

## NEWSLETTER Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### OFF WE GO AGAIN!

The Autumn half term was a great break for all the staff, and we are back in school feeling excited about what lies ahead. We aim to have a few settled weeks before the acting rehearsals begin, and the requirements of Christmas engulf us all. It looks like we are going to have a busy half term and the FOLS are going to be particularly busy with the Christmas Fair –which is only 3(ish) weeks away!!!

### LANDSCOPE LEARNERS

**Class 1** conducted a science experiment to see if a bear would keep warmer, when hibernating, nestled in a warm cave or just lying on the floor. I think we all would love to hibernate with a hot water bottle!

The children have also been making some rather wonderful hedgehogs.



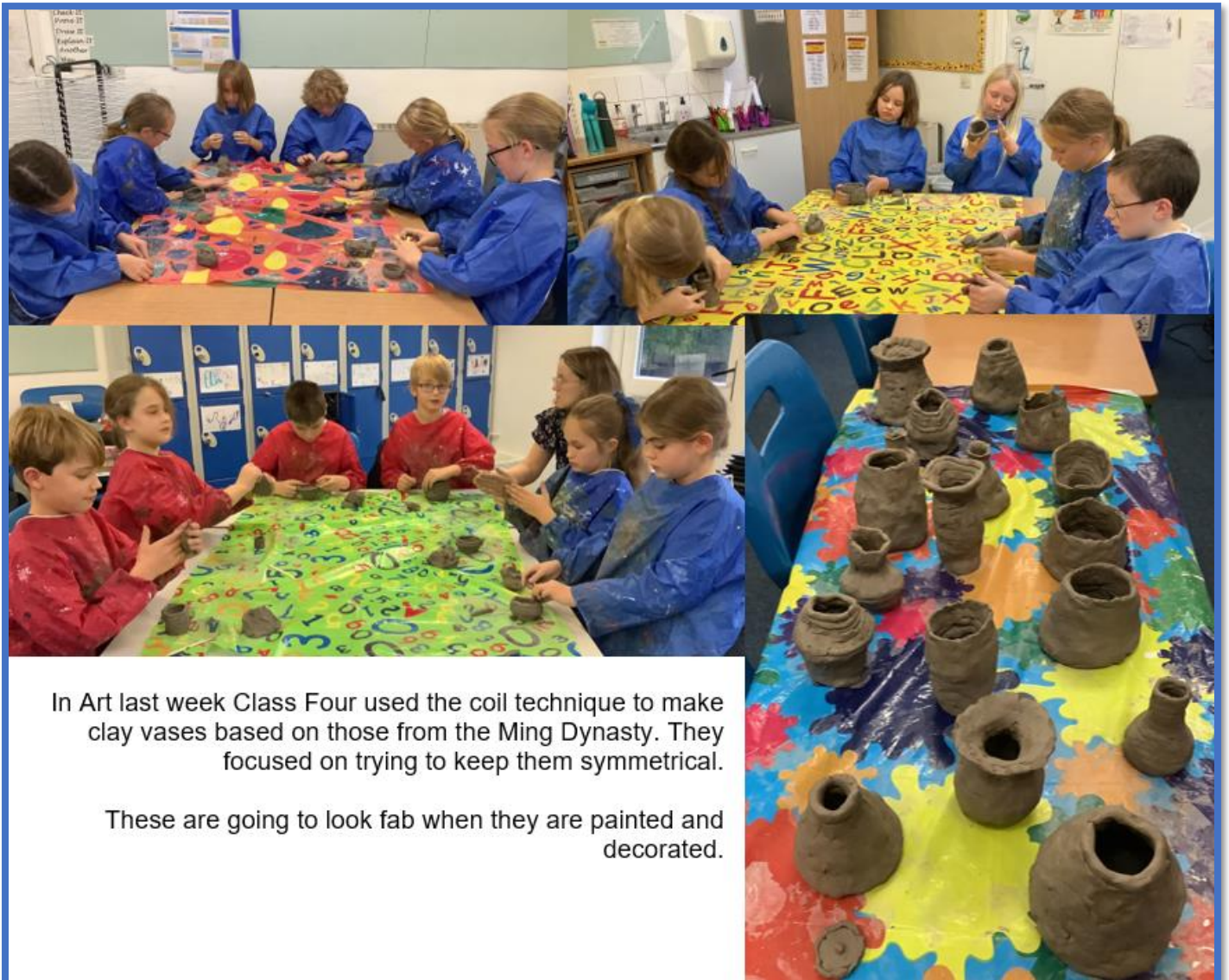
**Class 2** enjoyed learning that geography is the study of people and places. They also explored physical and human geography and the children sorted photographs into two groups. So many of them have super general knowledge about the world in which we live and were keen to share their thoughts. They loved writing on the tables too!

**Class Three** had an amazing morning with the stone age visitor who taught them so much about the stone age period. They learnt about the first use of fire, tools and how the stone age people would hunt and stay warm. They also learnt all about early man and how humans have evolved.





**Class Four**



In Art last week Class Four used the coil technique to make clay vases based on those from the Ming Dynasty. They focused on trying to keep them symmetrical.

These are going to look fab when they are painted and decorated.



## SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	97.1%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	95.9%
Class 3	95.2%
Class 4	100%
Well done to Classes 1 & 4!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

With everything that is going on around the world at the

moment, it's important that parents know how to minimise the negative impact of what their children may be seeing. The Mental Health Foundation have put some advice together which you may find useful:

[Talking to children about scary world events](#) | [Mental Health Foundation](#)



## ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Mrs Neville, Miss Kearle and the Ethos Group delivered our Harvest donations to Buckfastleigh Food Bank. Kevin told us all about how the charity works and enlisted our help to weigh the food and pack parcels. The children had many thoughtful questions and were keen to visit again!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The school council have been busy organising Children in Need, taking place next Friday (17th November). They have designed posters which will be displayed around school and decided how Landscope will support this year.

## FOREST SCHOOL AREA

**This is a real plea!**

As you know, the field and its surrounding area is used by children and families after school and at weekends. We have been made aware that during these times, children are pulling items out of the



skip in the carpark and taking them onto the field and beyond. This is not acceptable and creates a dangerous play area as well as creating an additional clear up job for staff if they want to use the area. The children are also damaging the bank at the end of the field, climbing through to the permissive path and throwing equipment over the hedge.

The need for fencing has been raised on our health and safety portal and we are waiting for a date for the completion of the works.

Please monitor your children's play and make sure they are not using items from the skip or climbing through to the permissive path. Safe play is the order of the day! Thank you.

### **FOLS – A message from Michelle**

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our fund-raising activities so far, I'm pleased to say we have raised ~

- £120 from Bags2school
- £130 from the Christmas card sales
- £141 from the 'Break the Rules' Day.

It was fantastic to see how excited the children were for the 'Break the Rules' Day, we hope they had lots of fun.

What we have spent so far ~

- £250 – Picture News
- £350 – Class 2 rug replacement after damage from flooding
- £150 – Contribution to class 4 Lyme Regis trip
- £425 – Arts week
- £90 – Contribution to class 3 Stone age workshop

We will be sending out 'fund raisin' packs very soon so please look out for these.

Thank you to those who attended the Christmas Fair planning meeting, the Fair is really not that far away! Thanks also to those of you who have sourced raffle prizes. Please look out for a letter and raffle tickets coming home with your children. Teddy / Bottle and Prize Tombola donations can be left in reception from now onwards. We still have spaces available for any 'Mini Makers' out there, children can have the opportunity to sell something that they have made at home. This can be anything crafty / foody, the ideas are endless. £5 for a place and the children can keep any other monies made. Please book in via the FOLS email [fols@outlook.com](mailto:fols@outlook.com)

- 20th November – 'Fund Raisin' boxes to be returned – more details to follow.
- 1st December – Christmas Fair
- 11th December - Sponsored 'Santa Run' - more details to follow.

**Many thanks, Michelle**

**REMINDER: COATS** ~ as the winter weather sets in, can we please remind parents that all children need to have a waterproof coat in school. We aim to get the children out in the fresh air if at all possible.

### **COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Cultural Champion, Souad Fadel visiting KS2</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>FOLS Christmas fair</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Classes 1&amp;2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm in St Matthew's Church, followed by refreshments in the school hall</b> <b>Class 3&amp;4 Performance 1 (usually attended by Class 3 families) 6.00pm St Matthews</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Class 3&amp;4 Performance 2 (usually attended by Class 4 families) 6.00pm St Matthews</b>

15<sup>th</sup> Dec

1.15 end of term carol service, bring your singing voices to St  
Matthew's!  
End of term 2pm

That's all the news for now.

Have a relaxing weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*



Landscape will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November!

Children are invited to wear mufti to school, including something spotty to support this year's theme. We ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p for mufti - payable via Just Giving.

The School Council will also run a bake sale at break time. Cakes will be 50p (again pay via JustGiving) and we would greatly appreciate cake or bake donations for this. Children can bring food donations into the school hall as soon as they have been dropped off.

Thank you in advance for helping us support such a great cause! 😊