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## **MINCHINHAMPTON NEWSLETTER**

### **COGFEST**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Cogfest took place at the school. Cogfest is an event run by the school PTA and it is all about bikes. Each year, there is a bike sale, where you can sell your old bikes and bike-related items and then buy something new. This year the quality was amazing! The sale ran from 10am until 2pm but way before that, people were setting off on their bikes. Cogfest organises a 60 mile bike ride route, a 30 mile bike ride route and a family route of 5 miles all starting from the school. There was a cake stall which also sold bacon buttys and tea and coffee. At first, it didn't look like there would be enough cake, but come Sunday there was loads! So thank you to all the people who donated cakes. As well as all of that, there was a tent where you were able to 'bling up your bike.' Also, Mike Jacobs set a time for cycling around the running track and the aim was to beat him- a lot of people did! As usual, Cogfest was a great success, and a lot of people signed up on the day because the weather was so nice! A massive thank you to the Cogfest team, but also all of the people who took part in the bike rides and activities as Cogfest wouldn't have happened without all of them.

Cerys told us: *"I really enjoyed serving people and washing up jugs and cups. It made me feel part of the team."*

*"The atmosphere at Cogfest was brilliant and the beautiful sunny weather brought out loads of cyclists."* Said Ms McCarron

## SATS WEEK

On the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May, our year 6's did their SATS. It began on Monday and went through to Thursday. We're so proud of them all. SATS doesn't judge them as a person; it only judges how well the school teaches them.

On Monday there was a 'PaG' (punctuation and grammar) test and a spelling test. On Tuesday there was a reading comprehension paper with three different texts: a non-fiction one about bees, a story about a park closing down and another story about a music box. On Wednesday there was a maths reasoning paper and an arithmetic paper. On Thursday there was another reasoning paper. On Thursday, after SATS, the whole of year 5/6 celebrated with a donut.

*"I actually found doing the tests quite fun. I had a nice feeling once it was all over."* said Bel.

*"It was easier than I thought it was going to be and the first test took away all of my nerves,"* Sam said.

*"It was much less stressful and tense and unnerving than I thought it would be,"* Said Aidan.

Many thanks to all of the Year 5/6 teachers who helped all of the year 6's along the way.

## HEAD LICE

Just a reminder to please regularly check your children's heads for head lice. If you find any, the recommended treatment is the wet combing method, which avoids the use of chemicals:

Wash your child's hair using a normal shampoo.

Use plenty of ordinary conditioner to make the hair slippery so the lice will lose their grip.

Comb your child's hair with a normal comb, then with a nit comb. Start at the root of the hair and go all the way along to the ends. Check the comb for lice after each stroke and clean it if any are there. Keep combing over the whole head for at least 30 minutes.

Rinse their hair, and comb it through again.

Do the whole thing again four times over the next two weeks. The rule is carry on until you haven't seen any full-grown lice for three sessions.

The NHS website has further information:

[www.nhs.uk/livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Nits.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Nits.aspx)

## **MECHANICS RACE**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of May our 'Moochanics' team went to Renishaw to compete in a race using the electric car that they had constructed during car club throughout the term. They competed with great energy and enthusiasm, displayed great team spirit and worked together to ensure the best outcomes for the whole team. They won the prize for the best dressed car- it was called the 'Lampugini' it had fur all along the sides and a big grinning mouth with sharp teeth and big eyes. They reached the final of the main race - winning their heat and semi-final to reach it and coming third out of 21 teams overall. They also took turns in doing either drag or slalom, drag was driving in a straight line against another car and not bashing into the cones at the end. Slalom was driving in out of cones then into a cone semi- circle without out touching the cones. All of the races were timed and the best times won. This year's team is the most successful from our school, the first to reach the semi-final and the final.

*"Overall, I think we did good teamwork and we worked together well which is why we got to the final. We were good at deciding who would go in the car equally," Lyra said.*

*"I really enjoyed doing the race and I can't believe that we got in to the final and that we were the first team from Minchinhampton School to," Said Zach.*

Here is a picture of the team:



## YEAR 2 DODGEBALL

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> a group of year 2's went to Painswick rugby club for a dodgeball tournament against other schools. Our team came first in our group and were third in the champion ship.

*"I enjoyed it a lot but I would have liked to play all the games. I think I played well and I persevered."* Said Jonah.

*"I had a lot of fun because I liked dodging the ball and getting people out."* Said Ollie.

## YEAR 5/6 STONE AGE DAY

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, year 5/6 had a stone age visitor to teach them all about the stone age in a interactive and fun way.

*"I was delighted to come and visit Minchionhampton School and to convert so many nice children into cave children. They all learned how to make paint brushes out of feathers, and I have shown them loads of real stone age artifacts, I taught them how to hunt*

*mammoths and they were very good at that. They did some cave art using powdered paint that they made. They also learned how neanderthors became extinct- they didn't get beaten in battles, they were outlived,"* Said cave man 'Gary Ug' (Martin the visitor). In the morning they had an interactive talk about the stone age and the different types of human beings. After break, each of the classes did three activities seperatly. One was cave painting on the bottom playground on boards using feathers and powdered paint. The second was a stone age quiz about the imformation displayed on boards around the room. The final one was looking at real stone age artifacts including stone weapons, antlers, fossolised hyena poo and a piece of hard mammoth meat. In the afternoon, they carried on looking at the stone/iron age. On of the activities was to work together to build a henge out of wooden blocks, each person got a block and you had to co-opperate if it was going to work. Once people started to settle and farm they had more time so they started to think about religeon and hobbies like art so they painted on the walls of caves over 1km underground.

*"I really enjoyed when we had to chase the 'mammoths' onto the mat and kill them."* Said Cerys.

## HAY FESTIVAL

### The Hay Literary Festival

On Thursday 23rd May 90 pupils and staff went to the Hay Literature Festival. The afternoon centred around meeting and listening to Cressida Cowell talk about her life as an author and her incredibly successful and brilliant 'How to Train your Dragon' series. Her new series of books, 'The Wizard of Once' are also really well written and great fun to read. It was fascinating finding out about Cressida Cowell's childhood and how she spent long summers on a remote island in Scotland; an island where one of the hills looked remarkably like a dragon at rest. The children were in the element- buying books, reading them in the sunshine and engaging in all things bookish. Cheltenham Literature Festival will be upon us before we know it and the unstoppable Miss Tonner is eyeing this opportunity up as I write.

## PGL

'PGL was great- we did stuff and we jumped off towers backwards and then we died- no not really because we are still here talking about it- and we built rafts and fell off them into a lake full of tadpoles and we used human power to propel ourselves into the clouds on the Big Swing and we went along an obstacle course under the trees which ended on a massive zip wire and and and....it was ok I suppose!' (Lyra, James & Hazel)

## YEAR 5 BIG SING

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, year fives went to Rendcomb college for an event called the big sing. They learned and practised three songs for the concert in the afternoon: Old A bran brown, wade in the water and doe ray me. They got split into three groups to rotate around and learn the different songs.

*"I enjoyed the concert the most because you could put all of yourself into the song and you got to show off what you had learned to you parents."* Lola said.

*"It was fun,"* Said Chloe.

*"I really enjoyed the lunch because it was nice and kind of them to make us lunch,"* Said Alice.

*"I thought that it was fun, my favourite song was Old A bran brown. I also enjoyed doing doe ray me,"* Amira told us.

*"It was good because there were different activities, my favourite was Old A bran brown,"* Said Rohan.

## READATHON

This year we did a sponsored read for Readathon which helps children in hospitals to get to listen to or read stories. This year we raised an amazing

**£721.20!**

Thank you to all of the people who read loads and also to all of the parents and family members who sponsored the children.

## SCIENCE FESTIVAL