



NEWSLETTER

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Very Hungry Caterpillars

Our hungry caterpillar theme has inspired some brilliant projects and art work over the school year and in a wonderful case of life imitating art, we were extremely lucky to be the recipients of five of our very own hungry caterpillars.

We have been mesmerised by their magical transformation from caterpillars to chrysalis and eventually emerging as 'Painted Lady' butterflies. The children greeted our new winged friends with astonishment, reacting with comments such as 'they're so beautiful', 'It's so exciting' and from one of our own hungry caterpillars 'Miss, what's for snack?'



Our five beloved Lighthouse Club butterflies enjoyed a happy send off into the big wide world on 26th June 2018.

Jurassic Primary

The club children bravely came to the rescue during a prehistoric outbreak of dinosaurs across the school grounds. They fearlessly hunted down these gigantic (pint sized) reptiles with the help of cryptic clues. Their efforts were rewarded with chocolate 'dinosaur eggs', possibly resulting in the second major extinction event to hit the dinosaurs. Disclaimer: No dinosaurs were harmed during the making of this hunt.

Our intrepid explorers enjoyed some dinosaur fossil excavation and put their palaeontology skills to good work creating their own handprint dinosaurs.



Lighthouse Club Garden

We have cleared the debris from the Lighthouse Club garden and are currently growing varieties of child friendly wildflowers including Corn Chamomile, Musk Mallow, Salad Burnet, Wild Basil, Wild Carrot and Wild Marjoram. We are hoping they survive the heatwave and flower before the end of term, providing an additional food source for our butterflies and other local insects.

Four pumpkin plants have been planted to provide some spooky fun for Halloween, but unfortunately, having provided a hearty snack for some cheeky mini beasts, our sunflowers are no more.

We have received amazing support from 'I Can Grow RHS' including invaluable advice and free activity packs. Their aim is to support projects that give children the opportunity to discover and explore the benefits of gardening. We have had great fun planting seeds and crops. Website - <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk>

Science

Whizz, bang, fizz, pop!

We have always enjoyed a good science experiment at the club and this year has been no exception. Marker pen spiders coming to life and swimming across liquid surfaces, skittles and warm water making awe-inspiring art and H₂O magically transporting from one vessel to another has resulted in some wonderful jaw dropping moments for the children and staff alike. Our most common reaction from the children was "Wow!!". I think that says it all.



Royal Wedding

The children enjoyed marking the royal occasion with a tea party on the F2 playground making bunting, crowns and practicing their curtsies and bows. The jellies in particular were fit for a King and Queen.



Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers

The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme is a very challenging but rewarding youth awards programme. We currently have an ex-mount pupil volunteering as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Issy has been a fantastic addition to the club and extremely popular with the children.

As a result of the positive contribution she has made to the club we are hoping to develop a D of E volunteer programme with a local secondary school.

Summer

We wish all of our lovely Lighthouse Club families a fun and relaxing Summer Holiday and wish our Year 6 leavers every luck for the future!

Many thanks, Kim Murphy (Lighthouse Club Manager)
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Grow Wild Fungus Kit

We were very fortunate to be selected as part of Grow Wild's Fungus Awareness Campaign. They have been highlighting the importance of Fungi in the environment and we have used the opportunity to educate our children about UK biodiversity and wildlife.

If you would like more information about their fantastic campaigns please visit their website: www.growwilduk.com



An impressive crop of edible Oyster mushrooms grown by the Lighthouse Club.

New Outdoor Equipment

Thank you to Mrs Yates for kindly approving funding for new outdoor equipment. The children have had fantastic fun with new giant floor games, tin can alley, sports sets and hook-a-duck, to name but a few.

Runaway balls from our new bat and ball sets have also provided hours of entertainment for club staff and hours of amusement for our new Guinea Pigs.

