



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 3

14th February

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **OPAL updates**
- **Reminders and Notices**
- **Internet Safety**
- **Upcoming events**

A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy end to the half term with lots of events, sporting achievements and visitors to school. Last week it was 'story telling week' nationally and we celebrated by having a visit from the Rainbow Theatre for Ladybird, Bumblebee and Caterpillar classes. They retold some favourite fairy tales engaging the children in a fun packed and exciting way. Some of the children even played roles, which was very exciting. Last week we also had the second of our two mental health ambassador training sessions. The pupils who have completed the training will now be available to support their peers and are planning activities as well. Continuing on a well being theme, we also had the '5Ways to wellbeing' team in Year 5 last week. They led the class in a number of activities based these 5 key well being factors: connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give. The children learnt valuable techniques to help them and others who might be struggling with stress or anxiety. Debbie Stevens and her team are very experienced and provide the children with lots of useful and practical strategies. If you would like to find out more [follow this link](#).

We have had lots of visitors in school including David and Helen Barr who came to speak to the Key Stage 2 children about their adventures on a tandem. David is a long standing governor and both he and Helen support the school in many ways with our adventurous activities. They have travelled all over the world on their tandem bike and shared stories of resilience and courage as well as all of the wonderful people that they have met along the way. Yesterday another adventurer was in school. Mr Duke came to talk to the Year 6 children about his expedition to the Antarctica 8 years ago. The children were fascinated to hear about his adventures and see the equipment that he used.

The hedgehog man also came this week and children in Years R-2 sat very quietly and respectfully as they saw and heard about the hedgehogs that have been rescued.

We have taken part in 3 different sporting tournaments over the last 2 weeks. Last Friday we took a team of Year 6s to a benchball tournament at The Bourne. The team played very well and we were very pleased to see them come 3rd out of 12 schools. On Wednesday St Joseph's hosted a Year 3 and 4 girls' football tournament. Our team had never played together and weren't experienced but despite this they played so well against the other teams. Miss Hull and I were incredibly proud of them especially when they scored a goal in the last game. Mr Tran took our Netball squad to a tournament on Wednesday. Having been trained over the last few weeks, they have formed a strong team and played very well together. They came 3rd over all which means they go through to the local area finals in March. Well done everyone!

We were also very proud to hear about some of our musicians who have lessons with Mrs Milne and who took part in the Chichester Music Festival last Saturday. Henry, Willow, Zac and Leah all played with confidence and flair, winning commendations and even the 'Outstanding Potential Cup' for Henry! Amazing!

Thanks-you to our PTA for organising the Glitter and Glow discos that happened yesterday afternoon. Silent discos are such good fun and the children all had a great time.

We finished off the week with our second Well Being Walk- the whole school walking around Mundham Playing Fields in the cool winter sunshine. It was a pleasure and the children all enjoyed being part of it.

Happy Valentine's Day and have a lovely half term next week.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Year 2 assembly





Sporting activities- Benchball, Football and Netball











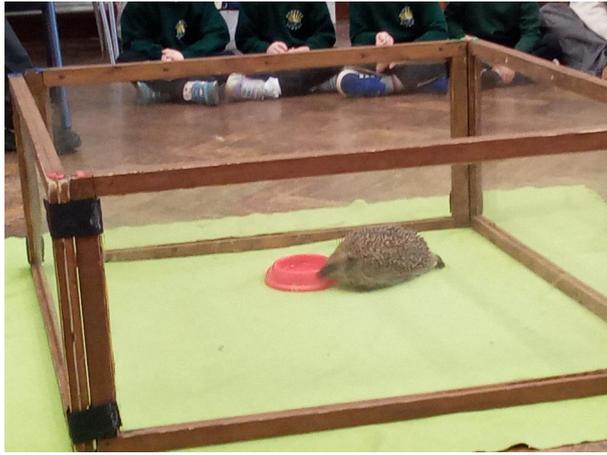




Hedgehogs come to school







Rainbow Theatre











Local explorers!













The Glitter and Glow Discos



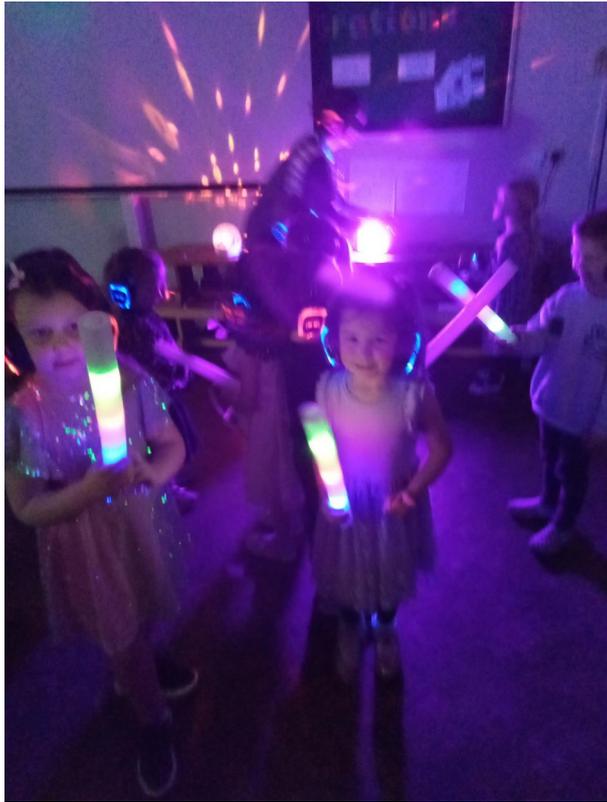














Mental health Ambassador training







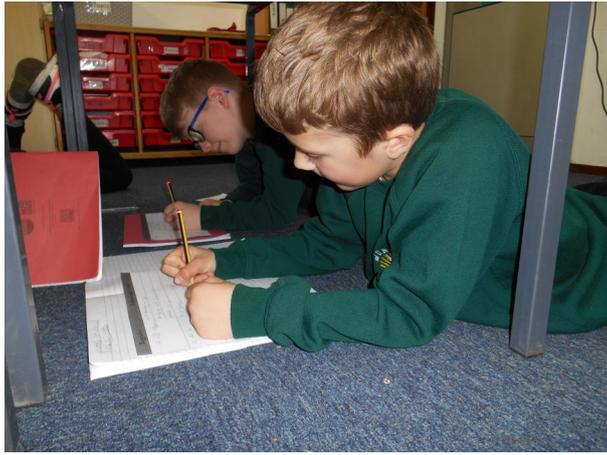
In Year 4 the Chairs went on strike!!











Pupil Reports



Bench ball

On the 7th February, YR6 went to Bench ball. There was Pool A and Pool B. We were in Pool B. We came first in our Pool and we then had to play for 1st or 3rd. We lost that match by one player so we played for 3rd or 4th. We won that, so we came third. At first we struggled but we helped each other and improved over the course of the tournament. It was really fun and we got certificates.

Netball

Our netball team had only been training for 3 weeks before the big tournament. On Wednesday 12th February year 5/6 went on to the Chichester netball tournament. There was Pool A and Pool B. We were in Pool B. On the first Game, We were up against Jessie Young Husband and we lost 4-0. Luckily we persevered and improved and won the next game against St Richards (2nd team) 5-0, March 2-0, and 5-0 against Westbourne. Eric and Izzy scored the bulk of the goals and everybody else chipped in. Overall we were second in the pool and reached the Semi Finals. Unluckily we lost the semi final by last second goal 2-3. The last match was a knockout to reach the top 3 spots. If we had won that, then that would have been an automatic qualification to the finals of the Bognor/Chichester netball championships. Our team triumphed and we won 4-1 against St Richards 1st team North

Mundham now advance to the finals on the 18th March 2025. Watch this space for more .
By Sadie Finch

Our visit from Mr Duke

Year 6 had a visit from the amazing Mr Duke, who had been to the Arctic and Antarctica. With snow boots on and wrapped up in his big red coat he set sail to tell us the story about his journey. Setting off from England, flying to Argentina, he started his journey to the coldest and windiest continent. He crossed Drake Passage -a very dangerous way to travel. He crossed it safely but, on the way back he wasn't so lucky, a storm rose (the Drake shake)and waves as huge as 7 times the school fell over the ship.He had an amazing time and saw penguins, went diving in minus temperatures, took part in rock climbing and even buried himself in the snow and stayed there overnight. We are so grateful he came -we learnt so much. Perhaps we should go to Antarctica for a class trip! By Amelia and Leah





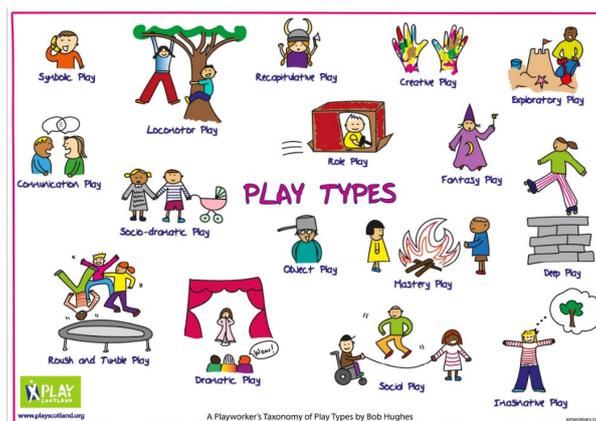
OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



It's been a fun half term and we have been lucky with the weather not being too wet. Most recently, we have been using the North Mundham tennis courts with some of the children who have really enjoyed having a go at something different.



1 - Please remember your wellies!!



2 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.

Opal OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING Opal

Internet Safety



Tuesday was international Internet Safety Day. We started the week with an assembly talking about the importance of this global day and discussing this year's focus- scams.

The children learnt more about protecting themselves from scams and how to identify them more easily.

Please continue these conversations at home and ensure that you know what your child is playing/ doing/ watching on line.

See [this link](#) to more information about Safer Internet Day.

Notices and Reminders



PE and Forest School information for after half term

After half term Forest School on Wed will be for years 2 and 5 (YR will continue with their session on Tuesday)- please ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for this.

PE days, as follows:

YR- Monday and Wed

Y1- Monday and Wednesday

Y2- Monday and Tuesday

Y3- Tuesday and Thursday

Y4- Monday and Thursday

Y5- Monday (swimming) and Tuesday

Y6- Monday and Tuesday

Corporate Challenge and Running Club

Thank-you to those of you who have completed consent forms and paid for your child to be part of our Corporate Challenge team. We will complete entry over half term. We have given the children a copy of the route so that if there is time over the half term break, they can go to Chichester and walk the route. Running Club has been going very well this half term and many children have said that they are finding it easier as the weeks go by. Running club continues on Thursdays after half term - **except the first week when it will be on Friday 28th February.**

Greenpower Car

We have the opportunity to take possession of a greenpower car which is a kit car that children can redesign, tinker with and learn to drive before taking part in races later on in the year. However, we really need an adult (parent, grandparent etc) who might be willing to take this project on. It would involve a short weekly commitment to run a club (approx 40 mins) and availability to take part in the races. Someone with engineering/mechanical knowledge would be perfect. Please let Mrs Gordon or the school office know if you would be interested.

World Book Day (including half term challenge)

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day with lots of different book related activities through the day. Children can come dressed up that day in a book related costume, bright colours or their PJs ready for a bedtime story. Please note that we DO NOT expect you to buy costumes, homemade, recycled or pre-loved are all more than welcome.

If you have a costume that you no longer need that you could donate to another child, please let the school office know.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting the children to make a story scene in a shoe (or similar sized) box. This can be done over the half term and brought into school to show off. Families are welcome to work together. See below for some examples.

Quiz Night 7th March

You should have received a letter today about our quiz night on Friday 7th March at North Mundham hall. Get you team together and get revising!!

Parent Consultation evenings 3, 4, 5, 6 March

Our second parent consultations will be on the following days and dates:

Year R – Monday and Tuesday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 – Monday and Wednesday

Booking will be via the MCAS app and will open on Wed 26th February.

Bags to school

Don't forget the Bags2 school collection- fill your bag with any unwanted clothes etc for collection on 6th March.

Food Festival 28th February

Following our very successful culture festival last year, we have decided to hold a similar event this year with the emphasis on food from different cultures.

In class on that day, children will be finding out about different foods from around the world and even making some different foods to taste.

At the end of the school day, we would like to share some foods from all of the different cultures represented at our school.

If you are able to provide some traditional food from your culture, country or family for this event, we would be very grateful. Please let the office or your child's teacher know.

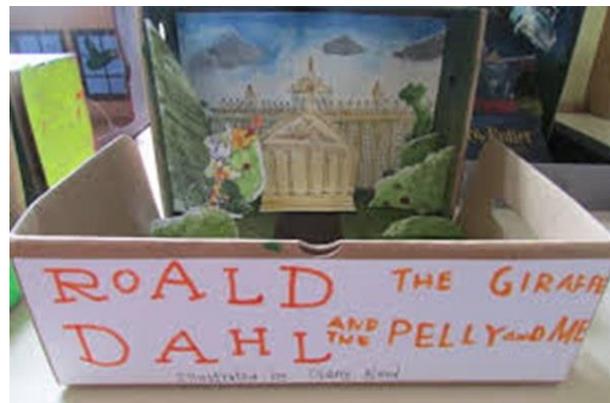
If you are making food for the festival, please provide a list of ingredients.

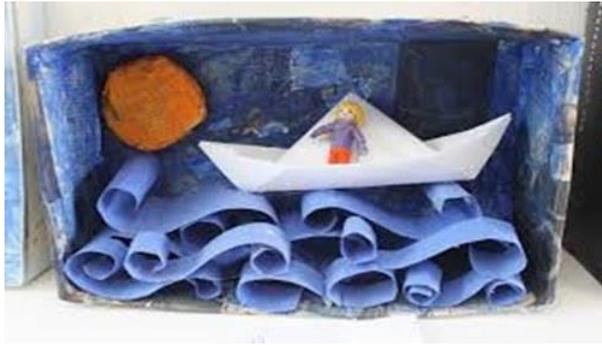
The PTA have kindly offered to support the event, and we look forward to another fun occasion that brings our community together.

Year 6 Wheelie Fun Relay- Cycle-a thon 7th March

In order to raise money for their Year 6 Leaver Hoodies, the children in Dragonfly class will be taking it in turns to cycle a static bike for the whole school day. Look out for the sponsor forms which will be circulated after the holidays.

Many thanks for all your support in the above matters .





JC SPORTS GYMNASTICS CLUB



GYMNASTICS CLUB

£33

THURSDAYS BSC 07:45 - 08:30

£5.50 per session



North Mundham

JC Sports is now offering a high-quality Gymnastics Before School Club for 5-11yrs at North Mundham Primary School. Starting on the W/C 24th February and running until the W/C 31st March.

This club will be open for all abilities.

Booking Link: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/west-sussex-jc-sports-north-mundham-gymnastics-club-chichester-e436dc10-e586-4a1a-e111-1db51e2a9868>

ENJOY ARCHERY, FENCING, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS, HOCKEY, ATHLETICS, DANCE, DODGEBALL AND MORE!

17th - 21st
FEBRUARY

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PLEASE SEE THE STEPS BELOW ON HOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE

	M	T	W	T	F
East Preston	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
March	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Bartholomews	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whiteley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rose Green	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Berewood	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Steep	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

Half Term Camps -
MONDAY 17th- FRIDAY 21st
February

Camps run from 8.30am-4.30pm
Lunch will NOT be provided, please
BRING a packed lunch and snack.

Daily price is £29.99. BUT
receive a 20% DISCOUNT USING
CODE: FEB20
Discount Deadline is 03/02/25

BOOK HERE!

Use the QR located here to book your space
at our February Half Term Camps.

Alternatively head over to our website at
www.jc-sportsonline.com and click the
holiday activities to find the booking link



SCAN ME



Quiz Night

Friday 7th March

Get Your Game Brain On!

**Doors open at
7pm**

**Quiz begins at
7.30pm**

**Bring along £1 coins to
join in with some fun
halftime games**



£12 per ticket

includes a meal choice of:
Fish & Chips
Sausage & Chips
(Gluten free, vegan and
vegetarian options
available)

**Bring your own
drinks and snacks!!**

Teams of upto 8 players

Come already organised or join a team on the night

Buy Tickets at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MundhamPTA>



WILD AT HEART FEB HALF TERM SESSION

Unleash your spirit!

A drop off session
ages 5 to 11 years

Tuesday 18th Feb, 10-2pm
Acorn Woods, Bognor Regis

Bushcraft, campfire, playing and exploring,
and endless fun awaits in the woods!

BOOKING CODE: →



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Dates for the diary



24th February- INSET day

26th February- Dancehouse performance in Worthing

28th February- Culture day- Food festival*

28th February – Year 1 class assembly- 9am, parents and carers are welcome

3-7th March- Parents' evenings this week

6th March- World Book Day

6th March- Bags2School

7th March- PTA Quiz Night*

12th March- Year 5/6 swimming gala

14th March- Comic Relief

17th March- year 4 trip to Chichester Harbour*

17th March- year 1 Alien Day*

17th-21st March- science Week

20th March- Year 6 to Titanic Museum in Southampton

21st March- Poetry Slam

3rd April Easter Church service

29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production*

INSET Days

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

Autumn 2- November 4th- December 20th

Spring 1- 6th January- 14th February

Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April

Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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