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Dear Parents and Carers,

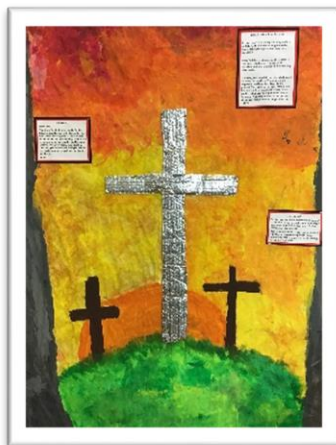
Easter and Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a concept that I have been keen for teachers and pupils to explore as a way to look at the significance of Easter.

To all the parents, carers, visitors who came to walk the journey this week, I hope that you agree it was deeply moving, powerful and creative.

A big thank you to the teaching and support team for getting behind this and exploring the themes with pupils across the school. The interactive journey and learning covered values such as

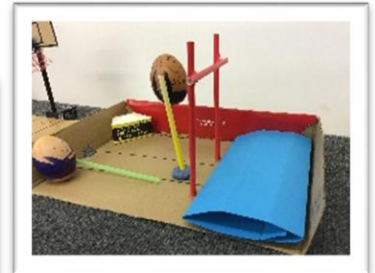
unconditional love, loss, sacrifice, courage and forgiveness. I am so proud of the children who embraced their learning in such a creative way. Well done to the class representatives, who led the explanations of the stations. It was truly beautiful.



Easter Egg Competition

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's 'Olympics' Easter Egg Competition. The standard was exceptionally high and all the children should be very proud of their amazing creations.

A special well done



to Robins class for the excellent standard and variety of entries. Judging was "eggstremely" difficult, but the overall winners from each class are as follows:-

Sparrows – Audrey B
Doves - Max W
Robins – Tabby L
Kingfishers – Joe G



Love Hope Justice

The Living Rainforest Trip – Robins Class

Robins had a lovely time visiting the Living Rainforest last week. Children learnt about the climate, sustainability and the adverse effects of climate change on this fascinating biome. We learnt about how the channel-billed toucan is a secret seed sower (best not ask why!) and why the home of the Goeldi monkey is at risk. However, despite the gloomy predicaments of man-made climate change, children also learnt how pro-active communities in the rainforest are turning their attentions away from poaching and using their knowledge of the land to aid with reforestation and eco-tours. Robins spent the latter part of the trip drawing flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe and concluded the trip with a charming, meditative encounter with the centre's most celebrated star, the two-toed sloth! It was a beautiful and memorable day out!



Comic Relief

The children had a great time getting involved in STEM classroom challenges for Comic Relief – a grand total of £52.00 was raised. Thank you to everyone who donated, including those families from Robins' Class, who were out for the day on a school trip.



Global Neighbour STEM challenges

Sparrows and Doves classes

We have been learning about the importance of having a balanced diet. We know we need to include lots of fruit and vegetables in our meals and snacks. Not all fruit and vegetables can be grown in this country, such as bananas and pineapples. So, they have to be imported from overseas. We worked in pairs or groups to discuss the best design for a boat and how we would create that shape. We tested our boats and modified their size and shape to see if they would carry more 1p coins. We took our inspiration from Victoria Drummond – the world's first female Marine Engineer. We learned that the wider the surface area of the boat, the more cargo it could carry and therefore less boats would be needed to import the fruit and vegetables. Less boats means less harmful gasses going into our atmosphere to contribute to global warming and climate injustice.



Robins class

Our class learnt about how tropical storms can hurt poorer communities around the world. Higher wind speeds, caused by global warming, can cause a lot of damage. People can lose their homes. These countries often are too poor to make stronger houses. This is unfair. We learnt about how we could help by making hurricane proof houses. We used a variety of materials to make our hurricane proof house. We then tested the effectiveness of them by using a fan to simulate wind. Amazingly, all our designs stayed strong. They barely moved, we were amazed! Together we worked as a team to make the strongest houses!



Kingfishers class



We learnt about the water crisis all over the World. 1 billion people don't have access to clean water and over 2 million people

die a year due to water diseases. We were so saddened to hear this and felt it was completely unfair because we are lucky enough to just turn on a tap to get clean water but others have to walk miles to collect dirty water that they still need to drink. We learnt how to make a water filter. To do this you would need a water bottle cut into half. Then you layer cotton wool (or any soft fabric), sand, gravel and then bigger stone. We were so amazed that it turned our extremely muddy water into clear water. Mrs Meier reminded us all that we would then need to boil the water before it is ready to drink. However, we were told not to try this at home! We thoroughly enjoyed this challenge and worked incredibly in our teams, making sure we all had a leadership role and using Habit 6- Synergizing well together.

By George A and Charlotte

Farming visitors

Doves and Sparrows class were very lucky to have a visit from Newhouse Farm to enhance our science learning. Andy, Matt and Sam brought examples of the crops they grow and we learnt what an "arable farm" was and about sustainability. We found out a lot about when the crops are planted, the sequence involved in planting crops from drilling through to harvesting and how the weather can affect crop growth. We would like to thank our visitors for giving up their time to come and talk to us. All of Doves and Sparrows enjoyed finding out about all the different crops that are grown on the farm.

Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 20th March we held the final of the whole school spelling bee competition with 3 finalists for each year group in Years 1 to 6. The finalists all did really well practising their spellings- so much so that in some year groups we went right through to the very last word on their given spelling lists to find an overall winner!

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners in each year group-

Year 1- Ayan
Year 2- James
Year 3- Florence
Year 4- Sophie R
Year 5- Leila
Year 6- George



Attendance

Congratulations go to **Sparrows** For their overall attendance this term!

Class	Present%
Sparrows	96.7
Doves	95.6
Robins	96.2
Kingfishers	94.6

Parking outside of school



Please can we remind all parents dropping off or collecting children by car that we need to leave a space for the buses to park outside the school, to the left of the school gates. It is important that children can be escorted to the bus safely and that congestion in the village is kept to a minimum at this busy time. Thank you for your help with this.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Jennie Crompton who has joined us in the school admin team.

PCSA

Please find attached details of the PCSA's Colour Run event in the Summer Term. Save the Date!

Summer Term Clubs

SoccerSchools will be running a number of after-school sport clubs during the Summer term. Details of how to register your child are online at the address below. The clubs are for suitable for all key stages, including our younger children, but are limited – so please act fast if your child wants a place!

www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking

Staff led Clubs – Summer Term

Choir	Thurs	Y2-5
Early Birds	Mon, Tues, Weds 8am	All years
Homework club	Monday	By invitation

Leader in Me (7 Habits)

Leadership Awards

Anna L Charlie E Olivia W
Rocco R Leo N Sara S



Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness.

Matilda M George A Sholto G



Wishing you a restful Easter break with your families. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15th April for a fantastic Summer Term!

With kind regards

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

E-Saftey

Please find an E-Safety newsletter on the website under Newsletters.

Active April Calendar

Please find the Active April Calendar on the website under Newsletters.

Dates for your Diary

29th March to 12th April – Easter Holidays

15th April - 1st day of Summer term

13th – 16th May – KS2 SATS

27th May – 31st May – HALF TERM

2023/2024 Inset Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

A list of 2023-24 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.