



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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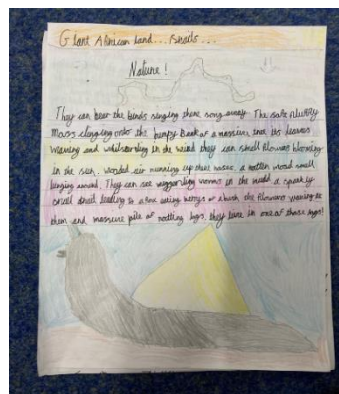
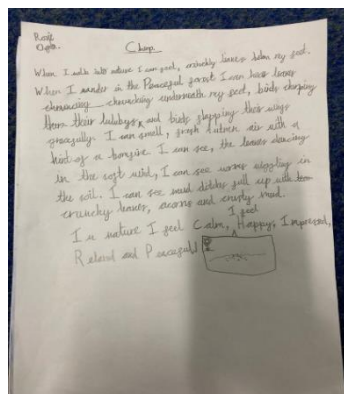
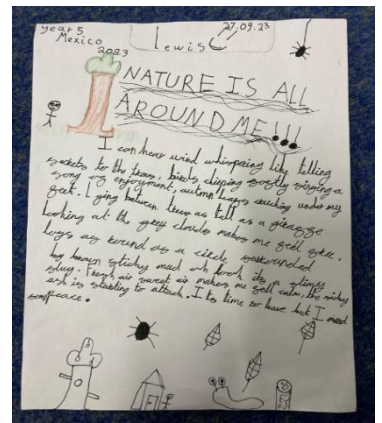
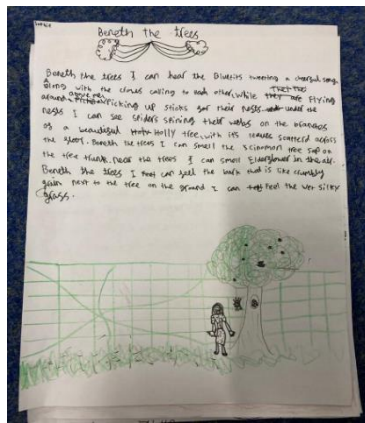
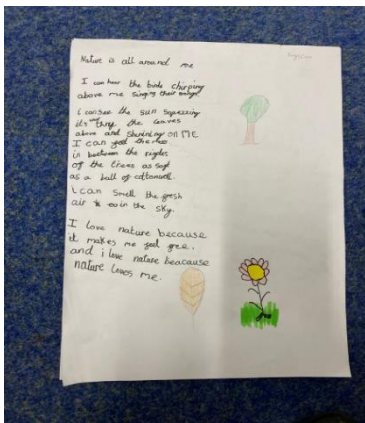
WB 25th September 2023

A lovely week in school with a poet visiting, a swimming gala, food tasting, bikeability, talented athletes going out and music lessons galore! We are so blessed to have a school where so much happens for the children! Such dedication to the children is what makes our school so special.

Staffing – Parents would have noticed that we have had some staff off with covid over the last couple of weeks. It does mean that some things don't happen – please bear with us as we will get back to normal but our main priority is to keep the school running when we get periods of sickness. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Governor letter – A letter has gone out about becoming a parent governor. All the details are on the letter and we would love to welcome a parent to the Governing Body.

Poet – Thank you so much to 'The Arts Society – West Sussex' who brought **Antosh Wojcik** to our school. Antosh facilitates writing and performance workshops and he is an educational resource consultant and facilitator for Young City Poets and National Literacy Trust poetry. Lewis (Mex) said, 'It was amazing and I am so pleased with my poem'. Josh (Mex) said, 'It was impressive to be able to write our own poems when we thought about nature around us.'



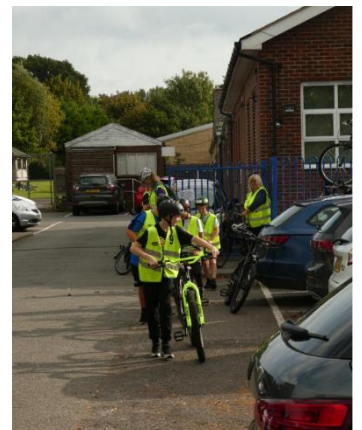
Year 4 Maths Challenge – Well done to Daniel, Beau, Rex and Immie who attended the Maths competition at Christ’s Hospital with Miss Heasman. There were 64 pairs of children participating and Daniel and Rex came 21st and Immie and Beau came 50th.



Italy and India – Wow! The learning in Italy and India was amazing this week. They have really grown in to their new classes. The tasting for DT enables the children to try different foods and evaluate it. They were so grown up in their responses.



Bikeability – Well done to the Year 6 children on the Level 1 and the Level 2 passes with Bikeability. We are always looking for ways that we can give children these experiences and keep them safe.



Pick up – Please can we request that all parents and guardians stand in front of the teachers and do not sit on the wall behind the classes. Thank you for your cooperation with that.

Reflection – This half term we are thinking about Love as our Christian value. Do have a look at Mrs Smith’s clip around Love ([5\) Love is Patient! - YouTube](#))

Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

Tue 26th Sept – Individual School Photos and siblings – full school uniform please

Wed 4th Oct – Meet the Teacher - **3.30pm for EYFS and KS1, 3.45pm for KS2** – Please go to your child's classroom and this is an opportunity to find out about plans for the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.

Thur 5th Oct – **3.30pm** Sex and relationship meeting for Y6 parents – SA classroom

Thur 12th Oct - PTA AGM at 3.30pm, St Mary's small hall (For details on what the PTA do for the school or if you are considering joining the events committee, please come along to the meeting)

Wed 18th Oct – Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm for EYFS/KS1

6.15pm – 7.30pm for KS2

(£1.50 entry fee and pennies for the 'bling' and sweets)

Mon 23rd October – HALF TERM

Negative number lines with Numicon



YR 5 & YR 6 Space themed art

Stage 1 of our experimenting with paint and chalk pastel techniques in the style of abstract artist Peter Thorpe



Vine leaves – **Jens (Jap)** and **Anna (Jap)** for service as you came to judge the vintage car competition.

Charlie P (SL) a vine leaf for kindness. Charlie let another child borrow his jumper to wear for their school photo.

Sidney (SL) Perseverance – Sidney has practised every single day, persevering even when he found them really tricky. He is now spelling nearly every one correctly; he is very proud of himself and we are very proud of him!

Louisiana (Ind) for love as Louisiana is kind, loving and always thinking of others.

Alicia (USA) for courage and you have pushed through with your swimming.

Charlie P (SL) for courage as you keep pushing yourself and for your kindness towards someone else.

Aimee (SL) for the courage you have shown in the pool.

Skylla C (SA) for perseverance with your maths learning this week - you are using manipulatives wisely, asking questions and developing your understanding every day!

Amelie-Joy (USA) for compassion as she was thinking about one of our staff members.



Celebration assemblies – 9am

UK class and Year R in Thailand class will have an assembly in the spring term once they have settled.

Thur 5th Oct – India

Thur 12th Oct – South Africa

Thur 19th Oct – Mexico

Thur 2nd Nov – New Zealand

Thur 9th Nov – USA

Thur 16th Nov – SL

Thur 23rd Nov – Ireland

Thur 30th Nov – Japan

Thur 7th Dec – Italy

Thur 14th Dec – Thailand (Y1 children only)

Other things to note: Sussex Green Hub

Saturday 30th September, 10am-4pm United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham (behind Wilko)

- 10am-11am - Horsham Community Fridge
- 10am-2.30pm - Sussex Green Living bottle refill shop, recycling drop off & advice and Horsham Repair Café (book electrical, mechanical, textile and bike repairs [HERE](#)).
- Approx. 11am Special Live Music Performance & Climate Talk with Q&A - see below
- Plus Horsham Eco Churches, Transition Horsham and Community Energy Horsham, Green Book Library and Cape of Good Hope for Horsham (community textile project)
- Community Cafe offering tea, coffee and cakes throughout!!
- 1pm-3pm - FREE Creative Community Circle - regardless of whether you're taking first steps or are a seasoned artisan, we extend a warm invitation to all who are eager to acquire or improve skills in areas such as knitting, crochet and beyond. Come and explore the art of crafting exquisite eco-friendly gifts out of pre-loved material (we can supply or feel free to bring along your own or donate).
- If you are a school and would like to make bespoke bunting out of pre-loved school uniforms please contact Carrie on cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk to ensure we have a volunteer and sewing machine available to support you with this project.

Special Live Music Performance and Climate Talk with Q&A

Join us for what promises to be a unique experience at the Sussex Green Hub, offering a fresh perspective on our environmental initiatives. We are thrilled to have Nick Nuttall visiting. Nick Nuttall is the former Environment Correspondent of the Times (1989 to 2000). From 2001 to 2018 he was first the Director of Communications and Spokesperson for the UN Environment Programme headquartered in Nairobi and then UN climate change (UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany. He was also the Spokesperson for the landmark Paris Agreement. Today he is a presenter with We Don't Have Time with up to 10 million viewers in 150 countries. Nick is also a musician and currently on tour with his new album Just Because Some Bad Wind Blows. <https://nicknuttallmusic.bandcamp.com/album/just-because-some-bad-wind-blows-3>.

Following his performance, he will give a short talk and then take questions. If you are unable to attend but have a question please share it with Carrie on cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk

Tesco Recycle to Read – We are now registered for the 'Recycle to Read' project. Please take any plastic toys to Tesco and add them to the Recycle bin please. You can then use the app to show you have donated by clicking on the QR code on the front of the recycle box. Thank you so much for your support with this. St Mary's is leading but only by a point so please see if there are any plastic toys you can recycle.



CHARITY CONCERT: - 'O Duo'

The percussion group O Duo will be performing an evening concert at Champ's Hill on Friday 13th October. The performance is in aid of Education West Africa (EWA) – a charity that St Mary's has supported for many years, due to our link with a school in Kenema. EWA sets up projects in Sierra Leone to practically support children and schools with materials such as uniforms and furniture. Through education, young people can strive to escape poverty and get a job, earn money, live a healthier life, become independent and contribute to their family and the economy of their country. Education is key to changing future generations. Virtuoso prize-winning percussionists, Owen Gunnell and Toby Kearney, have been performing worldwide for nearly two decades, delighting, inspiring and educating audiences of all ages. Doors open at 6:45pm. There is a suggested donation of £20 per ticket, to include wine.

Tickets can be purchased from the Champ's Hill website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2023-tickets-672141562507?aff=oddtcreator>

Our Year 6 children have been invited to take part in a music workshop led by O Duo on the afternoon of Friday 13th October. Further information will follow in a letter to Year 6 parents.

Children's mental health – it so important to support our young people with how they are feeling.

<https://www.ormiston.org/the-link/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/Child-mental-health-PDF.pdf>

The Harvest Fayre – It was so lovely to be involved with the Harvest Fayre. Thank you to the children who built a scarecrow and brought it up to Glebe Field. There were so many different scarecrows!

Well done to the PTA who managed to raise **£825.00** for the school. It was lovely to see so many children and their families visiting the stall.

Thank you to Jens and Anna who judged the 'Vintage car' competition. They represented the school so well and were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done to Mr Streeter who won the competition.



Lunch outside – KS2 packed lunch pupils were able to make the most of the Autumn Term sunshine on Tuesday of this week as they sat outside to eat their lunch.



Chartwells meal choices – Please could we ask that when ordering your child’s meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

2023 /2024
September Cut off Dates
Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9
Thur 14/9 for w/c 25/9
21/9 for w/c 2/10
28/9 for w/c 19/10



October Cut off Dates
Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10
Halt Term

Achievements

Peter (USA)
200 and 400 metres
swimming badge – well
done!

Leo D & Anna E
Both did really well
completing 5km in the local
Nutbourne Vineyard run!
Such potential – well done!



Jayden (USA)
For his rugby festival

Lucas (SL)
Has gone up to
cubs

**Max (USA) and
Archie P (SL)** Gained
'Man of the Match'
in football

Year 5 and 6 swimming gala at the weald - Tuesday 29th September 2023

Race	Distance	Name	Result
Club front crawl boys	25m	Daniel P	1st-tie
Non club front crawl boys	25m	Sebastian	1st
Club front crawl girls	25m	Olivia	1st
Non club front crawl girls	25m	Gemma	1st
Club back stroke boys	25m	Daniel P	1st
Non club back stroke boys	25m	Rex W	2nd
Club back stroke girls	25m	Olivia	1st
Non club back stroke girls	25m	Martha	3rd
Club breaststroke boys	25m	Daniel P	2nd
Non club breaststroke boys	25m	Franko	3rd
Club breaststroke girls	25m	Olivia	1st
Non club breaststroke girls	25m	Imogen	3rd
Club butterfly boys	25m	Daniel P	1st
Non club butterfly boys	25m	Olly	1st
Club butterfly girls	25m	Olivia	2nd
Non club butterfly girls	25m	Anna	2nd
Club front crawl relay boys	4X25m	Daniel P ,Olly ,RexW, Sebastian	1st
Non club front crawl relay boys	4X25m	Sebastian ,RexW ,Flynn ,Franko	3rd
Club front crawl relay girls	4X25m	Olivia ,Gemma ,Anna , Imogen	2nd
Non club front crawl relay girls	4X25m	Olivia ,Martha ,Anna , Imogen	1st
Boy's medley	4X25m	RexW ,Daniel ,Sebastian ,Olly	1st
Girl's medley	4X25m	Gemma ,Olivia ,Anna, Marther	1st



At the swim gala, the schools that attended were Billingshurst, Wisborough green, Rudgwick, Slinfold, Shipley, and St Mary's Pulborough.

Daniel, Sebastian, Olivia, Gemma, Rex W, Martha, Franko, Flynn, Imogen, Olly, Anna and Elba all represented are school at the gala.

At the gala it was very loud because people were cheering and supporting their teammates. St Mary's took part in the gala and people got medals.

Report by Elba S (Mex)

St Mary's Primary, Pulborough, RH20 2AN



St Mary's PTA

Family fireworks

Friday 10th November

Gates open 5.45pm

Tickets in advance

£7 adults - £6 children - £22 family ticket- under 2 free

BBQ, bar, glow toys, coffee van, candyfloss, neon
facepaints and more

All welcome

Young People Matter Marketplace

A showcase of services



Horsham Youth Centre,
Hurst Road,
RH12 2DN

Wednesday
4 October

4pm to 8pm

for parents, carers,
grandparents, aunts, uncles
and teachers to attend

Thursday
5 October

8am to 10.30am

for teachers and other
professionals – breakfast
provided

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Based on feedback from those who attended the Young People Matter Event on 1 March, we had three clear outcomes:

- Better inter-agency communication when supporting young people.
- Ensure relevant information and advice is available for young people in schools.
- Support and information for parents.

As a result of this we are putting on a Marketplace that will showcase a whole host of services.

This will include:

- Early help
- Local youth workers
- Wardens
- Mental health services
- NHS
- and more...

Both events are drop in, and you're welcome to stay for as long or as little as you would like



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