



# Rodmersham School Newsletter

## Term 5

Welcome to our new and improved newsletter. I thought it would be much nicer to celebrate everything we have been up to over the term rather than the fortnightly one. Now that we have daily DOJO messages we can use the newsletter as a tool to share news from school, opposed to it being used a calendar tool. ***However that does remind me that please do not forget with have a Staff Development Day on June 27th. School will be closed on this day.***

What an incredibly busy term it has been, and often it isn't until you look back over the pictures that have been taken that you realise what a busy school we are!! Forest School, Lion King, Clubs, Cromers Wood, clubs, making biomes, celebrating the Jubilee, SATS and practising for Sports Day.... phew!!! It would have been much nicer if the weather had been better but regardless, we still had lots of fun.

Clubs have been really popular this term. POKEMON was really enjoyed by the kids, and who knew there was so much to POKEMON cards! I have learnt a lot!! And STEM club has been great fun... we have been putting our engineering skills to task!





In the middle of May our trip to the Lion King came around all too quickly..... and what a day it was. Besides of course of the bus breaking down, attempting to enter a packed theatre in the dark with half the school and the travel sickness! Planning an event like this is incredibly stressful - I can't tell you how many times we sat down to do the seating plan, revise the risk assessment and ensure that we hadn't forgotten anything, but when you look around the theatre to see all of those smiling faces

it is so worth it.... but I do remember now why we only do this once every 5 years!! The children were incredibly well behaved and my bus were so patient whilst we waited for the mechanic... thank you to all the staff for helping on the day, to Mrs Snyder for the lovely ice poles whilst we waited for the bus to be fixed and to Mrs Flatt in the office for being our chief organiser and sorting everything out.







We are really fortunate to have Mrs Lodge and Mrs Jackson as our qualified Forest School Leaders and as keepers of the fire pit they like to put the children's cooking skills to the test!! Last term, with Year 5 it was all about baking bread on a stick, and as strange as that may sound, I understand that they children thought it was delicious!







For Science this term Year 6 were learning all about Biomes.... As a task that had been set by Mrs Lodge, they had to recreate their own biome. We also learnt a lot in assembly when the children shared what they had learnt. Biomes apparently are a way to categorise the Earth's surface, and they are based on climate patterns, soil types and the animals and plants that inhabit the area. Every part of the Earth's surface is part of one or more biomes, and are directly linked to climate zones.....







Jack in Year 4 has been awarded the title of Head Gardner! Thank you to Mrs Reardon, Daisy's mum, who used her powers of persuasion on several local nurseries who kindly donated some plants to brighten up our school.





Year 4/5 happens to be the classroom nearest to my office, and everyday there seems to be something amazingly fun going on. This term they have had their cooking lessons with Mrs Dodd and been making all kinds of dips. They have also been learning about the digestive system, and whether you are 4 or 10, learning where poo comes from is a constant source of amusement to them!!! They also had a home learning task to create a rocket using pneumatics, and Beth's literally blew us away!!!!



*1 - Den Making*



2 - Young Voices 2022



3 - Cooking with Mrs Dodd



4 - Learning all about our digestive system





And Year 1 have been really busy practising their dance and enjoying now press play. You can find out more about Now Press Play here... <https://nowpressplay.co.uk/> The children love it and they have really enjoyed learning more in our curriculum in such an interactive way. The class also really enjoyed their trip to Cromer's Wood.







*5 - Learning through Now Press Play*



*6 - Bertie on the piano*



Year 6 completed their SATS this term; and what a wonderful job they did. Everyone in school has worked so hard to close those gaps of lost learning, but I am confident that all of that hard work has paid off. As always they conducted themselves impeccably and tried their best. They certainly enjoyed their end of ice cream treat!



*7 - Enjoying our walk time...*





*8 - Thank you to the FORS team and Chambers fruit for the amazing raspberries and strawberries..... they were deeeeeelicious!*

Well done to this term's Mrs McMullon award winners; Marley, Tyler, Isaiah, Isaiah, Emily, Ella and Poppy - as you can see they were thrilled to have this photo taken!!! I am looking forward though to sharing lots of treats with you next week.



Whilst we are yet to celebrate and acknowledge the Jubilee, as a school, we were asked to decorate the hall for the occasion...I think we did a great job!









*9 - By far my favourite picture of the Queen.....*

Year 2/3 have been really enjoying their music lessons, learning about the monarchy as well as designing their own moving vehicles...

Year 2 also aced their SATS and I am incredibly proud of them. Well done to you all.





All in all, it has been an amazing term and we are very much looking forward to the next one. In particular I am excited to celebrate our Sports Week and our Olympic themed Sports Day - don't forget to join us on the 22nd June in the morning and again on the 1st July in the afternoon for our Sports Awards.