



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Message from Mr Lea

Wow – what an exciting week! The CIRCUS has been here!

This was a very late addition to our School Calendar but one that we had to take advantage of!

I will always try to create special events and memories for our pupils whenever we can and my staff feel the same – already visits are being booked and confirmed for Spring and Summer terms! Exciting times to be part of the school!

I would ask for your cooperation in one matter related to the Circus. If you are attending one of the performances on Friday or Saturday then please show a great deal of consideration for our neighbours in the village. I would ask you not to block driveways or junctions.

#### Message from our new SENDCo



Jo Lawrence completed the Shine Norwich 10km walk on Saturday 5th October raising with her team mate just over £300. Jo underwent treatment for Breast Cancer in 2018 which included targeted therapy of Herceptin; a drug only licensed not long before her treatment. Jo continues to live without evidence of disease and in thanks for the amazing research completed by Cancer Research UK in enabling life-saving drugs like this; she takes any opportunity to raise awareness and funds in support of the charity.

#### Pupil Responsibility News

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, have sent out information on International Walk to School month – it doesn't matter if you do not walk to school, but you can still take part in the game! They are also planning a Be Bright Be Seen day on 22<sup>nd</sup> October – please come into school wearing bright clothes as its important to be bright when walking in dull/dark conditions so others can see you. Prizes for the brightest outfit in each year group.

Our House Captains are already discussing how we can spend the £1000 raised in sponsorship on Sports goods!

Next week, our Diversity Champions, will be leading an assembly discussing Black History Month. This year, the theme is Reclaiming Narratives, and they will be sharing how important it is to listen to the stories of everyone, regardless of their race.

We all have a story to tell!

## Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

This week in Seedlings we have been thinking about what baby animals are called and if they look like their parents or not.

We discovered that not all babies look like their parents and a trip into Sycamore class confirmed this as we were able to see the butterflies that have now emerged from their Chrysalis'. We have discovered that some baby animals are also called funny names. A baby mouse is a 'fuzzy' and a baby hedgehog is a hoglet.



As it's Autumn we can't let the opportunity to play with conkers pass us by. We walked to the horse chestnut tree near school and collected a huge bucketful of conkers to play with. Returning to school we rolled them, created ramps for them and next week we will paint with them.

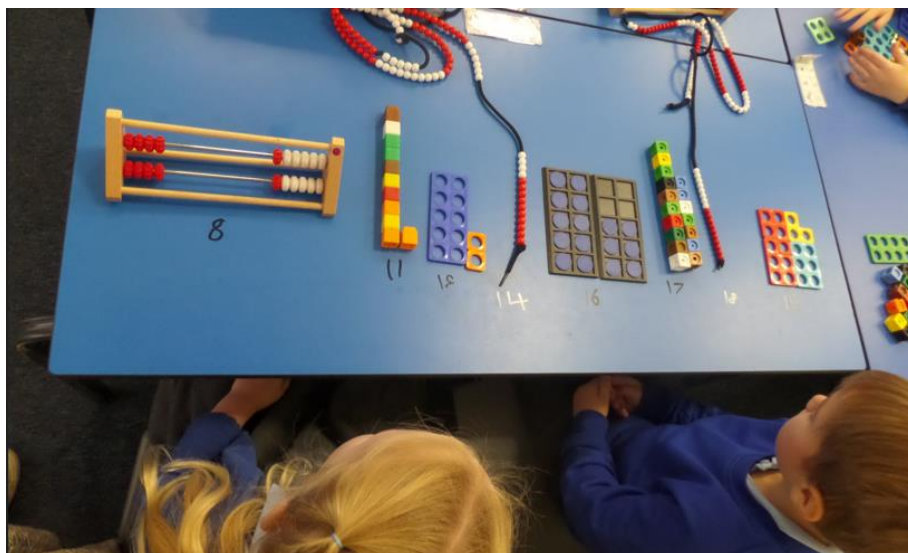


## Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

In Art Pine Class have been learning about how to create patterns and textures when drawing. This week we put all our learning into practice and drew dragons, using different colouring media and creating textures on the dragons' bodies. Here are some examples of our work.



During Maths lessons we learnt all about the place value of numbers and focused on the teen numbers and how to make them, before Year 2 looked at the tens and ones in higher numbers. We have moved on to addition and subtraction, exploring how to add more and add together using counters, tens frames or cubes to help. We have also found out how to double and then used this to work out near doubles!



## Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class

Juniper class have had a fun packed week! We really enjoyed our trip to Gressenhall. We learnt all about evacuees, the Home Guard, ARP Wardens and rationing. We all made chocolate and potato truffles which were very tasty! We used our pretend bayonets to fight the Germans and thought about the roles of the ARP very carefully. Following the excitement of a school trip, we returned to find a big top on the school field!

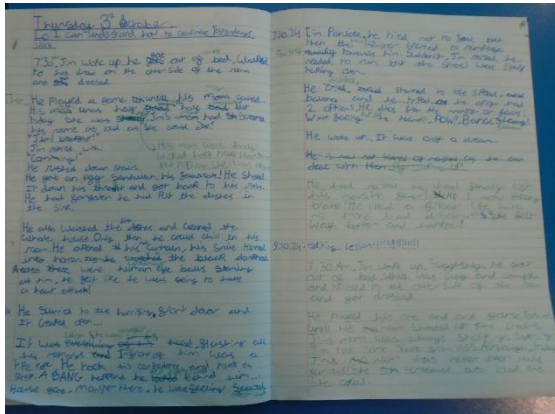


On Tuesday we got to go and try walking the tightrope and lots of other circus skills. We The children all showed excellent resilience when they kept practicing the juggling and the diabolo. In addition to this, In Art we have been studying still life and the work of Paul Cezanne. We have all enjoyed creating some beautiful pieces of artwork.



## Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class

During this term they have focused on the 7 elements of art. This week they were looking at notable artists that used line to influence shape, values and form in the work they produced. The two artists were Durer & Van Gogh. They used view finders to focus on different elements of the artists' work and used different techniques, such as cross hatching, to copy the line styles.



In Literacy, the pupils have been working hard to complete their own narratives. They have worked on using writing techniques alongside the book 'A monster calls' and have been learning how important it is to 'edit' carefully to ensure they continue to improve their work to make it the best they can!

## Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website. The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:  
[www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.

## Diary Dates

October  
22.10.24 Be Bright Be Seen day  
24.10.24 Harvest festival at Church 9.00 am  
25.10.24 PD day (no pupils staff training)  
**Half term (w/b 28.10.24)**  
November  
06.11.24 Scholastics Book fair week  
10.11.24 Nursery Stay and play 1.30-3.00 pm  
11.11.24 Celebration assembly  
13.11.24 Flu vaccinations R-Yr6 am  
28.11.24 Learn More with Mr Lea

Invite from Revd Diane  
to Mendham School parents/carers to meet  
on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** after drop-off  
**from 8.45am or 7pm**  
in **Sir Alfred Munnings' hotel**



coffee/teas & cake provided  
to give me the opportunity to get to  
know you, what the church can do  
better, & how the church could support  
parents.



I can also be contacted on

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Looking forward to meeting you!