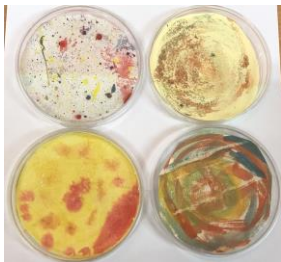


Awesome Art!

Some pupils at Sessions House have been creating Art work which connected to 'Science Week' at school. They used a variety of methods to make their own imaginary bacteria patterns inspired by the artist, Klari Reis. Pupils marbled some sheets of paper which resulted in beautiful results. They then tried a variety of techniques with watercolours; wax resist, sprinkling salt on wet paint and other methods. The final display of the work put into real petri dishes looked awesome, the children should feel very proud of their work.



Meerkats and Koalas Update

This half term we have welcomed a Janet as a new member of staff. Janet will be lead teacher of Meerkats class. She is an experienced teacher and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in many areas. One of her specialisms is Forest School. Below is a little information from Janet to explain this further:

As you may know Forest School has changed for Meerkats and Koala class members. It now takes place in the wonderful woodland at Snettisham Park where we now Farm School and Forest School every Tuesday and Thursday. We get the opportunity to spend a whole morning or afternoon in the woods twice a week.

Why is forest school so important you may think? Well it is not just a gimmick or craze, Forest school is a unique and inspirational learning process where children can develop their self-worth, while enriching all areas of their learning in a real-life context.

It is a process that children at Cambian Wisbech School are privileged to be a part of, where they use the natural environment of Snettisham Park to deepen their learning and take the time they need to reflect and be inspired. It is a hands on, active learning experience, personalised for each child and motivated by their interests and passions.

We believe that developing emotional intelligence, self-esteem and social skills are the key foundations that a person needs, and time is taken to develop these.

During Forest School, children will be motivated and feel empowered to achieve tasks and activities that challenge their individual aspirations in ways that they learn best. In Forest School, children will develop an understanding and connection with the natural world, appreciate our rural surroundings, work with tools, play, explore, and learn the boundaries of behaviour by managing risks and self-regulating their reactions and thought patterns.

Examples of Forest School activities include:

- ❖ Exploring the natural environment through their sense of 'awe and wonder'.
- ❖ Developing a relationship with the environment where children wish to learn how to nurture and manage the natural environment.
- ❖ Building dens and other structures to enrich their games and imaginative play.
- ❖ Fires and cooking.
- ❖ Tree climbing.
- ❖ Natural crafts.
- ❖ Using tools, such as knives and saws.
- ❖ Scavenger hunts and adventure.
- ❖ Team games.
- ❖ Den and shelter building.
- ❖ Seasonal activities.
- ❖ Storytelling, using the natural world to enable stories to come to life.

Forest School is a rich learning environment that will further enhance the creative, enquiry-based teaching that already happens in our classrooms. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me as the Forest School Leader.



Maths and ICT

ICT – This term pupils have been completing Functional Skills ICT past papers in preparation for their ICT exams. The paper included skills such as:

- Using a search engine to find information; print screen and past this information in a specified location.
- Using Excel as a calculator – using formulas to perform calculation and finally creating a spreadsheet from this.
- Using Microsoft word or any other DTP facility to create a poster and enhancing this using certain formatting feature to suit the audience.
- Creating and sending an email

Pupils did a fantastic job completing their exam in terms of following the rules, and so far we have had the first pass in ICT who was AH. Some pupils however did not manage to take the exams, but those who didn't pass were very close to the pass mark and it was a massive improvement on last years' score.

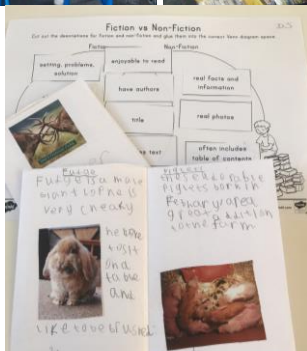
MATHS – This term pupils have been completing Functional Skills Maths past papers in preparation for their Maths exams. Their attitude and behaviour has been exceptional. So far we have had 3 passes JF, AH and CB. Congratulations to these pupils.

World book day

As a school we celebrate world book day every year as we are keen to encourage the students to read more books and improve reading skills. We also allow staff and students to dress up as their favourite book characters; this year we had Mary Poppins, Scarecrow, Willy Wonka and Tom Gates to name a few!

Some of the children went to the local library to take part in a book hunt which taught them about the wide range of books available and how to use the library system. Others completed reading comprehension activities and discussed the importance of learning how to read. Some children even made their own books!

The children were all able to purchase book of their choice at a local book store, they chose a range of interesting books and can't wait to read them.



Smarties Class

This week, the children have been learning about the importance of oral health. We have discussed how often you should brush your teeth, how you should do it and how long for. We discussed what could happen if they do not look after their teeth including plaque build-up, cavities and tooth decay. We learned about how sugar attacks our teeth and looked at different types of food to find out how much sugar is in each. The children were shocked to find out how much sugar was in some of their favourite foods! The children found out lots of new information and have all promised to look after their teeth.



Puffins Class

In Puffins Class we have used a short film, *The story of a Lone Robot*, to do various pieces of work. We have written film 'blurbs', futuristic science-fiction narratives and also learnt how to write scripts for films.

We have also used PowerPoint to create interactive presentations based on Ancient Greece. They contained fully operational buttons, animations and other special effects.



Cooking Lessons

Some of the children continue to take part in cooking lessons once a week which allows them to independently cook healthy meals for them and their family. By working in the kitchen the children are learning basic maths concepts and build better language skills. The children also get to experience self-confidence by creating their very own meals, with this the children gets a sense of pride and happiness because they are proud of their own work they have produced.



PE

For this half term the children's focus for PE has been team games. The children have been learning about the importance of working together in groups, as well as relating these skills to some of their favourite sports such as football, basketball, dodgeball etc.

Although this half term has been interrupted by our current situation, the children have shown a great understanding and have fully grasped the idea of working together.

We are glad that the children are staying active during this time and doing their best to stay fit and healthy. We look forward to continuing their great work next half term.



Wisbech School during COVID -19

In these bizarre times, with many self-isolating, the school has dedicated some teachers to remote learning. Ensuring that our pupils continue with their education at this time, it not only supports with continuity but is good for wellbeing and keeping pupils' minds active and in a routine.

As remote tutors, we have been actively involved with parents/carers, ensuring that the pupil's needs are met - and have received some encouraging feedback about home learning.

School has still been open for those pupils who cannot, for various reasons, stay at home. Pupils and staff have adapted well to changes and have continued to be enthusiastic about learning. Below are some photos of the great learning and activities that have been taking place. We at Cambian Wisbech School have also prepared food hampers for the Cambian Care Homes as well as some parents and carers who may be struggling to purchase the essentials from the shop. These include fresh fruit and veg, milk, bread, baked beans and soup to name a few items.



Easter Extravaganza!

Due to current circumstances, school has remained open over the Easter holidays, to provide an Easter club for a small group of children. Many exciting activities have taken place including Arts and Crafts, Pottery painting, outdoor games and fitness, cooking and construction/STEM activities. Great fun was had by children and staff alike!

Below are a few of the photos taken over the two weeks:



