



Naphill and Walters Ash School

Newsletter February 2022

Key Dates

Break up for ½ Term – Friday

18th February

Inset Day – Monday 28th

February

KS2 Cross Country –

Wednesday 9th March

KS1 Cross Country –

Wednesday 16th March

11+ meeting Y4/5 – Thursday

24th March @6:00pm

Year 6 Rhos – Sunday 27th

March

Break up for Easter – Friday 8th

April (half day)

News

Across the school everyone has been very busy. Year R have been writing about bears and finding out lots of information about different types of bears. Year 1 have been showing off their gym skills this term and Year 2 have been adapting a story based on the Great Fire of London. Yr3 are loving the Egyptians; I had a detailed explanation of the purpose of Canopic jars from Penny and Oliver. There are some Year 3 poems on the back page too. Year 4 have been reading 'The Iron Man' and have done some very detailed paintings of robots. Year 5 have been completing work on the solar system – I was told how to remember the waxing and waning of the moon (but my aging brain might need a reminder!). Year 6 have written letters persuading me to adopt a Tiger; I have put some examples on the next page.

Message From Miss Gwynn

Holiday Club

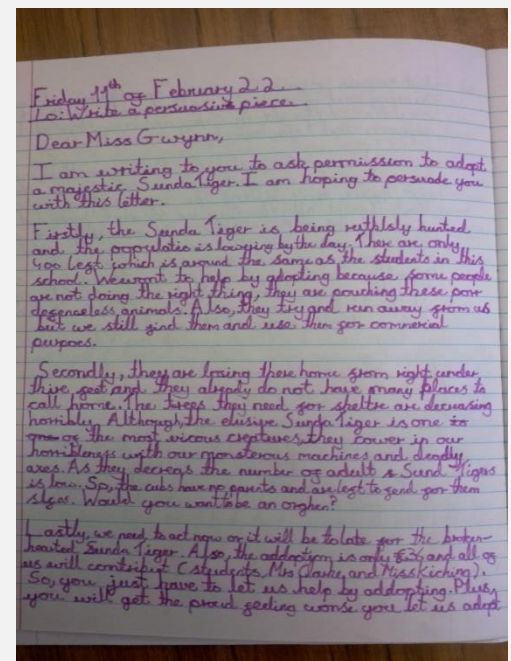
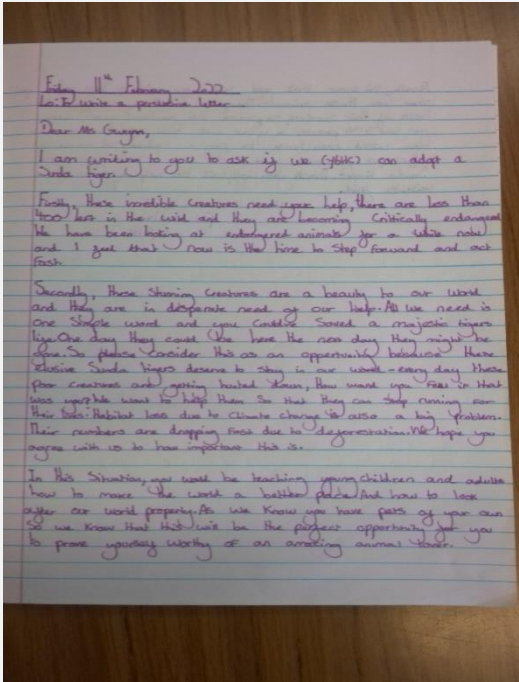
We have tried to source an external provider of a Holiday Club but have so far struggled to find anyone who will run a club from 8.00 – 5.00. I looked on the Bucks Family Information Service and there are some out there e.g. Barracudas (<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/camps/high-wycombe/>) but they do seem to charge more than some of you may be used to, e.g. £145 for a week at Easter or around at least £40 a day if booking odd days. I have put a link below to the Family Information Service for you. <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/things-to-do/> We have now found a provider who will run a trial club for 2 days at Easter, with the view of running at May half Term and for some weeks over the summer, however this will all depend on uptake and will run from 9:00-3:00pm only.

Uniform

Just to clarify the only thing that is actually changing in terms of the uniform is the colour of the shirts. Everything else is optional – you do not need a logo'd sports shirt, hoodie or even sweatshirt. But what we are doing is ensuring the children look smart; they do not need Nike (other brands are out there) branded jogging bottoms or hoodies for PE. Trainers – if you look at the examples given Nike black, blue or white trainers are fine as are the ones I saw at Asda and Sainsburys and Amazon! (Again other retail outlets are available).



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The children had an amazing time helping the Chiltern Rangers at Park Wood (RAF Base).

The children worked so hard on the ranger tasks that they were given and carried them out sensibly. They shifted and spread wood chips to create a pathway through the woods. In addition to this, they also helped to cut and drag branches to an area to create a natural fence. The Rangers were super impressed by their behaviour and listening skills, using the tools properly and working collaboratively in groups.





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Back To Normal

After half term we will be going back to our normal routine of whole school assemblies, everyone eating in the hall, clubs etc. As and when guidance on isolation or not isolation comes out we will keep you informed as to what is expected in schools. We haven't had one week this half term where all our staff have been in and most year groups have had significant numbers of children isolating at varying times. It has kept everyone here quite busy but hopefully that will change after half term.

There have been a couple of incidents where the older children who walk to and from school having near misses with cars; children have walked out across junctions and from between parked cars. Lockdown has meant the roads have been quieter and it would be good if you could remind the children now of how to stay safe when crossing the roads. I know the Highway Code has changed so to keep pedestrians safer but I think some reminders would still be good as I'm not sure how many motorists know about the changes.

Take a Bow, Meow.

Take a bow meow.
With no cats we would have no one to play with.
You scare away the mean spiders.
I love the way you scream at the fireworks.
Your tiny pink nose makes me smile every day,
And every night.
The muddy paws of yours are so beautiful.
By Pixie Plunkett.

Guinea Pigs

One pig is not too tubby,
The other pig is rather chubby.
Very agile on their feet,
Flat as a pancake when they sleep.
By Charlie Pearce