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Hello to Rayhan Nabi (Puffins) and Sarah Howard (Penguins) who have joined us since the last news.

Massive Thanks



...to FOMS for organising a brilliant Quiz Night. Everyone had a lot of fun while raising money for our new minibus. The winning team was *You Reckon* who won bottles of wine. Thanks to Mrs Hartley, Mrs Hart and Mrs G who organised the venue and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Ronsley for sorting the quiz.

The quiz itself raised £534 on the night and this along with other fund raising has raised £4,000 so far this year.



We are indebted to quite a few individual families who have managed to raise large amounts through individual activities and *Just Giving* pages. It has been a phenomenal response and we are very grateful to you all.

School PE Shorts



Please, please, if anyone has any old school PE shorts that their child has grown out of, we would be really pleased to have them in school.

Busy Weeks

On Monday 12th June Swifts went to the Hertfordshire Schools' Cricket Festival. They practiced lots of skills needed to play cricket and played some cricket based games.

The Year 6 children also set off for Kingswood on the same day.

On Tuesday 13th June Eagles went to the President's Sporting Club event at Hemel Hempstead. There were lots of physical activities on offer. The children particularly enjoyed Trampolining, Gymnastics, and the Bouncy Castle. Yummy Lunch provided. As well as lots of children from other schools the children also met Frank Bruno.

On Wednesday Middle School went to Paradise Park (see Tales From the Chalkface).

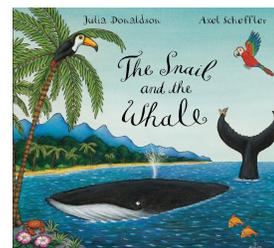
All week we have had some Year 5 and 6 pupils who have been on work experience in classrooms. They have really shone. We have had lots of lovely reports about how helpful,

kind and caring they have been. They seem to have enjoyed themselves as well.

Tales From The Chalkface!

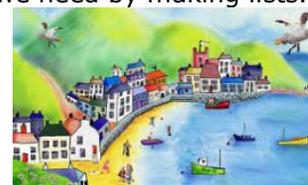
Lower School

Our new topic this half term is The Seaside. The children have been learning the story of *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. They have been thinking about how friends can help each other which is the theme of the tale.



The children have also tried magic snail writing using glue and glitter which they enjoyed very much.

All of the classes have been learning about the features of the landscape and labelling seaside pictures to show these. We have thought about what we need to take to the seaside and have 'packed' a suitcase with everything we need by making lists.



Owls learnt the story of the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and designed a lunchbox

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and created a packed lunch which they made in their Food Tech session. All of the children also went to Nonna's Kitchen and tasted different flavours of ice-cream in preparation for our seaside trip!

In Science we have been looking at food chains and have made some simple ones including grass eaten by grasshoppers and grasshoppers eaten by mice.

In maths we are starting to learn about 2D shapes and have been on a shape hunt around school.

Middle School

The children in Middle School are really enjoying their topic 'Walk on the Wild Side'. In science lessons the children have been learning about animals. They started by learning to group animals according to whether they are mammals, reptiles, birds or fish. They have also been finding out about the difference between pets and wild animals and thinking about what their pets needs to be happy and healthy.



We were lucky enough to take the whole of Middle School to Paradise Wildlife Park. This visit was generously funded by the Rotary Club. The children had a fantastic day learning about different animals and their habitats. They also enjoyed a picnic

lunch in the sunshine and an ice lolly!



In literacy, each Middle School class has been enjoying a Julia Donaldson story with a focus on animals. The children in Swifts have really enjoyed 'What the Ladybird Heard' and made some funny sentences in which the animals all made the wrong noises to trick the naughty robbers!

Reminder

Middle School Assembly is at 9.30am on Wednesday 21 June. Please park on the playground as we are short of parking spaces. It will be open to park from 9.10.

Upper School

Upper School pupils have been learning about Stranger Danger. They have been finding out who is a safe person to talk to and how to make that decision. Eagles went to the library and borrowed books and then made another visit to return them.



In Art they have been making clay models of nature. They have made trees, conkers, apples and

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all sorts of other natural things.

In technology the children have been practising their sandwich making skills with the summer favourite filling, jam.

In PE they have been learning the skills which they need to play tennis, in particular throwing, catching and hitting skills.

The history topic for this term is the Romans. They have been learning about where they came from and where they ruled as well as investigating the story of Romulus and Remus.



In Science / PSHE we have been learning about how we develop. We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Hart and baby Henry who is 5 months old. We were finding out how he had changed since he last visited. We found out that he is starting to try foods but still has milk and that he can't poo on the toilet!

All of the Year 5 children went on a canal boat trip. They had a really lovely time.

Of course Year 6s have been to Kingswood and have safely returned – but more about their trip in the next News.

Community News

On 15 & 16 July at the Hertfordshire Show Ground in St Albans there is an event called The Little Welly Goes Wild. This is a fun obstacle course with 30 obstacles over 3km as well as lots of other activities. For full details Google www.thelittlewelly.co.uk