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising this - we couldn't do it without you.

It has been fantastic to see competitive sport in our local schools and we look forward to sharing more results and achievements with you soon.

Miss Edwins
PE Leader





Friends of Locks Heath

In November, we held our AGM. It was so lovely to see some new faces and I just wanted to say a big thank you to those of you who continue to support the Friends either by attending meetings or volunteering your time to the events that we run.

At the AGM we had to vote for our Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Cheesman has agreed to continue as Chair, Mrs Astbury as our Treasurer and Hellen is our Secretary. This enables the Friends to run for another year. During the AGM, we discussed two requests for money. The whole idea of the Friends is to fundraise for those things that a school budget will just not stretch to. We all know school funding is taking a hit across the board at the moment and having this extra money will enhance the learning experience for our children. Our meetings are so important as it gives us parents a say as to where the extra money will be spent. During this meeting it was decided that the friends would fund 14 visualisers, one for each class (two classes already have one). I have also had some feedback sent to me from the children:

'The visualiser helps everyone see what the work should look like and it was really helpful in art'

'It makes the sheet that Miss Collins shows us bigger so we can zoom in and see the sheet more clearly'.

'Helps us to learn and understand what we are going to be doing because Miss Collins shows us on the exact same sheet we have.'

'It is like our digital LSA'.

'It helps us to see what the layout of our work should look like when Miss Collins does the 'I do and the we do' in our lesson'.

Miss Mills also requested some money to enhance our library which was agreed.

So far, this year we have held school discos for every year group, it was lovely to watch the children dance and sing away to some of their favourite tunes. We have a lot of children who love to sing and most of the evening was taken up with the children singing in the microphone.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who offered their support with the discos, without your help we would not have been able to do it. In December, the school put on a Santa Fun Run and the Friends provided hot drinks and mince pies.

Thank you all for your generous donations and again to those who helped on the day. Your support really does make a difference.



Friends of Locks Heath



To end 2023, we had our very popular 'wrapping room' again - it was another sell out event and Mrs Astbury and Mrs Crowney did an amazing job sourcing the gifts. A big thank you goes to everyone who wrapped them for us ready for the children.

As we look forward to this year, we have a few fundraising ideas; the famous Quiz Night, Easter Raffle and the Summer Fair. This year, it will be a joint event with the Friends of the Infant School.

We are always looking for new ideas to raise money for the school and would welcome any ideas, if you are unable to attend any meetings then an email with your ideas would be great. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook page with the next event and what our meetings are about. The meetings are a chance to give the parents a say on what our funds should be spent on.

At our meeting in February, we started to discuss this year's fundraising events. All money raised at these events are put back into the school and benefit our children. Teachers and staff send a 'wish list' of what they think funds should be spent on and then at our meeting, we discuss what has been requested and then put it to the vote. This is the parents' way of having their say where and how funds are spent.

We are now starting to look at the Summer Fair and the organisation of it. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and again we are joining forces with the Infant School. We really do need volunteers to help set up, run a stall and afterwards with the clearing up. If you are able to spare anytime on SATURDAY 22ND JUNE, please do contact me via Facebook or email me directly l.cheesman@locksheath-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Set up on the day will be from 8.00am as the Fair runs from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Last year was such a huge success, one of the best Summer Fair's we have ever had.

We are also wondering if anyone in our school community works for a company that 'match fund' community fund raising events. This is a fantastic method of doubling funds so if you are aware your company offers this support, then please do contact me.





After School Clubs

This half term we have seen lots of new faces. It has been lovely to welcome those children and to also welcome back those children who have enjoyed our clubs in the past. The clubs for this half term were Build It Club, Reel Movie Club, LHJS Bake Off Club and Computer Club.

The children enjoy making lots of different models with the Lego and Knex. It is lovely to see them play and use their imagination while playing. Some children work together and make some amazing models and some of the children make their own models.

During Reel Movie Club we have been able to watch a range of movies. The children get to vote and they watch the winning film and once that has finished, they get to watch the second choice. There has been a lot of singing along to Encanto!

Locks Heath Junior School 'Bake Off' made a return this year and the children have made a variety of different goodies. This half term they have made a pear crumble, chocolate chip cookies, cheese straws, banana bread and chocolate cake. This skill the children have shown while listening to the instructions on how to make the goodies has been amazing. We sure do have some budding chefs in the making.

Finally, the children have enjoyed Computer Club. During this club, the children have a choice of making a Scratch game, playing scratch games or they love to show their competitiveness and log onto Times Tables Rock Stars. So many of the children have improved their score each week and love sharing their progress with me.



Times Tables Rock Stars



Today was so much fun! I loved dressing up and practicing my tables!



TTRS Day!





Times Tables Rock Stars

TTRS
Day in
Year 4

