

Moretonhampstead Primary School Newsletter

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19th January 2018

Upcoming Events

Fire Safety Talks- Year 2 and 5- 23rd January

KS1 Aesthetics Festival- 23rd January

Shapley's Parent Lunch- 24th January

Gymnastics Festival- Year 4- 25th January

Reception & Year 1 Parents' Literacy Workshop- 8th February

Pepperdon Cake Sale- 26th January

Year 1 Dance Festival- 1st February

Shapley's Parent Assembly- 8th February

Children's Bingo- Friday 9th March

Dear Children and Parents,

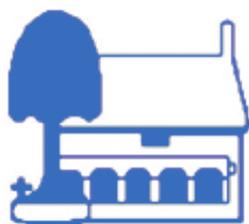


Our Spring Term launched with science week with a visit from Wonderstruck. The children explored sound and forces and also had the opportunity to build and test air compressed cars and hovercrafts. Thank you to FOMs who financed the visit; the children learnt a lot and had a wonderful time!

Our classrooms continue to be productive zones of learning; the children are well-engaged and we have seen real improvements in their handwriting and also the amount of work they can produce. They are now given more independence in the outcomes of their work and this is resulting in more varied work in which the children are showing real pride and can have a sense of ownership. We have invested in new IT equipment and we are almost ready to launch this with the children- they are very excited as our current stock is really rather poor! I will let you know when this happens; all the children (and staff!) will be expected to follow a new agreement to care for this equipment and to use it safely. We have also invested in 'Charanga' which is a music resource to enhance the quality of our music teaching across the entire school. We are also developing the school's partnership with Green Hill Arts and we have some really exciting events and projects coming up; we will keep you updated.

Can I send a sincere thank you on behalf of the school to the bunch of willing parents and children who came into school last Saturday to help us by cutting up and removing the old benches which have blighted the front of the school over recent weeks. They have now all gone! The team included Guy Barrett, Tom Diffey, Archie, Ruby and Willoughby, Charlie Solly and Dom Hilton. Special thanks go to Dan Effer and Charlie Caygill for taking the wood away and burning it for us.

With very best wishes,
William Bentall
Headteacher



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Coat-hangers

We thank you for your donations of secondhand uniform for our '2nd Hand Shop'. In fact, we have received so much that we have run out of coat-hangers. If you have some at home you do not need please send them in- they can be given to the office or put in the green bin.

Minibus

Just a reminder to telephone the school office on 01647 440482 to speak to Rob Saunders, our administrator, (or speak to him in person) if there are any changes to your child(ren)'s minibus arrangements during the week. Thank you.

Absence

We understand that there are bugs around at the moment and some children have needed to be absent for consecutive days due to ill health. Can we remind you all please that the school must be contacted on the morning (by 9.30am) of every day of absence, not just the first one. We will contact parents of all children who are not in school if we have not been informed why, even if they were ill the previous day. We must ensure that they are safe.



Our Facebook page now includes news and photos for every class every week. It really is worth a look! We are also using our page to remind parents of upcoming events so do please visit and 'follow':

www.facebook.com/moretonhampsteadprimaryschool



School Council

Our councillors have been elected; congratulations. They are:

Easdon	Ruby and Reuben
Shapley	Maisie and Aaron
Mardon	Alice and Henry
Butterdon	AJ and Daisy
Beckaford	Matilda and Jago



Golden Circles

Awarded for outstanding work to: **Link, Josh and Angel**



Stars of the Week

Pepperdon: **Ezekiel and Tilly**

Easdon: **Lily-Mae and Emily**

Shapley: **Phoebe G and Aaron R**

Mardon: **Archie and Isaac**

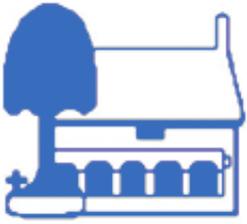
Butterdon: **Phoebe and Harry P**

Beckaford: **Rhiannon and Izzy M.**



Postcards

These have been sent to Wren for enjoying spending full days with us, to Caleb for his perseverance with his maths and to Millie K for being extremely helpful and considerate. Matthew has received a postcard for settling in so well with us, Gulliver for being considerate and caring and Jess D for always going the extra mile to succeed.



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1000 Housepoint Awards

Awarded for many things including kindness, effort and achievement. Many congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their badge during our Celebration Assemblies:

Blake H, Frank, Rhiannon, Kitty, Georgia, Liza, Charlotte, Angel, George, Albert, Lily-Mae H, Blake K, Nellie, Natan, Tildy, Jasmine C and Sol.

Marvellous Manners

These have been awarded to Charlotte, Oscar M, Reuben A and Bridget.

FOMs Cake Sales

The dates for these are as follows:

Pepperdon- January 26th

Beckaford- March 2nd

Cranbrook- March 23rd

Mardon- April 27th

Shapley- May 25th

Easdon- June 29th

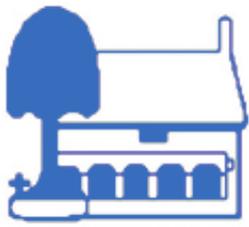
Butterdon- July 13th

The plan is that 2nd hand school uniform will also be displayed for sale on these dates.

Dance Workshops



Butterdon and Beckaford have had the opportunity to explore movement, use of space and shape through dance over the last 2 weeks in sessions with Ben Dunks from Attik Dance. Other year groups will also be having workshops over the coming weeks.



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Class Learning News

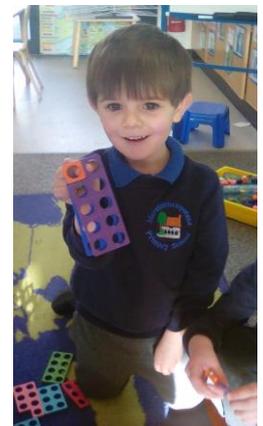
Cranbrook (Pre-school)



Our children have had a great start back after a lovely Christmas and New Year break. This half term our topic is 'the Jungle'; we have already been looking at different animals in the jungle and making hand print monkeys and paper plate parrots. It's been interesting for us to see the differences in the people who live in the jungle to how we live here. On this theme we have made our own Pith helmets and tribal necklaces.

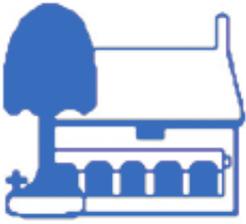
For our maths we have been working on our skills ordering smallest to largest and we are extending our phonic knowledge through sounds and pictures such as the 'buzz' sound a bee makes or the 'whee' sound we may make going down our slide. We have spent time outside enjoying physical play and outdoor based learning. It's great to spend time with the reception class making new friends and getting to know the other adults within the school.

Pepperdon



We have had a brilliant start to the spring term in Pepperdon. The children are enjoying learning amazing facts about the Amazon Rainforest and we have had great fun learning a story about Solomon, a mischievous crocodile. In our maths, we have been exploring different ways to make numbers and using lots of resources to find the answers to some tricky calculations.

Well done to all the children for showing such enthusiasm for learning and for always trying their best. We look forward to the Year 1 dance festival in February and a huge thanks to Candice for being such a great choreographer!



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Easdon

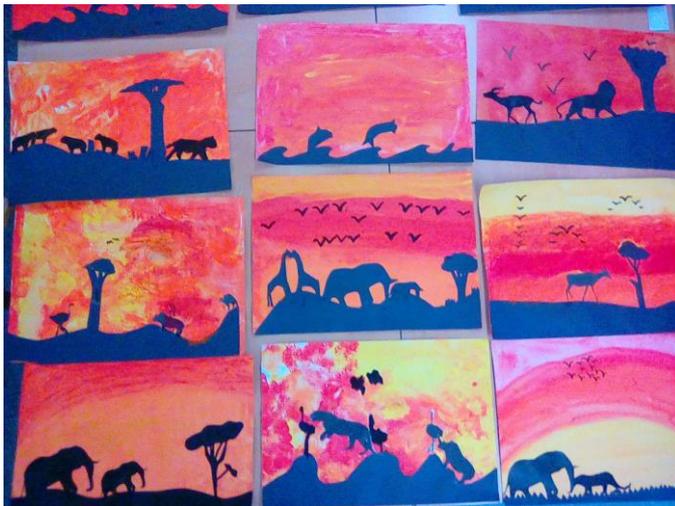


In Easdon, we've had a busy start to the New Year. We started our topic of 'Let's explore Europe' by talking about the different countries that make up Europe and have loved sharing our research of various countries that the children have been doing from home.

In literacy, we were introduced to Hans Christian Andersen and have read a variety of his famous fairy tales. We have also been learning about the features we need to include when writing letters and have ended this week by writing our own letters to The Little Mermaid.

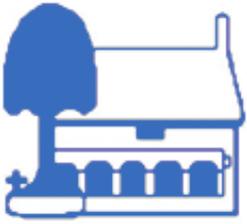
In maths, we have been doing lots of work on using place value and number facts to solve problems. We have also been looking at the different ways to carry out addition and subtraction calculations and how we can use the inverse calculation to check our own answers.

Shapley



We have been working hard since returning after the Christmas break. Our topic of Africa is definitely Awesome! In our English sessions, we have been reading the book 'Africa is not a Country' which did come as a bit of a surprise to some of us! This lovely book is helping us to understand the diversity of Africa by reading and finding out about the lives of children who live in different countries within this continent; we will then write our own recounts of our day to compare and contrast our lives.

We have enjoyed locating some of the 53 nations of Africa using our growing mapping skills and have also learnt a song to help us remember continents and oceans of the world. Alongside this, we have also produced some fabulous art work and started using maps of the local area around the school. We are looking forward to sharing some of our work during our class assembly on the 8th February.



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Mardon



It's been a busy start to the Spring term in Mardon. We have started finding out about the rainforests of the world and we are reading the 'Rough Guide to the Rainforest' as part of our English unit.

In science we have been discovering what sound is and how it is made. We are working on creating our own musical instruments out of junk. We will investigate sound and how distance affects how well we can hear a sound. We all really enjoyed the Science workshops and show. Everyone had great fun making a racing car in teams to race against the others. These were propelled by a shot of compressed gas. In the same groups we then had a go at making a Hovercraft. It was fairly fiddly as we had to attach tiny wires to the motor and the propellers. Some worked and went in a straight line, some worked but only travelled in circles, others worked but travelled sideways and inevitably there were a few that wouldn't even move! We will definitely look forward to more STEM activities soon.

Butterdon

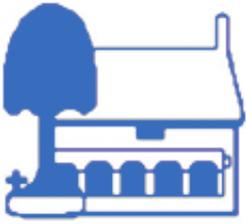


So far this term we have been doing lots of science. First, we had a science show and we made a hovercraft and a racing car during the day. Next, we had a visit from the Barn Owl Trust in our class. They let a barn owl called Bailey fly around the classroom. Later on that day, we took apart owl pellets to find the bones of what they had eaten. In maths this term we have been finding perimeter and area. Perimeter is where you find out how long all the edges of a shapes are altogether. Area is working out how much space is inside a shape. You can measure it in squares.

In Literacy we used instructions to make cyber bullying posters and Beckaford rated them. Beckaford children looked to see if we had used modal and imperative verbs. They also checked if it was eye catching.

By Harry and Phoebe





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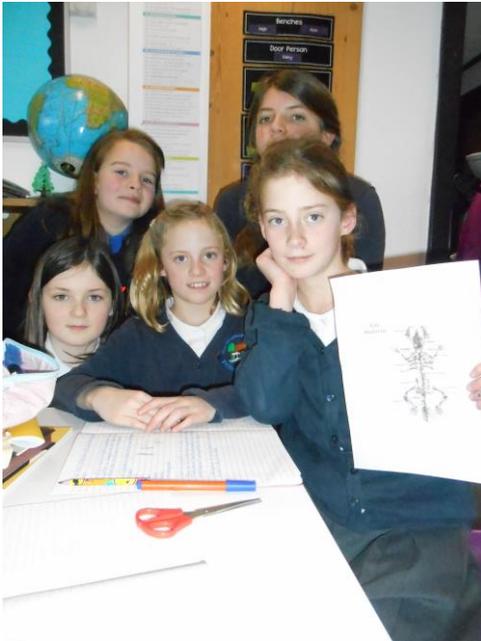
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Beckaford



We have had a busy and enjoyable time in Beckaford over the last two weeks.

As part of our science week, we were visited by Wonderstruck and were able to build hovercrafts and cars, as well as being entertained with an amazing science show about sound. It was great racing our contraptions and learning in a fun environment.

We also were visited by the Barn Owl Trust and met Bailey the owl who flew about the classroom. We learned all about how the barn owl's environment has suffered due to roads and disappearing hedgerows and then dissected owl pellets (the parts they regurgitate and don't digest) and assembled the bones we found into vole skeletons. A very interesting afternoon!

As part of our 'Survival on the edge' topic, we are also constructing different types of mountains and writing diaries as explorers and mountaineers. We have also been using hyperlinks in Powerpoints to create our own survival 'choose your own adventure' games. We look forward to showing these to Butterdon.



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