

Exeter House School Newsletter



EXETER HOUSE SCHOOL

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Alison Murley
Head of School

Head Teacher's News

Dear Parent(s) & Carer(s),

I hope that you and all of your families and loved ones are well. We are all living in very difficult and uncertain times and I could never have imagined that I would be sending out a newsletter under the circumstances that we find ourselves in. Taking the decision to close the school to all but a very few of our students was a difficult one to make and it was with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to our students on that last day. Since then staff have worked extremely hard to find ways that we can continue to support our students and families for as long as we need to. I hope that you have found the contact you have had from your child's teachers supportive and helpful. We want to do everything we can to continue to keep the school together as a community even though at this time we may be far apart, and we are continuing to explore other ways in which we can do this.

In this newsletter I wanted to be able to share with you some of the great things that the school were doing earlier this term so please have a look at what the different departments have been doing and some of the whole school events that everyone participated in.

Wishing you all the very best, please keep safe.

Best wishes

Alison

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Parent Support Info

Although school is currently closed George is still available to offer support. Please contact her via her email georgecooper@exeterhouse.wilts.sch.uk or give her a call. Alternatively when you speak to your class teacher let them know that you would like to speak to George and they can pass on a message.

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Lower School News

We thought we would share with you what some of the great things some of our Lower School classes were doing earlier this term.

Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers have continued their links with Mr Ramsey's class at Wyndham Park, and enjoyed sharing their learning experiences with his students. We also have made the most of the sunny weather with visits to the park in Amesbury and outside play on our big playground. The class team miss you all and send their best wishes to all our families.



Robins

Robins class have been making the most of the drier weather and enjoyed lots of outdoor learning so far this term. We have had lots of fun in the sand and been practising counting and recognising numbers to 5 and 10. We have also enjoyed sensory play with ice and frozen fruits!

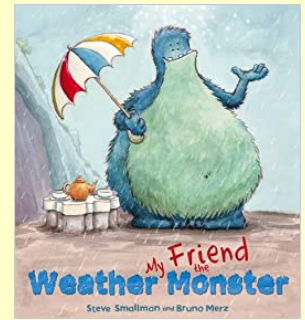
Wrens

Wrens have had a busy term enjoying different stories about the weather and learning about the different seasons. We have learnt about the water cycle and made our own water cycles in plastic wallets. We have sorted clothes into different piles for Summer and Winter, we made clouds rain and used skittles to make a rainbow! Along with this in Numeracy we have been focusing on shapes and one more or less.



Swans

Swans class have had a fun and busy term learning all about weather! We have heard a story called 'My friend the weather monster'. The story was told using all our senses; we heard thundering drums, saw flashing lightening, felt rain drops falling and watched a sun rising! We have learned all about friendship and showing our emotions.



In maths we have been securing number facts learning about ordering numbers, matching quantity to numeral and finding more and less. We are experts! Check us out hard at work.

In cooking we have been working on being independent and following instructions. Here we learned about helping each other and shared our Valentines heart sandwiches with friends.

Also please check out the following blogs:

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/kingfishers-blog/making-new-friemds-in-kingfishers/>

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/woodpeckers-class-blog/valentines-stay-and-play-2/>

Middle School News

The Middle School Department has been working very hard recently and this was very evident in our Challenge Partners review. They were very impressed with the way we focus on each individual and work as a team to meet their needs. It was great to receive such positive feedback.

Students have been making great progress across the department and in a number of key areas. We work really hard to develop communication for each child and Owls class have been doing some great work with PECs at their snack times. Creativity is also very important and Eagles class have been making some fantastic clay bowls.

The students have all really enjoyed the various events over this term - including a performance at the Playhouse, World Book Day and Sports Relief. Magpies class even took part in a Joe Wicks HIIT session!! It's been great to see everyone get behind all of these events and show their support for good causes.

All in all things have been going very well in Middle School this term and it's great to see all the students so happy and settled.

Blogs:

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/owls-class-blog/learning-new-skills-in-owls/>

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/magpies-class-blog/sports-relief-in-magpies-class/>

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/eagles-class-blog/eagles-blog-5/>

Upper School News

Before school shut we had been mixing and socialising in the Upper school.

Some of Falcons class were coming down to the Vocational Centre and joining us for maths and vocational sessions, including woodwork with Paul in the workshop and meal planning with Hayley in the kitchen. Falcons website blog has a write up of this if you would like to find out more.

<https://www.exeterhouseschool.co.uk/falcons-class-blog/falcons-blog-3/>

Kestrels took part in a young enterprise session, this involved some cooking sessions where they got to socialise with friends from other parts of the school. Just before school shut kestrels also got to collaborate with owls class, this was something new and interesting for everyone. It allowed new friendships to blossom and also for some great social time and communication.

Events


Sports relief 2020 was good fun for all students and staff. Some of the middle and upper school classes tried to travel as far as they could during the week. They travelled just over 45 miles in support and fundraising for sport relief, also showed the ability of our students and what they can do

The rest of the school were involved in special sports relief games that helped build on teamwork. Great fun was had by everyone!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

A huge **Thank You** to all the staff and students who dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. We started the day with a fun assembly and it was great to have some parents and carers join us too! Some classes had a theme for their costumes. Woodpeckers dressed as 'Ten Little Superheroes', Swans as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and Kingfishers were characters from 'The Wizard of Oz'. We shared some fun story activities in our classes and had a special book themed Zumba session. Dancing to 'Port Side Pirates' was a clear favourite!!





Drama Club Performance:

It's always such a great privilege to be able to perform at Salisbury Playhouse for the drama club and this year was another great success. The group worked really hard from September writing and creating their very own performance - 'Everyday Dreams'. The play was based on the wishes and dreams of each member of the group and brought to life through some amazing sound effects, props and really cool lighting!

I am immensely proud of the group and they never fail to amaze me! There are so many great characters within the group and it's wonderful to see them shine on stage!

A big thank you must go to Dave Orme at Wiltshire Creative for all the hard work he puts in with the group and the opportunities he provides. I'd also like to thank Lauren, Penny and Paula for their support and commitment that week.

We all had so much fun and can't wait to do it all again next year!

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