



General Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us at Whipsnade Park and make the day very special for the children. I am sure you will all agree the children had a lovely day. Superhero Day was a great success! The children looked amazing in their costumes and had great fun taking part in all the different activities. See some of the photos below. This week is Sports Week, and we look forward to seeing some of you joining in the sponsored walk on Friday morning.

Exciting News

Elm Class will be writing to Pupils at CASS (Central Auckland Specialist School)
in **NEW ZEALAND!!**

Please click on the link to view their website

<https://www.cass.school.nz/>

We are pleased to announce
Miss Rose has completed her teacher training.



Well done, Miss Rose!

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Primary Learning: News, Updates and Developments

Ash Class: This week the class have been continuing with their topic of Superheroes, by reading 'Superworm' and finding words that rhyme in the story. Making spaghetti worms which we coloured with ice cubes with food colouring in - it was fun watching them melt and dye the spaghetti! During 'Superhero Day' the children worked on three activities: Making a jet blaster packs, experimenting with exploding Coke and Mentos and writing Superhero stories. The class have also enjoyed working and playing in our outdoor area in the sunshine making various sizes of 'Superworms' and comparing them.

Birch Class: Last week in Birch Class we continued our Superheroes topic through phonics, identifying initial sounds and naming some Superheroes. In Cooking, we defeated 'evil pea' from the 'Supertato' books by making pea soup! The children have worked really hard in PE building core strength and practicing some sensory relaxation and mindfulness. We had a lovely time at Whipsnade on Wednesday and have been painting and writing thank you letters to the Rotary Club. Birch and Ash Classes have been working together for Music, theming animal songs with our trip to Whipsnade Zoo. This week Birch Class have continued with our 'Superhero' topic through phonics, and we have been identifying the days of the week and our classmates' names. We have enjoyed exploring hot and cold sensory learning by freezing food colouring in ice cubes. We then added the coloured ice to warm spaghetti and observed how the spaghetti changed colour as the ice melted! Birch and Ash class have worked together for music focusing on movement to music. On Wednesday, we thoroughly enjoyed 'Superhero Day' and all of Primary took part in 3 different activities; in Birch class, we made 'flying superhero's' with balloons and experimented with Mentos and diet coke to make an exploding superhero! The children have chosen to make banana cakes in cooking, and we hope their families enjoyed tasting some over the weekend.

Elm Class: The children joined Oak Class for Science. They had lots of fun making beans bounce on a drum. They predicted what would happen to the beans when the drum was played quietly and loudly. The children also experimented with sand on the drum and predicted and tested what they thought would happen when the drum was played. They tested their hearing playing various blindfold guess who/what games. In Literacy, the children have been practising their reading joining in the class book 'Floppy the Hero' and 'What a Bad Dog'. They have been developing their segmenting and blending skills to read 'at' and 'ad' word-family words. The children all contributed to a 'Thank you' letter to the Rotary Club for organising the Whipsnade visit. The children worked with Oak Class for Music, and both classes demonstrated excellent musicianship learning a new song, clapping the rhythm and playing the melody on tuned percussion. This week the children have been exploring magnets. They have been looking at how magnets can push and pull each other and materials that are magnetic. They have tested different materials to find out if they were magnetic. On 'Superhero Day', they used magnets to make their superhero fly or jump over a city scene. In Literacy the children have been reading a superhero poem and answering questions to extend their understanding. In Maths, the children have been ordering numbers to 20, counting sets of objects and matching to the correct numeral. In Music, Elm and Oak Classes have been developing their playing on tuned percussion and added a drone to their song from last week as well as practising the melody they learned last week.

Oak Class: The pupils in Oak Class made Superman Burgers in their cooking lesson. They learned about tally charts in Maths and used their knowledge and skills to go around and ask others in order to create their own tally charts. In the News Lessons, Oak pupils worked on good speaking skills, they also started making balloon-powered superhero cars in Art.

Some pictures from Whipsnade:



Stars of the Week

Ash Class 15th June: Mary-Kate for being enthusiastic about everything she has done this week and working hard on her superhero work.

Ash Class 22nd June: Donte for being very sensible at horse-riding, holding the reins in one hand and waving to a passer-by.

Birch Class 15th June: Brooklyn for great communication.

Birch Class 22nd June: Lukas for great engagement in lessons and great communication.

Elm Class 15th June: Elian for settling in to his new class and making lots of new friendships.

Elm Class 22nd June: Leo for working hard with Physio to try out lots of new equipment.

Oak Class 15th June: Kasey- Lou with for walking without any fuss.

Oak Class 22nd June: Matthew for communicating his needs to staff and for using his new standing frame.



A very big WELL DONE!

Diary Dates and Upcoming Events

Dates for Diary: Please refer to Learning @ Lonsdale Newsletter.

Sports Week beginning 25th June & Sports Day Friday 29th June.

Next issue of the Primary News: Friday 6th July

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