



April 2022

We hope you are all looking forward to a restful Easter. The children definitely deserve a break as they have been working hard and have completed some great learning. Year 3 have finished the term with a fantastic Easter performance! It was great to be able to invite parents back to share the experience and are sure you all enjoyed it. We hope this will be the beginning of being able to share all our performances again. Have a look at what else year 3 have been doing in the newsletter. Year 4 have been developing their understanding of citizenship and learning about the suffragettes. Year 5 have developed their geographical understanding, making models of the earth and exploring rivers. Year 6 have been finding out about the rainforest and have been creating infographics to show their learning. In the summer term, we are planning to bring back PTA events, starting with a horse racing night and then the summer fete. We hope you will be able to come and join us as we are very much looking forward to being able to get everyone together to support the school. Like all schools, we have faced some challenges this term managing COVID and absence and we would like to thank our staff for going above and beyond to help cover classes and support children. We would also like to thank our parents and carers for their support and understanding as we navigate our way through the changing landscape of the pandemic. We hope everyone has a great Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back.



Year 3 have been exploring the symbolism of trees in RE. They then explored collage as a medium to create their own type of tree including dreams, power and love. Great work!

Year 4 have been exploring The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. They explored his use of language and imagery to create their own savannah settings.



Parents' Evening

We have rescheduled parents evening for Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th of April.

Red Nose Day

Just to let you know that Red Nose Day raised an amazing £2247.55. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution.

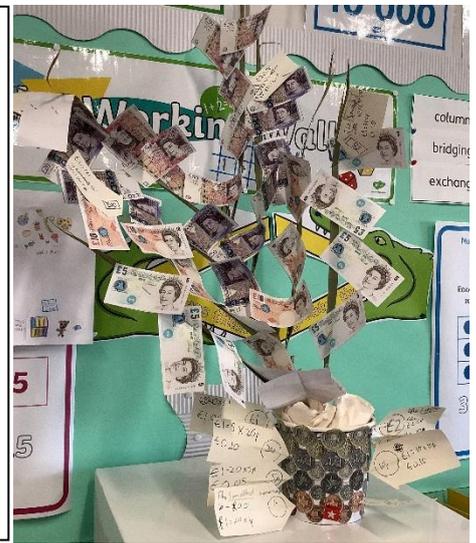
Music

Our year 5 and 6 violinists performed at St. Mary's Church with Portsmouth Music Hub in March. They put on a great performance. Well done!



Homework

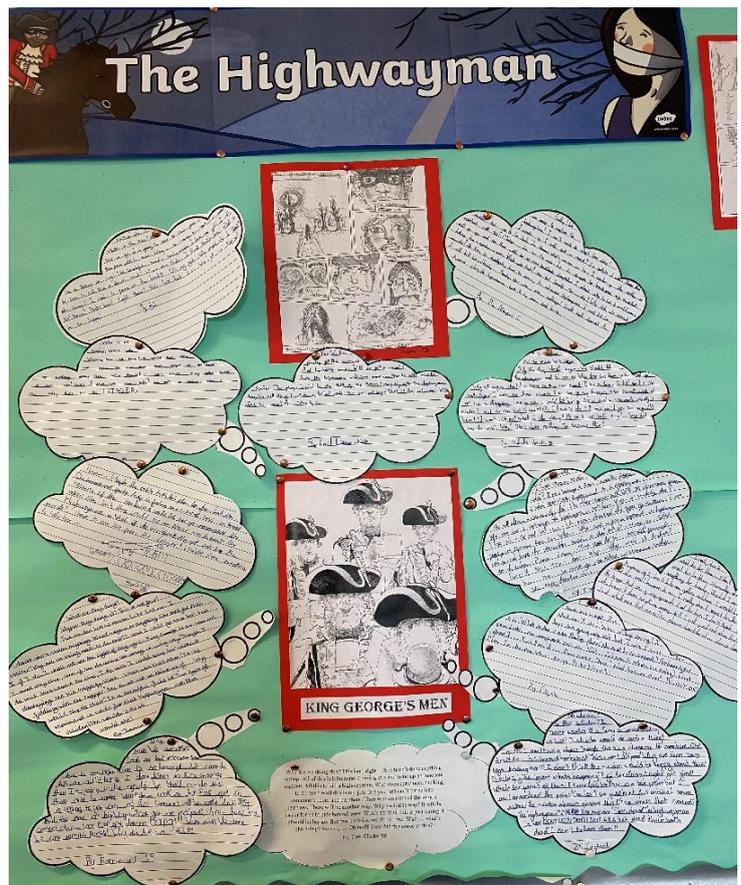
Elijah (3LR) brought in this money tree as part of his Maths home work this week. They were asked to explore money at home and create a poster but he took it a step further and created this lovely money tree! Great work!



Year 5 have been exploring poetry and have worked on The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. In character, they wrote a letter to the King. Read an extract from Sofia's letter in 50.

4th May 1817

*Dear Your Majesty King George,
I am writing to you regarding an extremely serious and urgent matter. As you know, a dangerous highwayman has been rampaging through the streets of England for years on end and recently I have seen him in my town. I have seen him, with my own eyes, terrorizing poor, innocent citizens. I know such a noble, caring king like you will want to protect his subjects, who are fearing for their lives. Surely a king like you would not pass such an amazing opportunity to make his citizens feel secure in their own home? I plea you to help my fellow commoners, who I have grown close to over the past years, from this threatening, violent scoundrel.*



COVID guidance

As we approach the Easter break there is new national guidance for people who have symptoms of respiratory infections including COVID-19 and/or a positive test result. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children> This includes advice for children and young people attending education and childcare settings. The key points are: Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Year 4 have been exploring the concept of citizenship and how citizens can bring about change in PSHE. Read what Leo and Ted from 4LW say about it:

In the last couple of weeks we have been leaning about the campaign to give women the right to vote and how ordinary people can campaign to change laws.

Who were the suffragettes/suffragists?

The suffragettes were one of the campaign groups who helped get women the right to vote. One of their tactics to get attention was to break the law eg. breaking windows with stones. The colours used to represent the suffragettes were green, purple and white. Green represents hope, purple for loyalty and white for purity. Suffragists were more peaceful protestors. However suffragettes did do some peaceful protesting. Such as handing out leaflets and chanting "Votes for women!" and "Deeds not words!" It started in around 1870 and some women got the right to vote in 1918. The leader of the suffragettes was Emmeline Pankhurst and the leader of the suffragists was Millicent Fawcett. When suffragettes were arrested they would go on hunger strikes. The ones who did go on hunger strikes were force fed through a tube. Sometimes the suffragettes assaulted police officers. We wouldn't recommend people do this but we would recommend people do peaceful protests if they want to make a change.



HAF Fun Pompey programme is back for Easter!

HAF Fun Pompey is back this Easter with a jam-packed schedule of activity days! Children and young people aged 5-11 and 11-16 can sign-up for loads of different activities, from theatre workshops, climbing, coding, sports clubs and more. Good tasty food is also provided, fuelling the fun for hours of adventure.

There's also family activity days which are a great way of getting the whole family involved.

How to book

The programme runs from 11- 22 April 2022. Free spaces are available for those who receive benefits-related free school meals, and some providers offer a range of pay as you go spaces too. Spaces must be booked in advance. Bookings are open from Monday 14 March.

For more information, including on how to book, click the button below. We look forward to seeing you there!



School Council

Craneswater School Council are going to be involved with the Living Streets initiative which aims to install outside seating, planters and cycle racks in pilot sites across the city. Luckily for us, one of these sites is planned for outside our school. Have a look at the website for more details <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/living-streets-portsmouth>

World Book Day

The whole school celebrated World Book Day in March. In some classes children did a treasure hunt, trying to find particular characters or objects in books, in others they shared favourite chapters or information. In 6B the children created a 'through the keyhole' page to entice you to read their book. Great work!

Diary dates		
Date	Time	Event
Friday 8 th April	All day	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday 25 th April	8:40	1 st day of summer term
Tuesday 26 th April	15:30 – 18:00	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th April	17:30-19:30	3B & 3W Southsea Walk Parents Evening
Friday 29 th April	8:30	PTFA Friday Cake Raffle
Monday 2 nd May		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May		Additional Bank Holiday to mark the Queen's Jubilee (Portsmouth Schools Only)
Thursday 5 th May	19:30	PTFA Meeting – Northcote Hotel
Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May	Each morning	Yr 6 SATs week
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May		Y5 Residential to Stubbington Study Centre
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th May		Y6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Friday 27 th May	15:00	School closes for summer half term
Monday 6 th June	08:40	School opens for second half of summer term
Tuesday 7 th June		3W Spinnaker tower
Wednesday 8 th June		3LR Spinnaker tower
Thursday 9 th June		3JR Spinnaker tower
Friday 10 th June	19:00	3B Spinnaker tower PTFA Horse Race and Pizza Night
Monday 13 th June		School closed for staff training
Tuesday 14 th June		Year 6 group photo
Thursday 30 th June	18:00	Year 2 parents meeting
Friday 8 th July		School closed for staff training