



LORENDEN

Newsletter: Summer Term 2021: Week 6

Science Week



Year 5 - making rockets!

Science week has been lots of fun throughout the school. We started with a Woodland Walk on Monday morning, identifying as many plants, trees and animals as possible - well done for Year 5 for winning with 47 identified species - and we held our first 'Plastic Clever Schools' committee meeting with children from Y2-6. Much of Science Week, including experiments and our Creepy Claws workshops which can be enjoyed in the photos:



Nursery



Raisin Disco!

The Nursery children enjoyed the science experiments this week and they liked the dancing raisins most of all! We used lemonade to get the raisins moving and they bobbed up and down the container, hitching a ride on all those lovely bubbles!



A Visit to Yew Tree Farm

We had such a lovely day out at the farm! After a 25 minute minibus drive, we arrived and were greeted by three ladies who run the farm and school activities. Our first job was to help feed the chickens, geese and ducks and we bravely scattered food around as the geese honked, the chickens pecked and the ducks flapped (school lunch time is much calmer!). The chickens had laid some lovely eggs so, as a reward, we made them some fruit and vegetable garlands. We had to cut up bananas and cucumbers then thread them, along with grapes and spinach, onto string with a needle attached to one end. We hung up the completed garlands and before long, they were being eaten by all the cheeky chickens! Our next farm job was to feed the bigger animals and we loved seeing the pygmy goats, sheep and lambs, calf, Shetland pony and pigs. The pigs ate left over fruit whilst the other animals enjoyed munching on some hay. After a long walk around the fields, we went back to the barn to work on a craft activity. This time we used scissors and glue to cut out a sheep before adding real sheep wool. By this time, we were ready for a rest so, after juice and a biscuit, one of the farmers read us a story. At 12 O'clock, it was time to say goodbye to them all as we went for our picnic lunch before heading back to school in the minibus. What a grand day out!

Year 1



Brogdale Farm

On Tuesday Year 1 transformed into Orchard Explorers and Bug Hunters as they visited Brogdale for exciting workshops in their wonderful outdoor areas. As Orchard Explorers they recognised key signs of the seasons, learnt about the weather from Brogdale's weather station and made their own creative bookmark. After a short break they then turned into Bug Hunters and used magnifying glasses and tubs to track down a range of minibeasts lurking in the grounds. They were taught to release the creatures back where they found them and were able to collect and examine woodlice, spiders, centipedes (including quite a bit one!) and more. A great morning out learning about, and appreciating, the natural world.

Year 2



Mexican Food!

Year 2 savoured some Mexican food on Monday. They tested tacos, guacamole, salsa, jalapenos, tortilla crisps, avocado and even hot chilli sweets! Can you believe they actually thought these were quite tasty! What a way to finish our topic work on Mexico.



Year 2 loved meeting the Creepy Crawlies!



At Wildwood

What an amazing week Year 2 have had!

Year 3



Enjoying Science Week

Year 3 have had a great week. They enjoyed collecting data as they went on their woodland walk on Monday, they made lemon volcanoes as part of Science week and were very brave when they met the creepy crawlies!

Year 4



Fun with Science

Year 4 having fun with a range of experiments during Science week!

Year 5



Experiments

Rockets, egg parachutes and diffusing skittles with warm water to create rainbow colours were some of the experiments that Year 5 enjoyed during Science Week.

Year 6

Year 6 Projects

Congratulations to Year 6 for their thought-provoking and detailed individual projects that they presented this week to the independent adjudicator. As usual, the standard was extremely high and the topics wide ranging (see below). We look forward to seeing the judge's grading and presenting Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates at Speech Day.

Topic titles 2021:

How have the armed forces changed since WW2?

Why was the battle of Isandiwima the worst defeat of the British Empire?

How did warfare advance? (a comparison of WW1 and WW2)

How have motorbikes evolved?

Why were the Harry Potter books and movies so successful??

Is dermatological testing on animals ethical?

How has technology helped farmers in Sierra Leone?

Is the gender gap difference diminishing?

How can your mental, physical and social health differ? (a comparison between computer games and physical activity)

How pollution has affected our oceans?

Can technology help the human race be more environmentally friendly?

What is the social and environmental impact of palm oil?

Zoos; who do they benefit?

Are wild animals meant to be pets?

How are humans the most dangerous predators?

Fixtures: Lorenden vs St Edmunds - Away



On Wednesday the Under 11 boys played an away Cricket match against St Edmund's school. We won the toss and elected to field first. We made a good start, with some fantastic bowling by Sembeh and Arthur. Tom intimidated the batsman with his first ball, which worked as he had a maiden over, well done Tom! Next Rufus bowled and the batsman smashed the ball at Rufus who managed to catch the ball as the batsman was running. Daniel did a good solid effort and there was some outstanding fielding from George and the rest of the Lorenden team. We finished on 222 for Lorenden to chase.

Batting opened with Liam and Tom; Liam hit four - it was a very good partnership. Some excellent communication between batsmen resulted in another two runs then another quick two. Sembeh and Dylan hit four again in their two overs. Arthur and I were next, a daisy cutter wicket was allowed by the umpire. There was some beautiful batting but some equally strong bowling from St Ed's.

Final Score Lorenden 206 - St Edmunds 222.

Well done everyone!

Dates for your diary

- Monday: Monday Mile for all pupils from Reception - Y6; 8.30am start. Please note that we are aiming to start each week this summer term with the Monday Mile
- We will be able to confirm Lorenden Festival events after 14 June, once the government guidance for schools has been further updated.

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Best wishes for a lovely half term holiday.



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