

MINCHINHAMPTON NEWSLETTER

CLUB BOX

Choir- Mr Weinberger

This weeks' club is choir. It is a great chance to get your child into music, and to enjoy singing. It is run by Mr Weinberger, with Mrs Overthrow accompanying on the piano, and Miss Griffiths helping. We believe children should enjoy music, and see it as a doorway to a possible life chance. On Friday 9th November our school choir sang at our local church, along with the Stuart Singers and the Stuart Singers Juniors, in a special service to commemorate the Armistice 100 years ago. They sang some of the songs that they had been learning, like, 'Altogether Now' and 'The Year Turns Around Again.' "It was so fun and enjoyable, I really felt I added to the performance," Isabella told us. "I enjoyed the experience and I thought it sounded amazing with everyone else singing too. I hope to carry on singing and maybe do a few concerts in the future," said Bel.

CURRICULUM BOX

Sky class- Year 5/6- Mr Ricketts

In English we had a comedy workshop with John Dougherty, and we have been starting to write our class's chapter which is set in New York city. In SPaG we have been learning about active and passive sentences and using commas to clarify meaning. Science has included creating our own episodes of 'stargazing live,' all about the solar system; the lunar month and phases of the moon; the sun and how day and night works. We also made rockets which we launched using this really cool piece of equipment made by Mr Meadows. During our Art lessons, we have been making Andy Warhol- style versions of the characters in the new school book. In P.E we have been doing a dance topic and have been doing Just Dance. We have also done netball, and we were focusing on pivoting and passing. In French we have been looking at describing clothes, using things like how big or small, colours, saying what we are wearing and whether we like it or not.

Indigo class- Year 1 /2- Miss Gittins

In maths we have been learning about adding and subtracting using Numicon and number-lines. During English we have been starting to write our chapter based on New Zealand and we have been practicing our assembly. We have been learning the songs for our Christmas play like 'Mary Mary.' In art we have been painting pictures and building them up, starting with the rocks and the sky.



Jazzy jam jars

As the Christmas fair is coming up, (Saturday 1st December), we would like it if you could bring in your jazzy jam jars. Can you please bring them in for Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th at the latest.

A visit by one of our governors to some maths training

I was recently invited to join teaching and support staff at a staff meeting to discuss the introduction and development of Glowmaths across the school. My early apprehension soon disappeared as I was made very welcome by all the staff, and Steve Lomax, the maths hub's lead who energetically led the workshop. We were guided through various mathematical questions taken from previous SAT'S papers, which led to lively discussions by, what can only be described as, a totally engaged professional set of classroom practitioners. The workshop centred on lesson design across the key stages, ensuring an enjoyment of mathematics as well as the securing of mathematical knowledge and understanding, as well as ensuring consistency and progression year on year for our boys and girls. I left feeling the parent body would find the workshop useful as well.

Mike Allen-

BREAK TIME SNACKS

In KS1 fruit is provided, but in KS2 it is not, so you are allowed to bring your own snacks in. What you are allowed to bring, is fruit or fruit based-products. If you are taking things out of your lunchboxes, it still needs to represent a healthy snack.

Also, if your child brings sweets in on their birthday, could you please not include lolly pops. We have noticed children with lolly pops in their mouths and are very concerned that one of them is going to have a nasty accident.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Over the last couple of weeks we have been raising money for Children in Need. After selling wristbands, cakes, and doing dress up, we have received a total of £842.46. The wristbands were obviously popular, as the amount of money from the sales was £263.30. This means roughly each pupil would've spent £3. This is fantastic, as it means children are willing to help charity and support those in need.

BARVEMBER

Barvemblers are bar model based problems which are set each day in November. There are three different problems for every day, and they are popular in our school. We would encourage you to go on the website and have a go at some with your child. Type into Google: Bavernber.com, and head onto the website. On it, have a go at some of the problems. Barvemblers are a really good way of challenging yourself, a really cool way to try and solve a problem. We hope this will help you to understand bar models, and will strengthen your maths brain if you are an adult or a child. Here is one to have a go at:



Challenge:

Hassan and Greg have £1,500 in total.

Hassan gives Greg £83.

Hassan now has 5 times as much money as Greg.

How much more money did Hassan have than Greg at the start?

If you enjoyed this problem, or found it hard (hopefully the same thing!), head to the website and have a go at lots of other questions. There are many more to solve.

CLASSROOM VISITORS

Recently, nits have been visiting the classrooms, so please can you check your child's hair thoroughly as nobody wants to catch them. If your child shows the littlest sign of having nits, please check their head. We hope not to make life easy for nits.

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