



St Hugh of Lincoln
Catholic Primary School
In faith and love, we learn and grow



Newsletter

13 May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It is the start of the exam season in schools across the country, and our Year 6 children have been sitting their KS2 SATS exams this week. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Both the children, Miss Quinlan, Mrs Grace and Mrs Fazzone have been working incredibly hard preparing for the exams and so it was lovely to be able to celebrate the end of KS2 SATS week with a pizza party on the field. Next week, they are off on their residential trip to Calshot, which promises to be lots of fun, and I look forward to sharing news about that next week.



Mindfulness at St Hugh



On Friday 6th May, the children were very lucky to take part in Mindfulness workshops led by Mrs Martin. The children thought about why they were grateful and were taught strategies for relaxation. Some classes were also taught about managing their worries and being positive. Thank you so much Mrs Martin for giving up your time and teaching us how to look after our well-being.

Phonics Teaching – Read Write Inc

Over the last few months, Mrs Grace and our reading lead, Miss Bye, have been doing lots of research into the most effective ways of teaching children to read. As a result of their work, we have decided to change the way we teach phonics. Starting after half term, we will be using a programme called, Read Write Inc. (RWI) and at our INSET on Monday, all of our staff will be trained on the new scheme. Different parts of the programme are being introduced at various stages with a view to the complete programme being introduced by start of the autumn term. We will be arranging parent workshops to explain the RWI programme to you so you know how and why we teach phonics in the new way and what you can do at home to support your child. We'll be in touch in the coming weeks with some dates for these workshops.

Read Write Inc.

Phonics

Habitats in Year 2

Year 2 have been learning all about habitats in their Science this week. They could identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and they could describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. They had a lot of fun finding out and drawing the animals and plants in their chosen habitats.



Year 1 Computing

In this lesson, we focused on programming the Bee Bots to move forwards and backwards. We all know that Bee Bots only follow clear commands in a precise and repeatable way. We were all able to predict the outcome of a sequence involving the forward and backward commands.



Reception class trip to Painshill Park

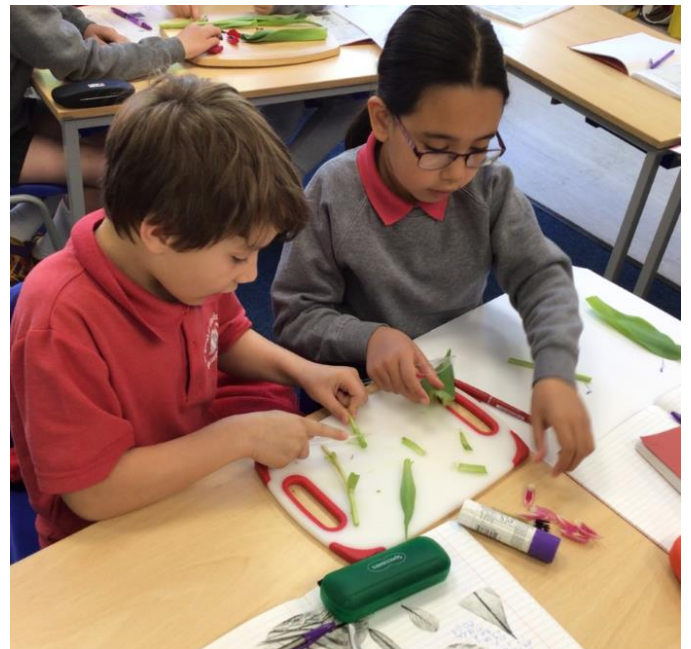
On Wednesday, Reception had the most wonderful day at Painshill Park. They spent the morning on a 'Minibeast Safari' and were amazed by all the creatures they found in some of the different habitats there including beetles, caterpillars, woodlice, spiders, millipedes, centipedes and much, much more! In the afternoon, they enjoyed exploring the beautiful grounds and the crystal grotto provided lots of awe and wonder! We were so proud of the exemplary behaviour of the children and their enthusiasm to learn. The staff at Painshill commented on how impressed they were by our children's knowledge and behaviour. Thank you to our lovely parent helpers who really got 'stuck in' and helped the day to run so smoothly.

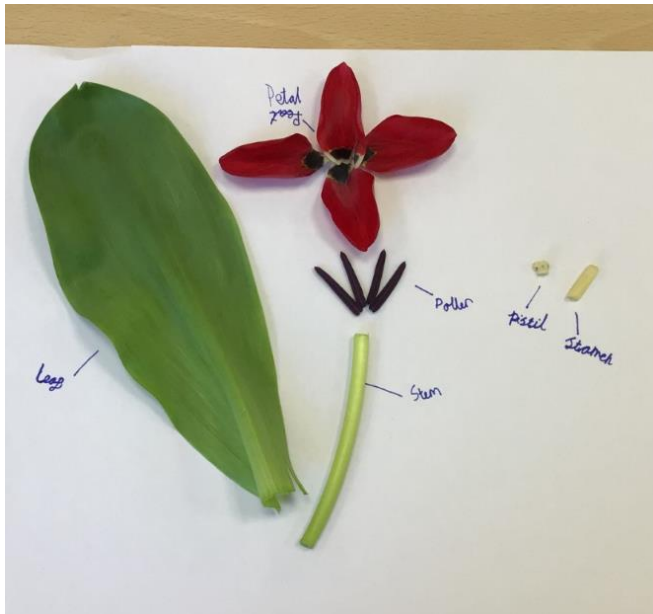




Dissecting flowers in Year 3

As part of their science topic 'parts of plants', Year 3 worked together to dissect a flower! They had to label each part of the flower with the correct scientific vocabulary. During the lesson, they also learnt about the function of the flower and pollination.





Leave request for exceptional circumstances

As parents, you have the legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. Leave can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances. An application for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances form can be found on our school website under the useful forms section or printed copies are in the office.

Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Harper or Mrs Pickard dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.

Would you like to become a Bikeability cycling instructor?

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Here is a link to their job advert:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=23517>

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy Monday's INSET day. God bless.

Mrs Harper

