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# Marshlands News

## SNUG

Are you the grandparent of a child with additional needs? Would you like to be in contact with other grandparents like yourself?

There is a shared facebook group where information is shared.

## **SNUG (SPECIAL NEEDS UNITED GRANDPARENTS)**

Why not follow our website (open to all)  
[www.specialneedsgrandparents.wordpress.com](http://www.specialneedsgrandparents.wordpress.com)

## Request for Buggies

If anyone has a spare buggy that their child has outgrown and that they would like to donate to school,

these would be gratefully received.

## Chill Out Week

Next week the children will be taking part in a wide range of different activities as part of our Chill Out Week. This will include having farm animals in school, Zumba sessions, cooking, sewing, art, hand massage and more.

## Date to Remember

### Disability Sports Fun Day

Sunday 10th September from 10.00am at RAF Shawbury.

Various sporting activities. For further details contact 07780676385.

## Leavers BBQ and Family Disco

Special thanks to everyone who supported the BBQ and disco last night, it

was lovely to see so many pupils and their families. Donations from the evening totalled £115, thank you for your generosity! Thank you also to Mr Morgan for his loan of the disco, and to all the staff who ensured the evening was a success.

## Child Behaviour Direct

In the Autumn term we will be holding a series of 6 weekly workshops on managing challenging behaviour at home. Dates and times to be advised. If you are interested please get in touch with Alison Hie via Reception.



## TERM DATES

### **Term Ends**

Friday 21st July 2017

### **Training Day**

Monday 4th September 2017

### **School re-opens to children**

Tuesday 5th September 2017

# What have we been doing in class this week?

## TADPOLES

This week Tadpoles have been looking at the story 'Portside Pirates'. We listened to the story and song, joining in with the repeated refrain. Everyone enjoyed making a pirate mask and completing pirate themed pencil control tasks. We focused on 'f' in Jolly Phonics, painting a fish and exploring 'flour'. On Thursday we used playdough to practise our fine motor skills, making objects linked to our seaside topic. Everyone enjoyed our trip to SNAP on Friday, a good time was had by all in the ball pool and playing outside. Tadpoles Pupil of the Week is Mila for lovely counting.

## DRAGONFLIES

This week in Dragonflies we have been exploring different materials that can be used to make marks. The children enjoyed painting using cotton buds as well as dropping food colouring onto fabric using pipettes, this made a lovely effect. In Maths we have been exploring numbers by counting to three before letting cars slide down a ramp and rolling a ball to someone. Dragonflies have been making music using keyboards and guitars; they really liked listening to the keyboards when they pressed on the keys. We have spent some time in the sensory room; both as a group and for 1:1 intensive interaction, the children enjoy the different lights and sounds. On Tuesday afternoon we had another transition; the children accepted the change well and had a fun afternoon in their new classroom with their new teachers. Our pupil of the week is Lewis.

## DUCKS/HERONS

In Science we talked about mini habitats and explored our school grounds to see what mini beasts we could find. Our pond dipping trip was enjoyed by all; we had a walk around the nature reserve, fed the ducks and took part in pond dipping. We were all amazed at how many different creatures we managed to catch. In Herons we have focused on poetry linked to our senses, and making up our own poems thinking about the scariest, funniest or happiest sounds would be. In Ducks we have read a story called 'We all went on Safari' which is a counting book. Our Pupil of the Week in Herons is Soul and in Ducks it is Rowan.

## LAPWINGS

It's been another busy week in Lapwings! In maths we have been looking at positional language and where things are in

the classroom; are they on top of? Next to? Or under? And we read Rosie's Walk to help us. In P.E. we had a go on all the apparatus set out around the hall and we really enjoyed all the climbing. In phonics we have been recapping all the letters that we have been learning about this term. In Creative Curriculum we have been looking at things in the past and how they have changed to present day and this week we have been learning all about electricity. We made our hair stick up on end when we rubbed it with a balloon to make static electricity. In Music we listened to a piece of music that sounded like a steam train getting faster and slower - we recognised the whistle sound from our trip last week. Our pupil of the week is Ellie Williams for being very sensible when on her transition visit to her new school.

## LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a busy week this week. In Creative Curriculum we looked at King Alfred and the important rules he created for Anglo Saxon life. Whilst learning about King Alfred we learnt about the story of Alfred and the cakes. On Friday we enjoyed making the cakes that King Alfred would have made. In Maths we have been completing Golden Maths activities focusing on addition and subtraction. We finished our poem about birds in English and performed it to the school in our class assembly on Tuesday. On Thursday we enjoyed a trip to Wildwood Park. We were all so well behaved and really enjoyed our picnic food which we bought on Wednesday. Pupil of the week is Tristan for completing some independent work this week. Have a lovely weekend.

## SWANS

We are nearly at the end of the school year, I really can't believe how quick it has gone. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the children in Swans and the progress they have made. The teaching team in Swans all would like to say that we hope you have a lovely summer and the children enjoy their much earned break. Harry was our pupil of the week.

## BUTTERFLIES

An exciting week in Butterflies. We are busy preparing for transition into our new classes. Although we are a little nervous we know we shall be ok. In Food technology we made vegan lemon cakes. We completed our golden English and golden Maths work this week. Remember we have our overnight trip to Yarlet on Tuesday. Mrs Cook has lots of fun things planned. Our pupil of the week is Mark for making positive choices. Have a lovely weekend.

## OTTERS

Another great week in Otters. Those children moving on to Walton Hall Academy have had their final transition visit this week. They have participated in lots of different activities and have been able to socialise with children from other primary schools who will be joining them in September. Everybody behaved brilliantly and really enjoyed their first full day at high school. In maths we have been finishing off our work on perimeter and area. We have begun a small topic about discovering and building our own island, which covers all areas of the curriculum. The children have enjoyed deciding where in the world their island would be, and how they would get there. Have a brilliant weekend.

## KINGFISHERS

This week we have all worked really hard and completed fabulous Sensory Poetry. In maths we have re-visited some of the topics already covered to consolidate our knowledge. We had a lovely session on the bikes and learned about the Gods that the Anglo Saxons looked too. Harry and Daish have been out visiting their new High Schools and have thoroughly enjoyed their time. Our Pupil of the Week is Kenzie - for amazing poetry this week. Well done Kenzie.