Horndean Infant School 'Learning and caring, together'



Newsletter - February 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been another month full of exciting learning opportunities for our children across all year groups. During February, Year 2 welcomed a courageous knight to school. Our school was also represented extremely well by children in Year 1 who attending a Sports Festival at Havant College.

## **PTA Panckae Day Celebration**

Our wonderful PTA helped us celebrate Pancake day in style by providing every child with a yummy snack on the day.

Year F children were provided with the ingredients they needed to mix their own . The children enjoyed watching Mrs Fisk and Mrs Grist show off their pancake flipping skills!



### Sports Festival

A selection of our Year 1 pupils enjoyed a trip to Havant College with Mrs Coel and Mrs Deeney to take part in a mini-golf festival. Lots of fun was had by all and the children represented our school impeccably. All the children were proud to receive a certificate of participation during our whole school celebration assembly.



# Knight Visit

Excitement levels were through the roof when we welcomed our visiting knight to school.! During history lessons, the children in Year 2 have been enjoying learning about castles and the people who live within them. Lots of awe and wonder was on display when the visiting knight shared his armour and weapons with the children. There was even time for a the children to take part in a jousting tournament!





## **Stay and Play**

We had a fantastic turn out from parents who came for our first 'Stay and Play' session of the year in Year F. It was a fantastic afternoon that gave parents a chance to explore our 'outstanding' provision in Year F and to gain a close-up look at learning within Early Years. Our Year F team would like to thank all parents for their engagement on the day.



#### Great Fire of London

In Year 1 our 'interesting interruption' this half term was a journey back in time to 1666 and the events that occurred on Pudding Lane. The children were so enthused to learn about The Great fire of London. They learnt about Samuel Pepys and his famous diary. The children also learnt about the significance of the event and the impact it has had on our fire services to this date. A mixture of role playing and immersive learning brought the event to life, The children ended the week by setting fire to their own Pudding Lane creations.



Gold Award winner



## Hub of Hope

The Hub of Hope is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time.

We all cope in different ways with experiences that feel unbearable or overwhelming. The Hub of Hope is a go-to mental health support signposting tool, with thousands of local, regional and national support groups and services. Just type in your postcode and you will find groups/ services in your area offering support on a vast range of issues including anxiety, abuse, menopause, depression, loneliness. Find it here at hubofhope.co.uk



### World Book Day

We had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day this year. Children enjoyed attending school dressed in their pyjamas or as their favourite book character. Year 2 children enjoyed visiting the junior school to share a book with a 'book buddy' in year 4. Mr Frank had a great time sharing his favourite books with children from Year F and Year 1 during story sessions after school.



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We are in need of registered first aiders to support outside of hours events that are planned for the rest of this school year such as movie nights and a disco. Without your support and attendance these events cannot take place. None of the regular PTA organisers are accredited. If you would be able to help with an event for a couple of hours, please contact <u>pta@horndeaninfants.co.uk</u>.