



Boxgrove Primary School

February 2019 Newsletter



Ms Broughton Returns

As I am sure you are all aware, Ms Broughton has spent the last couple of terms on maternity leave after the birth of her baby boy. She is now approaching the end of her maternity leave meaning she will be returning to Boxgrove after the half term break. We are all looking forward to having her back at work in the new half term.

D.T. Week



During the week of 4th February, all children from Nursery to Year 6 participated in a very successful

D.T. week. The children worked hard to design and make a range of products from tie-dye T-shirts to key rings. The children had great fun and should be very proud of their high quality outcomes! Year 6 also had the opportunity to visit Harris Gerrard Academy to use their D.T. facilities to further develop their skills. Some of the skills they worked on including filing, sanding and drilling (using a standing drill) as well as melting and moulding acrylic. In addition, the D.T. teacher sent a lovely message to Mrs Clare praising the incredible behaviour and participation of the Year 6 pupils.



Governors' Week

Each year, we hold a week in which we invite our School Governors in to see a showcase of learning that takes place at Boxgrove Primary School. Some of this may include speaking with senior leaders or subject leaders about their subjects as well as lesson observations to see the children's learning in action. This year, four of our governors visited and were impressed with what they saw across the school. We would like to thank the governors for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and visit us.

'Arty Party' Visit Boxgrove

To ensure we offer a wide variety of high quality experiences for our children, we invited in an art company to work alongside the children to create some pieces of art. We then showcase this art around the school. During their visit, the company worked with Year 3 and Year 5 to create two separate masterpieces. With the Year 3 children, they created a spectacular 'BFG' inspired by the book written by Roald Dahl. The children had been using this as a core text for their English writing and the children were amazed to see this character coming to life in front of them. With Year 5, they made a scaled version of the Solar System which is displayed in the corridor upstairs. This was a very enjoyable experience for all involved.



Year 6 Boys' Basketball



Last week, several Year 6 boys were selected to represent the school at a local basketball competition held at St.

Paul's Academy. At the event, they competed against various local schools. They managed to get through the group stages with some closely fought games and were unfortunate to lose 3-2 in the quarter finals. It was a great display of teamwork and determination and we were proud of the efforts from every child.



Year 4 Girls' Football

At Boxgrove, we are determined to get more girls participating in high quality sport. As a result, we sent a group of girls to a football festival held at Woolwich Polytechnic. Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of skills focussed activities in which there was a mixture of smiles and some very focussed faces. We are hoping that the children will continue to develop in their sporting abilities and participate in further sport outside of school.

Year 1 Visit National Gallery

Last Thursday, the Year 1 children visited the National Gallery as part of their art topic. During their visit, the children participated in various discussions about the range of paintings they could see, with particular focus on the paintings by Claude Monet, which has inspired some of their end of term outcomes. They also participated in a 'Story Walk' at the gallery which linked to their English topic of 'Katie's Stories'. The children then showcased their outcomes on Tuesday this week when they created their very own art gallery.

Football Fixtures

This week, we only had one set of football fixtures for our team on Friday. Competing in two matches, the children were unfortunate and the weather also provided tricky conditions to play football in. In the first match, we succumbed to an unlucky goal, losing 2-1 to St. Joseph's. However, Djibril (4MS) worked tirelessly for the team and was unlucky not to help us claim at least a point. In the second fixture, Boxgrove played against Christchurch. This was a closely fought match, which ended 1-1. James (5SP) had a standout performance in this match.

Year 4 Tug of War



As I'm sure you will have noticed, we encourage the children to participate in a wide range of sporting activities at Boxgrove. Many of these take place during the school day within P.E. lessons.

However, last week, the school sent a group of children to Plumstead Manor for a Tug of War competition. Competing against eleven other schools, the children showed great determination as they worked as a team to overcome seven other schools, meaning we came fourth overall. This is a great effort and we are extremely proud of the children.



Social Media

As always, our SLT are available to discuss any concerns you may have regarding the school and your child's experience of being a pupil. We remind and encourage you to come and speak to us directly rather than posting any comments or concerns on social media. This way, we are able to assist you immediately.

Male Role Model Day



At Boxgrove, we have noticed that events the school holds are predominantly attended by female

family members. As a result, we hosted our termly 'Male Role Model Day'. For this, each child was able to invite a male role model of their choice to come to school to work alongside to complete a series of challenges. This term's challenges included 'Marshmallow Towers', 'Protect the Egg' and 'Balloon Armchair'. Throughout the session, the adults worked beautifully with their children and in groups with other adults from the school community. It was great to see many wide smiles on both the children's and

adults' faces. Thank you to every adult that came to the event and we look forward to inviting you to our next event before Easter.



Punctuality and Attendance

This month's punctuality and attendance award winners are...

Week Beg.	Punctuality	Attendance
28 th January	2HD 99.7%	3JM 99.6%

Values Award Winners

This month's Boxgrove school values award winners are.....

Week Beg.	Winner	Value
28 th January	Layla (RSR)	Emotional Intelligence
	Connor (2HOC)	Innovation

Dates for Your Diary

February

18th – 22nd Half Term

March

1st 5EB Class Assembly
4th – 8th Book Week
5th KS2 Maths Workshop
7th World Book Day
8th KS1 SATs Workshop
8th 1FD Class Assembly
11th – 15th Science Week
15th 3JM Class Assembly

Star of the Week Assemblies are on Fridays
at 3:10pm

