



# LORENDEN

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Newsletter: Summer Term 2021: Week 4



Year 1s had a fabulous morning on Tuesday with a full hands-on Stone Age workshop in school by Living History. They tracked animals, wore costumes and learnt about many different aspects of Stone Age life in an enthralling, practical way. They were certainly tired by the afternoon!

We are delighted to be stepping up our efforts to tackle plastic waste, both in school and in raising awareness in our community. Following on from Matilda's (Year 2) excellent efforts of plastic collection as part of Kids Against Plastic, we have now signed up to the organisation's 'Plastic Clever Schools' and are aiming to have a task force made up from children to help develop ideas very soon!

## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

### Nursery



Big, beautiful flowers

Cutting has become a firm favourite in Nursery and we always have fun activities on hand for the children to select as they independently choose activities from the shelves. Sometimes, the children sit on their own, focusing intently on their fine motor craft while others use the time to not only cut but have a good old chat with a friend or two! We designed a craft activity this week that required lots of cutting and you can see the photo of some of the children holding up their big, beautiful, well cut out flowers!

## Reception



### The Great Outdoors

The Reception children have made the most of the sunshine using the adventure playground this week! Lots of fun and happy faces all round.

## Year 1





## Stone Age Workshop

Year 1 are Experimental Archaeologists!

Year 1 had a brilliant day at their workshop; first of all the children discovered what Britain was like several thousand years ago, through drama and dressing up in animal masks. They were then introduced to Otzi the Ice Man. Barney made a super corpse and the children worked out how archaeologists now find out things from a frozen body. Everyone dressed up, complete with tattoos, just like Otzi.

Next it was time to split into 3 activities, through which everyone rotated:

1. Mark making on chalk, deciding on a mark to make and what it would tell others, and then trying to make that mark.
2. Knapping flint (clay balls) using antlers as tools. Making that sharp edge was extremely challenging!
3. Drilling a hole in rock using a bow drill. The drill stick got so hot it burnt Mrs O's finger! There was some magnificent teamwork here.
4. Making a clay thumb pot with a decorative pattern on the side. The pattern could be made using twigs, bones or feathers. Gaia modelled a splendid Beaker burial discovery near Stonehenge to set this activity up.
5. Making an axe, helping to split the wooden shaft, insert the blade and tie it in.
6. Identifying and sorting rocks and other artefacts, using clues to help us. There was a lot of challenge, keeping everyone thinking till the last moment.

Stonehenge ('chairhenge') miraculously appeared outside the art tent. The children worked together to decide upon a celebration (healing) and acted it out.

It was very exciting when it was time to go hunting. Our target was a tasty deer. Tom, our victim was amazing at keeping the hunters on their toes and then obligingly died as a volley of spears/arrows were launched.

In our final activity, armed with their axes, our little Stone Age community tried to scare away a visitor who was thinking of poaching some meat.

The children had the most marvellous morning and are looking forward to showing off their creations in the Summer Art Festival.

## Year 2



### Art Work

Year 2 painted their wonderful papier mache bowls in bright colours and bold patterns. They also made shakers using patterned napkins and PVA glue!

## Year 3



### Able and Interested

This week, Year 3 have been continuing to work on their cardboard boats during Able and Interested, and had to sort various words into word classes in an outdoor English lesson.

# Year 4

## Poetry

### The Sky

A beautiful, vast expanse of sky blue or sometimes dark blue  
Fabulous, fluffy white clouds tickling the sky  
Always with you, even on dark days  
Like a long lost friend.  
Sometimes you should go to bed and watch the moon and stars go by in the now dark sky  
Dark blue  
Sky blue  
Black  
The sky is always with you

By Henry W

### Clouds

Soaring along,  
clouds.  
Blown by the wind,  
clouds.  
All the freedom in the world,  
clouds.  
Art and beauty,  
clouds.  
So close, yet so far,  
clouds.  
Singing a song that's mighty and long,  
clouds.  
Seeing all,  
clouds  
Listening to,  
clouds.  
Dancing and playing,  
clouds  
Beaming and giggling,  
clouds

By Alfie

# Cricket

It wasn't only Lorenden pupils who were out and about on Tuesday at the Faversham Cricket Club - the Year 6s were very surprised to have a royal spectator as they were playing cricket! Prince Charles was looking round the club, we understand, much to the amazement of the pupils as they practised their skills - we hope he was impressed!

## Match Reports



On Wednesday we went to St Edmunds to play a cricket match, Emily was the captain. We won the toss and fielded first. Maiya opened the bowling. She did really well and Annabel got a wicket. After lots of excellent fielding we went into bat. Emily and River opened the batting with Maiya and Annabel to follow and they did really well. Paige and Holly did very well as did Evie and Faith. Isla and Saskia made sure we were not out and then last but not least Emily and Emilia who also did really well. The score was 241 - 251 to Lorenden. Man of the match was Emily - nominated by St Edmunds

By Emily



On Wednesday 12 of May Year 6 girls played St Edmunds in a friendly game of cricket. We lost the toss and batted first, Mollie and I started off with a good start but they didn't bowl overarm so we were startled to start with and then lost confidence at the end. It was then our turn to field, we started strong with Sophie bowling and some catches and wickets towards the end. Unfortunately they won that innings but luckily we were more confident in the second innings and started and stayed strong batting with some fours along the way.

The total for both the innings was 545 to us and 532 to them.

Man of the match was Lucy and Sophie for their excellent batting and fielding. St Edmunds Man of the match for us was Rachel.

So well done girls and keep up the good work for our next match.

By Scarlett



On Thursday 13 May we played against Ashford. We won the toss and decided to field first. I started the bowling and we managed to stump one of their players out. Next Harris bowled and very nearly bowled them out and we managed to stump them out again. Then it was our turn to

bat. Libby and I started - I got a six and Libby got a four, next it was Zack and Ed who got a couple of runs, next was Isabelle and Henry they played well and then Harris and I went last. We both got sixes and lots of runs. The end score was 242 Ashford - 261 Lorenden. We won - let's do the same next time!

By James



In our game we lost the toss and Ashford decided to field first. That meant we were batting. Emmeline and I started the batting. We got a minus 5 but then we got 4 which left us with 199. Over all Lorenden got 213 runs and Ashford won with 360. Maybe we will do better next time.

By Xavier

There was some great bowling from Hamish who managed to stump out one of Ashford's players and then he stumped another! Autumn did some great bowling narrowly missing the stumps. Toby got some nice hits and together Toby and Hamish worked well. I managed to stop Ashford from getting a boundary. The last batting pair were Matthew and Joseph. Matthew got 3

boundaries and a few extra runs. Joseph got a good hit. We won the match Ashford 217 - Lorenden 240. Man of the Match was Matthew for some great running, batting and fielding. Well done Year 3&4

By Harry

Olivia and I took our team to play Ashford Prep. Our team did very well. A highlight of the match was that we all really enjoyed it. Joseph hit the ball really far and I can't wait to play again.

By Matthew

## Fixtures:

**Wednesday 19 May - Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket - away to Kent College - return by 4pm**

**Wednesday 26 May - U11 Boys Cricket - away to St Edmunds - return by 4pm**

If the teams are delayed we will get a message to you as soon as possible.

## Outdoor Art Club



### Bark and Leaf rubbings

In the Outdoor Art Club this week pre-prep children made bark and leaf rubbings with wax crayons.

## 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
- Tuesday 18 May - Reception trip to Brogdale
- Wednesday 19 May - Year 5&6 Girls Cricket - Away to Kent College
- Wednesday 26 May - U11 Boys Cricket - Away to St Edmunds
- Friday 28 May - Year 2 trip to Brogdale
- We will be able to confirm Lorenden Festival events after half term, once the government guidance for schools has been further updated.

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Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Mrs Uttley

**Lorenden Prep School**

