



Newsletter

February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy half term we have had since our return in January. It has been lovely to see you all since my return and thank you for your kind words whilst I was off.

Our newsletter this half term is a celebration of all the good things going on in school and there is lots to share! Children from all classes have had lots of lovely activities and workshops this half term and we hope you find some time to have a read through and see what they have been up to.

I wish you a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 26th February.

With best wishes
Mrs Shenston
Headteacher



Year 4 Science Workshop

Year 4's topic was States of Matter, learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They melted chocolate and candles to change solids into liquids, and watched the chemical reaction between vinegar and bicarbonate of soda which created a gas to power a rocket.





Year 6 Science Workshop

Year 6 explored different forms of electricity, building a battery powered car, creating circuits to make a buzz wire game and using solar energy to power a fan.



Gymnastics Workshops

This term all classes in Years 1-6 have had the chance to visit Stortford Gymnastics for the day.



Gymnastics Workshops Part 2





Years 3-6 took part in a series of Air Quality Workshops funded by East Herts District Council and entered a competition to design a poster about all they had learnt—these are the winning entries!



Year 3 Science Workshop

Year 3 had a brilliant time learning all about rocks in their Science Workshop.

They started the day by classifying rocks by their characteristics then moved on to explore how sedimentary rocks are formed using water and sand.

They then made their own fossils using plaster, made their own "metamorphic" rocks using wax to help understand how the process worked, then ended the day with some explosions that represented how igneous rocks are formed!





Year 5 explored Forces and Motion in their Science Workshop. They ran multiple experiments investigating water resistance and friction, and made their own parachutes to test air resistance.



Year 5 Science Workshop



Year 1 Science and D&T



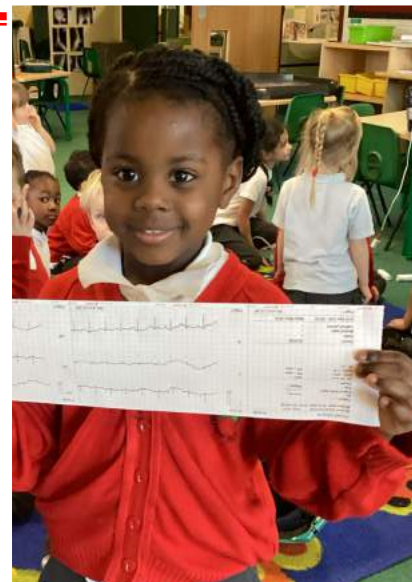
Sunflower Class have been busy experimenting recently. In Science they tested the resistance of various materials to water, covering jars with fabric, cling film, foil etc to see whether water could get through.



In Design and Technology they practised their cutting and mashing skills to make some tasty dips.



People who help us



Snowdrop Class learnt about the role of a paramedic and got a chance to examine the kit they carry and to explore the ambulance.



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Clover Class had a visit from our local PCSO team to find out more about the role they play in our community. The children tried on the different uniforms and were very excited to visit the police car.



Snowdrop Superheroes



Our Reception class explored the qualities of a Superhero. They dressed up as superheroes and went to Superhero Training Academy, where they practised positional language—in, on, under etc. They later made super smoothies as they learnt about the healthy eating needed to be a Superhero.





Year 6 had an amazing time taking part in the Young Voices music festival at the O2 Arena in London. Joining 7000+ children from other schools to perform as a single choir to family and friends in the audience.



Reader of the week



Congratulations to our recent Readers of the Week—Sienna, Bea, Lucia, Evie, Logan, Felix and Kağan.

PTA News



Our PTA have been busy again this term organising a hugely successful Valentine's Disco, raffling a beautiful Valentine's Hamper and organising a fun Wear What You Love day! All their hard work has raised just over £1000 so far!

This year they are raising funds to help set up a Sharing Shed at school, a calm space for children to share any worries they may have with trusted adults. They also hope to fund new microphones for the school, provide new books for our Reader of the Week cabinet, as well as giving each class funds to spend on new resources and enrichment projects.

Thank you all for your support!



Football results:

KAS League (Silver) Year 5 & 6 mixed:

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We've only had one fixture this half term, which we narrowly lost to Summercroft. Next up is our final match of the league—a top of the table clash with St Joseph's.

Sports News

We sent teams to two Sportshall Athletics competitions recently, representing Years 5 & 6 and Years 3 & 4. They took part in a wide range of athletics events including standing long jump, javelin, chest push and speed bounce, as well as obstacle races and relays.

