



Friday 19th May

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

It was really nice to spend time in school this week around the classes, and lovely to see the hard work the children are putting into their writing. It has been a real push throughout the school to work on the presentation and detail in writing, and the children has risen to the challenge well. Keep up the good work!

On Thursday afternoon, Sycamore class were delighted to welcome a team from Rackheath Vets who came in to talk about their roles and then to do some activities with the children to check up and bandage their own (soft toy) pets. It was a really enjoyable afternoon for all and thank you to the team for running such a lovely session.



What has also been great to hear about is some of the extra work pupils are doing at home, both in their learning and in thinking about the local community.

Jack, with the help of his brother Tom, has come up with a plan - FOOD FOR FRIENDS - to make sandwiches (and a few other bits to make a full packed lunch) for as many homeless people as they can deliver to. They have spoken to Norwich Homeless Support, who offer a lunch delivery on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and they aim to make 50-60 packed lunches. This will include - a ham/cheese or peanut butter sandwich, a healthy snack bar, crisps and a piece of fruit as well as a drink -fruit juice or water.

As money is very tight for everyone at the moment, they are asking for very simple donations -

- loaves of bread x 5
- butter spread x 3
- packs of ham 8 slice x 4
- peanut butter x 3
- snack bars any x 60
- fruit apples or oranges x 60
- cheese large medium cheddar x 3
- drinks 6pk fruit cartons or water x 10

They would welcome, if you can, a name against any of the items people are able to donate. If people are unable to donate, but would still like to be involved, we would love to have some friendship band donations. Jack, some of his school friends, his mum and some of her work colleagues have been busy making friendship bands (a simple plait from some lovely bright coloured wool) to signify that we are all friends together. Jack can bring some in for you all to see and we have plenty of wool cut and ready to go!

Their aim is to deliver on Monday 29th May and, as such, would like to receive any donations on Friday 26th May. I hope the Tunstead community can help to support the homeless through Jack's plan.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew

24th - Cluster Cricket event

25th - Year 6 Gresham STEAM event

26th - Class photos

29th - 2nd June half-term

June

6th & 8th - Parents Evening

14th - Birch London trip

15th - Oak National Child Measurement Programme, vision & hearing screening

- New parents information evening

16th - year 6 dental survey

22nd - new reception class stay and play morning

27th - Sports Day

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	94.5%	96.14%	93.22	96.98
	Please do read as often as you can with your child, and let us know that you have read by recording it in their book so that we know to change their books over.	We absolutely loved our Vet Visit! Thanks to Chris, Shannon and Mel from Rackheath Vets for a great afternoon learning how to diagnose our pet problems!	We would like to invite parents to come and share the portal stories we have written on Tuesday afternoon at 2:45.pm	Next week Year 6 have two trips: Crucial Crew Monday (3:25pm return) & Greshams on Thursday (5:10pm return). Year 5s will still have swimming as normal on Monday.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award

Jack P-A for his thoughtfulness in planning to deliver meals for the homeless
We are proud of you **Jack!**

Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Alysia** for brilliant progress in both reading and writing, and much improved focus
Sycamore - **Theo C** for a concerted effort in school to focus on his learning and produce great work
Conifer - **Millie** for collaboratively working with others on digital time
Birch - **Terry** for his excellent creative writing. He had the whole class hooked!

School Council

This week we have been discussing in classes whether we would like to change the school house names

House Points

1st - Otter 3776
2nd - Swallowtail 3603
3rd - Bittern 3250
4th - Harrier 2974

Tunstead Friends



The Friends have been busy planning the summer fayre on Saturday 8th July. It should be a real celebration of the school's 110th birthday with some free entertainment to enjoy. As always for our fundraising to be successful we rely on the support of volunteers and sponsors and we would be very grateful if any parents would like to give some time to help either with the setting up or on the day. We would appreciate any time you can offer. This year children will receive house points if their parents help. Please talk to one of the Friends or email us at tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk. If you know of any business who would like to sponsor the event please let us know

Assembly Focus

On Monday, Mr Birkinshaw spoke in assembly about animals and we discussed whether all animals are (or should be) treated equally. This was based on our Picture News topic based on the story of Blackpool Zoo hiring people to wear bird costumes to scare off the pigeons. This opened an interesting discussion in the hall about why some animals are seen as pests, and how we can consider safely removing them while protecting things of value to others around them.

Forest School



We have been busy looking for mini beasts at Forest School this week. Our search included ants, butterflies, bees, spiders, slugs and caterpillars. Sycamore Class also had been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates.

Please remember sun cream and a sunhat on our more sunny days.