



'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'
Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity

Newsletter No 5

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Here are some of the exciting things we have been doing in school this week...

EYFS & Yr 1

In Science Pufflings have been exploring different materials and what we can make with different materials. We explored the different materials you might find on farms such as, seeds, hay and straw. We used our sense of touch to explore and compare these materials.



Pufflings have been busy baking this week, making biscuits for Halloween. We measured, mixed and baked all the ingredients, then took the time to carefully decorated them.



In Ducklings, have been learning to recognise numbers and the values they represent – with some help from our Year 6 friends.



Years 2 & 3

Eider

During our Messy Day, we took part in lots of Science and Art activities, including Bubble Painting and Making our own 'Marvellous Medicine'. We also tested the effects of bicarbonate of soda in vinegar, mentos in coca cola and skittles when soaked in warm water.



Smoothie making – we chopped up fruit and blended it together to make a tasty fruit smoothie. We all then sat to taste it and share our opinions on it.



Eggsperiment – we tested different materials to find out which of them would protect an egg. Each group wrapped their egg in a different material, then we took them outside to find out which would prevent the egg from cracking when dropped



Sandpiper

In science, we have been learning about different materials and their properties. To enhance their learning further we did some investigations to find which material would be best to protect an egg (Humpty).



We also had great fun on our Messy Day exploring and mixing different ingredients together and observed the changes/ reactions it had.



During Black History week, we have been learning about different significant people. Children loved to learn about Michael Jordan and created beautiful designs of Jordan shoes. "Can I jump as high as Jordan"



In DT, we tasted different fruits and had a go at making fruit smoothy. Great chopping skills shown.



Teal

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Smoothie making – we chopped up fruit and blended it together to make a tasty fruit smoothie. We all then sat to taste it and share our opinions, which varied.



Years 4 & 5

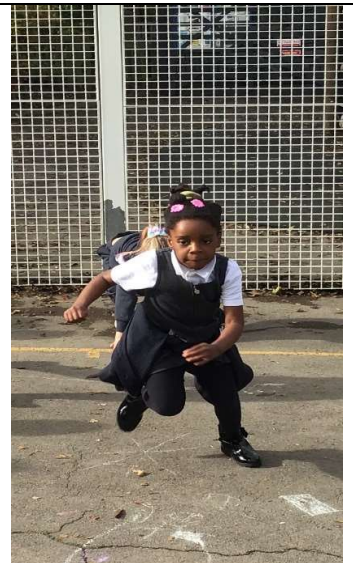
As part of our Ancient Egyptian topic, we researched, designed and made some Canopic Jars.



Black History Week



We heard about, and researched Usain Bolt – the Olympic sprinter. We practised our sprinting too, with children from other classes.



Year 6

Stethoscopes

We have been finding out how stethoscopes work and had a go at creating our own versions. As part of our work on the circulatory system, we have been thinking about the signs we can observe, like the pulse.



Cereal bars

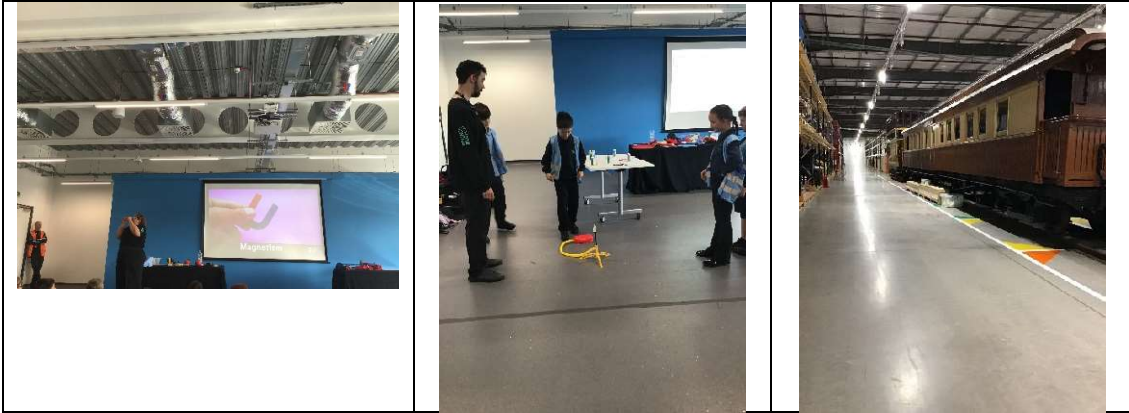
In DT, we have also been looking at healthy eating and how to read nutritional labels. We had a go at making our own cereal bars. We explored the different ingredients and worked together. We also tested the smoke detectors... they work.



To celebrate Black History Month, we looked at different inspirational people. We mixed the children together and they rotated around to explore all five different activities.



We made an educational visit to the science museum. We took part in a forces show, conducted a couple of experiments in workshops and looked at some historical objects. Many thanks to those adults who volunteered to come and look after us – we hope you enjoyed the trip as much as we did.



General News

Join Your Child in School

Thank you to those who could come to the Join Your Child in School for Maths on Monday morning. It was great to hear about your experiences of Maths, and to talk about ways it is taught in school now.

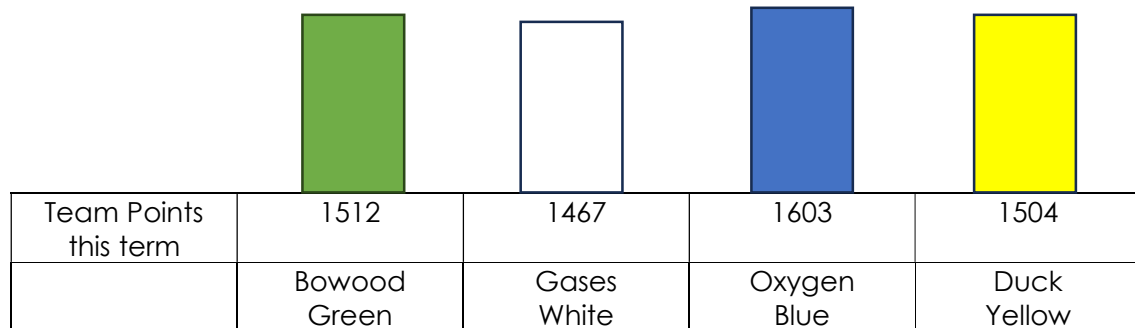
Year 6 Secondary School Application

To get in the first round of applications (and have the best chance of getting your first choice) please apply by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is Thursday, 31st October 2024.

From everyone at Priestley Primary School – have a great half term break – we look forward to seeing you all safely back on Monday 4th November.

Scores and Rewards

Team Points:



Spikey Points by Class:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
0	0	206	127	272	206	135	515	209	206

Attendance by Class:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
87.22	91.76	92.50	98.84	89.96	92.86	94.38	92.71	97.84	96.32

School Average 93.66%

Congratulations to Eider Class, who had the best attendance this week – and will be sitting on the benches in assembly after half term. Don't forget how important being in school is to let children learn and build social skills – which will help them throughout their lives.

Have a great half term,

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Mr Coles
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