



Take 1 Picture

Over the past two weeks all the classes have used Renoir's 'The Umbrellas' as a starting point for their artwork. It always amazes me when we do our Take 1 Picture work just how many different ideas one picture can produce. Some of the work includes; Year 3's weaving rainbows and writing rain poems, Year 5 found out about an umbrella festival, Year 6 made figures which remind me of Mary Poppins!

Some of the work is on display in the hall for you to come in and see on Wednesday 14th June after school. Reception's has gone home already so their work is not in the hall.



New Trim Trail –No doubt your child has come home and told you about the new trim trail we have on the field. Big thank you to Out Of School Club who have funded it and very kindly let us use it too!

School Library A Big thank you to the Out of School Club for their donation of £5000.00.

Year 4 Residential -Year 4 went to Woodrow in May for two nights. All of those who went had a great time and all the staff were very impressed with how they coped with the trip. Their parents were treated to a presentation about the trip, all of which was written by the children.

Trips –Reception went to Whip-snade Zoo and although the sky was grey and showery it proved to be great animal viewing weather! The lions were awake for once. The day after the trip in Reception was a very slow day with many very tired little children (and teachers)

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire. The results have been shared with the Governors and they are also very grateful for so many of you replying. Here are the results;

My child feels safe at this School—94.3% strongly agree or agree

The School deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying) - 89.1% strongly agree or agree

This school ensures my child is well looked after—93.6% strongly agree or agree

The School keeps me well informed - 87.9% strongly agree or agree

My child is making good progress at this School—88% strongly agree or agree

My child is taught well at this School—90% strongly agree or agree

This School helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and maths - 89.2% strongly agree or agree

This School helps me to support my child's learning - 85.8% strongly agree or agree

This School meets my child's particular needs—6.4% strongly agree or agree

There is a good standard of behaviour at this School—93.6% strongly agree or agree

My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour - 87.2% strongly agree or agree

The School responds well to my concerns - 85.1% strongly agree or agree

The School is well led and managed - 93.4% strongly agree or agree

I would recommend this school to another parent - 98.5%

Much of your feedback was extremely positive and everyone at school appreciates your comments. There was one comment about behaviour and a parent wanting tougher sanctions taken against children they thought were 'regular offenders.' I am more than happy to discuss this issue directly but every child who gets more than one blue code is supported. Many children have complex issues which they are dealing with at home or have significant SEND needs which can impact on their behaviour.

The children who keep the rules are rewarded in a number of ways; housepoints; some classes have class rosettes or 'Star of the Day', there is the weekly celebration assembly and stickers, weekly Golden Time and then the half termly Golden Time Plus for Years 1-6.

I also appreciate the feedback that there have been times when you and your child has not known who will be teaching the class. It is very difficult at the moment to recruit supply staff and very expensive. There are times when we have someone in place and then they have pulled out or I just haven't known about a supply teacher until the last minute. I will try to keep you informed in good time but it is not always possible.

Esafety

I also asked on the questionnaire if any of you wanted advice on Esafety and social media. We will be looking to hold a parents workshop on this in the Autumn term. I occasionally get sent some information from the County Safeguarding Team and I will now send this out to you when it comes in. It is often aimed at older children but with the access to social media that many children have it would help keep you informed.

Muscal.ly has been mentioned in school by the children. For those of you who don't know about it it allows your child (or you) to upload videos of themselves singing or lip synching to other videos. It appears to be very sweet and funny at first but many of the comments posted about the videos are verbally abusive and many of the other links or hashtags you can click on take you to sites which have very inappropriate content on them, some of which is pornographic.

If you come across anything that you feel we should know about then please let us know. It is only by sharing this information we can keep our children safe.

Year 5 -Longridge

Year 5 went to Longridge in the rain. They all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the day of outdoor activities. It is great preparation for their residential to Rhos next year.



Other News

School Web Site

The school website is being updated and given a more modern feel. We are currently working through a 'snagging' list and trying to ensure pictures match with the wording, the information is in the right place and every school website has to be Ofsted compliant. I am very grateful to Karen Davies for her help and support in developing the new site as it is something I have not been involved with before.

Hopefully it will be going live before the end of term. I have to have some more lessons in how to preset the tweets and the JLT are going to be able to post their articles, Housepoint news etc so I need to know what they are up to!

Dates This Term

There are dates in the diary for Forest School celebration events and you are invited to come to these with your child. Sports Day is Tuesday 18th July and we will let you know if your child is in the morning or afternoon soon. Wednesday 28th June will be our country dance afternoon which will start at around 2.15 p.m. The school summer fayre is Saturday 1st July and hopefully the weather will be good.

Wednesday 5th July at 6.15 is the secondary transfer meeting for Year 5 parents. At this meeting you can collect your child's 11+ familiarization booklet and I will explain how to apply for your child's secondary school place.

