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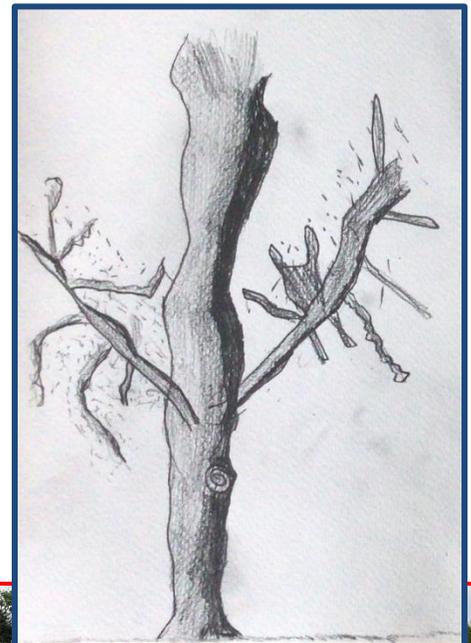
Dear Parents,

This week has been Outdoor Learning Week and we have enjoyed each day despite the showers. It was great to see 5Mandela back from isolation on Tuesday. They have worked hard at home and have particularly enjoyed seeing their friends again this week. It was equally as important that Year 6 could have their week at PGL – and we look forward to welcoming them back today.

Outdoor Learning Week

Children have enjoyed a range of outdoor activities across the curriculum including use of sketching pencils to draw trees; using data loggers; use of the outdoor nature area; dissecting flowers; bug hotels; habitat investigations and being inspired by nature to write poetry.

As part of pupil voice on Outdoor Learning Week in Year 3 this morning, one child replied, “it has been special because you can look at what God has made”. Other children picked a range of favourite activities including making “mud” ink to draw symbols and Chinese writing. The picture (right) was a pencil drawing by 3Anning’s Lorin White sketched outside as part of their work on trees. The results were stunning,



As part of their 'States of Matter' Science topic Year 4 have been learning about how they define matter as solids, liquids or gases.

They then made and explored Oobleck. Classed as a Non-Newtonian liquid - it can be a solid but when pressure is added with hands, it acts like a liquid. Lots of messy fun!



On Thursday Yr 4 were joined author Georgina Stevens on a WWF sponsored webinar on Reading and Nature. Continuing their learning on Climate Change, Georgina helped them understand why our climate is in need of our help and how we can put our ideas into actions to play our part in protecting our planet.



Merit Certificates will be awarded early next week for contribution to outdoor learning week,

Music lessons – our brass teacher Mr Jones visited Years 3 and 4 this week to play some of the instruments he teaches in school. Current Year 3 pupils may also register for music tuition for the next academic year as they transition to Year 4. Please see the Hertfordshire Music School website for details and charges for music tuition. Current tuition at our school is for recorder, violin, trumpet, cornet, trombone, Fife and flute for Years 4-6. <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk>
Booking for tuition is now directly with the music service.

Rearranged Sports Days

These are now due to take place this coming week.

Year 4 – Tuesday 13 July at 2.00pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 14 July at 2.00pm

Year 5 – Thursday 15 July at 2.00pm

Please be aware the car park will be very busy at pick up time. I suggest anyone who can walk or “park and stride” well away from the school, will save themselves a lot of time and stress.

We have the following arrangements to make it possible to have parents joining us:

- The middle playground gate will open at 1.55pm.
- It is requested that a maximum of 2 supporters per child attends.
- Supporters are asked to social distance and wear a face mask on entry and exit to the school grounds.
- No school age children (non St Cuthbert Mayne) should attend.
- Adults should remain in the designated area (near the finish line).
- The ice cream van will come into the top part of this area for sales after sports day and parents and children can exit through the double gates directly into the car park.
- If you do need to bring your own pre-school age child, please ensure they stay with you in the adult area.

Children will be dismissed from the field to parents. The ice-cream van will be there for sales after the event. Parents can leave via the double gates into the car park.

Meet the Teacher – pupils will be spending time with their new teacher (for September) this Monday morning.

Leavers’ Mass – this will take place with just Year 6 on Friday. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents but we will film it and send out a link.

Leavers’ Disco – will be outside, also on Friday, and run by the PA between 5.30 – 7.00pm. Parents will be welcome to come on to the school grounds.

COVID restrictions – we are not planning to open up to parents between now and the end of term (other than for Sports Days, Leavers’ Disco). We are working hard to keep the school – pupils and staff – as safe as is possible so we can all enjoy school to the end of term and look forward to a summer holiday.

Final day of term – we will be finishing early on the last day of term, but still in a staggered manner:

Year 3 – 1.30

Year 4 - 1.35

Year 5 – 1.40

Year 6 – 1.45

We are not planning a late start this coming Monday as we are aware that there will be families who still need Breakfast Club and/or a normal start to the day. I expect there will be a few tired children.

Have a safe weekend and enjoy the football.

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher