



The Waveney Valley Partnership
Mendham Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17th January 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2025!

It certainly has been a busy few weeks at Mendham – we have had 6 new pupils join us – so I would like to welcome Barnaby, Judah, Theo, Archie and Daisy. Bayleigh has also re-joined our school. I really hope that they all feel part of the Mendham family already!

We are also lucky to have Mrs Emma Brown join us from the Graduate Teacher Program for the Spring term. She will be around the school but mainly working alongside Mrs Ball. We hope she has a fantastic time in our school.

I would like to apologise for the amount of attachments with this Newsletter – but we have so many exciting things to share with you all!

A reminder regarding parking near school – it is in everyone's interests that the area around the school is kept safe – please consider this when you are parking your cars, avoid junctions and be mindful of road surfaces (ice), emergency services or large vehicles needing access.

Next week our Key Stage 2 pupils are scheduled to have their CO Workshops which had to be cancelled in the Autumn term and Years 5 and 6 are off to London to the Science Museum – we hope they have a fantastic day!

The Parents Spring Term Survey has been released – please complete this by 31st January – if you need access to the survey – we can help with that in school – please ask Mrs Rogers, Mrs Jones or myself. Here is the link for the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GMTYuyQPjV>

Mendham Celebrations



This month marks a very special occasion for one of our members of staff – Mrs Caroline Pearson! Caroline has worked at the school for 30 years! During this time, she has had a number of roles and I know I speak on behalf of everyone, past and present, connected with the school, in thanking her for her wonderful service. Mr Aalders-Dunthorne – our CEO – presented Caroline with a floral bouquet to mark this special event! As a school we presented Caroline a gift in our Sharing Celebration Assembly this morning.

Communication with Parents

Class Dojo – A reminder we are no longer accessing this app.

Learning Pi – I hope many of you are now signed up to this – we will be communicating via this app for classroom learning and messaging in the future.

www.learningpi.org / Appstore : using your Arbor email (reset password if not accessed this yet).

Arbor – This is the main source of our communication with all families – for House Points, Clubs, Payments, Educational Visits and emails to and from school.

Please can you download the Arbor app - If you can do this (if you haven't already) it means we can use in-app messaging to keep in touch with you.



Facebook page – We are always updating our page – so please make sure you have a look!

Half Termly Plan – Please find attached the Half Termly Plan for Spring 1 – this will be updated regularly and sent out with every Newsletter.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

In Seedlings this week we have begun our learning about Superheroes. Through the topic we will be learning about real life heroes: doctors, nurses, teachers, dentists, mechanics and so on as well as using fictional superheroes to help us learn about our senses.

This week we started Drawing club using the book 'Supertato'. We invented our own superhero character, thought about where he lives, a problem that he can solve and the outcome.

In science we investigated the best material to use to make superhero capes.



Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

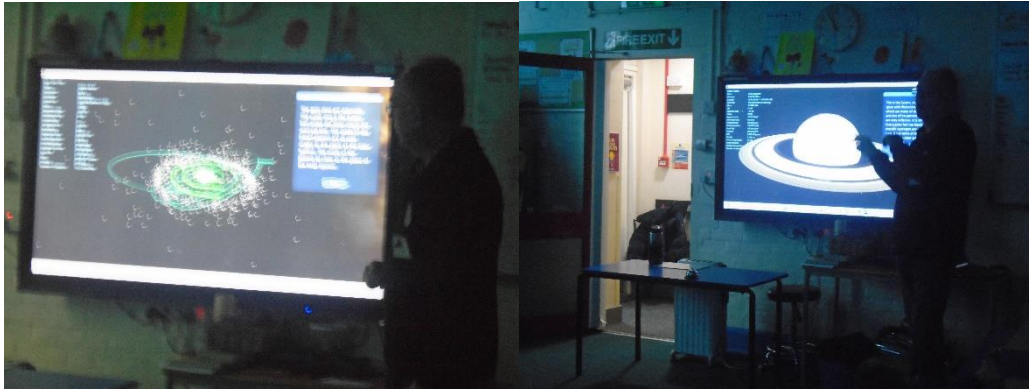
We have had an exciting start to the new term in Pine Class. In Literacy we are learning to write persuasive letters based on the book, "The Day the Crayons Quit." So far, we have looked at the features of letters and how to use exaggeration, flattery and rhetorical questions to make a point. At the end of this week the children will be putting these skills to good use by having a class debate about which is the best coloured crayon.



In Science we will be learning about the Human Body and started off this week by recapping the parts of the body and which part relates to which sense. We then tested our senses by smelling different things in cups, feeling items hidden in socks, and blind tasting different fruits. We then went outside to listen to the sounds and see what we could see. We recorded all of this on a data collection sheet. The children showed their usual enthusiasm for these observations and were very willing to be risk takers when trying the different fruits and smelling some quite strong smells.

Message from Mrs Peach and Mr Norfolk - Juniper & Sycamore

Key Stage 2 pupils had the opportunity to learn more about the Solar System this week. A gentleman from Norwich astronomical society came and delivered a talk all about the Solar System and Space! The children asked some fabulous questions and discussed the theories of black holes and nebula formations, as well as learning about the planets and moons in our Solar System! We look forward to welcoming them back on January 29th for our Stargazing evening! (weather permitting).



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

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.