

SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, we take a very proactive approach to our mental health at Sauncey Wood and will be celebrating with a special assembly on Monday and various classroom-based activities. Across the school, we are introducing a programme called "Stormbreak" which involves many mental health-based activities to supplement the activities and support what we already have in place.

This week, Year 4 had a wonderful time at Hertfordshire Zoo learning all about the different habitats of the world. They had a workshop all about the rainforest, how animals have adapted to that environment and how we can help to protect this amazing resource that provides oxygen to the whole world.



Later, they even went digging for dinosaurs....

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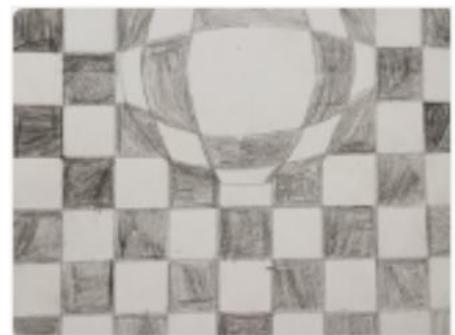
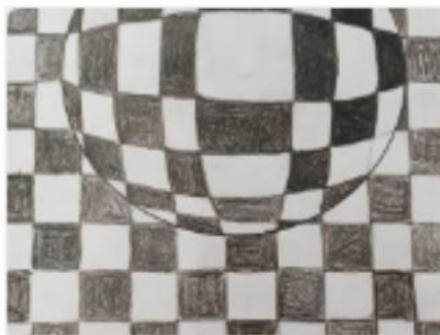
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Year 6 have been working hard on the Art & D.T. unit of 2D Drawing to 3D Making. Our children learned about Victor Vasarely, who was considered by many as the father of Op Art. Vasarely used geometric patterns and optical illusions in his artwork to great effect. They examined his work and then had the opportunity to try out Op art for themselves. These are some of the fantastic results!



Willow have been creating some fantastic stories this week, inspired by their class texts 'Julian is a Mermaid' and 'I am Lenny Brown.' Children were learning to create expanded noun phrases to describe their characters. They thought of a variety of 'what like' words (adjectives.) They then had the opportunity to read each other's stories. Some of the pupils in Willow made pizza pockets in cooking this week and were able to safely cut and grate their chosen ingredients and follow instructions with accuracy.

The thing that has most excited Year 5 this week has been creating their fantasy lands, which they have designed and written about, incorporating the writing into the images. They have also learned about the Trojan War in History and how heat dissipates through different types of insulator in their Science lessons.

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Coming up soon will be World Book Day. As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite parents and carers into school to take part in a Mystery Reader session on Wednesday, 4th March between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The Mystery Readers will visit their family member's class to read aloud an age-appropriate picture/short book for approximately 15 minutes. The key part of the fun is that the children won't know who the reader is until the moment they arrive, so we kindly ask that this is kept a secret from the children. It would be lovely to see some surprise grandparents, older siblings, family friends etc. If you would like to volunteer, please choose a short book that you loved reading as a child and let the school office know. In addition, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to come to school on Friday, 6th March dressed either as a character from a book or in an outfit that is culturally significant to them and their identity.

Parents will soon receive a leaflet from the office team explaining our move to Arbor to manage school communication, bookings and payments. Arbor can be used via an app or on a desktop computer and having all the school-based facilities in one place will make things much simpler. If you need support to set your account up, once you have seen and tried the guidance, please ask at the office and they will be happy to help you.

Sauncey Wood is celebrating 75 years this year! We are busy planning an amazing celebration for this but in the meantime we would love to collect any old photos of Sauncey Wood from the past. If you have any, please can you drop them off at the school office (we will take good care of them and will return them to you) or give them to Miss Goodridge.

A gold-colored, stylized '75 years' logo with a decorative border.

Have a wonderful weekend all.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Mr Brewis
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Dates for the Diary	
Monday, 9th February	Football Match against Beech Hyde (Away)
Tuesday, 10th February	Netball Match against Manland (Home)
Thursday, 12th February	Tag Rugby Tournament at Harpenden Rugby Club
Friday, 13th February	Finish for Half Term
Monday, 23rd February	Netball Match against St Helens (Home)
Friday, 27th February	Football Match against The Lea (Home)
Tuesday, 3rd March	Parents' Evening - Spring Term
Tuesday, 3rd March	Netball Match against The Lea (Away)
Thursday, 5th March	Parents' Evening - Spring Term
Thursday, 5th March	Netball Rally at KWS
Friday, 6th March	Football Match against Markyate (Home)
Wednesday, 11th March	Football Tournament at Wood End Sch
Friday, 13th March	Football Match against Manland (Away)
Monday, 16th March	Netball Match against St Nicholas (Home)
Tuesday, 17th March	Year 3 Visit to the Natural History Museum, Tring
Tuesday, 17th March	Football Match against Kimpton (Away)
Thursday, 19th March	Mad Science Assembly for STEM Week - Whole School
Monday, 23rd March	Year 5 - Greek Vase Workshop in school

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Monday, 23 rd March	Netball Match against Markyate (Away)
w/c beginning 23 rd March	Extra Curricular Clubs finish
Tuesday, 24 th March	Spring Music Festival
Thursday, 26 th March	Football Match against St Nicholas (Home)
Friday, 27 th March	Finish for the Easter break at 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5 th May	Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Isle of Wight Visit (time TBC)
Tuesday, 19 th May	Information Meeting for Parents/Carers Phasels Wood Visit (time TBC)



Our playground equipment, at the moment, is limited. We would be most grateful if you are able to purchase something from our wish list. If you have anything on our wish list at home, that you no longer need, please donate them to the school. It will make the children really happy.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS SO THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR AN EMERGENCY. (INCLUDING YOUR SECOND CONTACTS)

