



As a member of the Surrey branch, I was lucky to be able to attend the **annual conference** for the National Association of Headteachers up in Liverpool. It was an excellent opportunity to speak to colleagues from across the country and discuss the challenges all schools are facing at the moment, in particular the on-going funding crisis, the increase in the number of young children with mental health issues and SEND in our schools and the national recruitment and retention crisis. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the excellent work that goes on in all our schools and a reminder of why it is such a privilege to be a Headteacher. If you would like to know more about school funding and how it is affecting schools, including our own please do take a look at the School Cuts website

https://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/?link_id=1&can_id=65901ad4bf6c8289512f8c454f5e2f9e&source=email-find-your-school-5&email_referrer=email_272127&email_subject=find-your-school#!/schools?chosenSchool=9365217

Thank you so much to the **PSA** for re-juvenating the front of the school, re-filling the planters and making the front of the school look so much more welcoming – it is much appreciated!

ESafety

We are becoming increasingly concerned at the number of children in the Lower Juniors who are playing online games such as Fortnite and Five Nights at Freddys. These games have a recommended age rating of 13+ and 12+ respectively and are therefore not suitable for children this age. Unfortunately, some of the children who are playing these games – or watching others play the games on Youtube- are talking about them in detail at school and as a consequence of this some of the younger children are becoming quite upset. We would urge you to closely supervise the games your children are playing online and talk with them about the potential hazards. Below is a link with further information on Fortnite and also a parental guide to online safety which we hope you will find useful. If you have any concerns about online safety or would like further information please do get in touch.

<https://www.top10vpn.com/chilids-online-safety-guide/> link to guide for parents

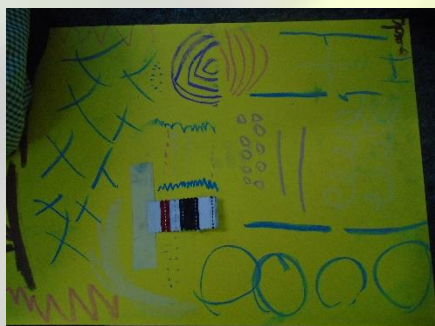
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210> bbc news report on Fortnite

Class Zone

Last Friday the Finches, Robins, Kestrels and Falcons took part in art workshops delivered by a team of Tutors and student ambassadors from the **University of Creative Arts**.

The Year 1 classes experimented with mark making using a range of pens, pastels and chalks.

"I've used all my favourite colours, I've done zigzags, circles, straight lines and crosses" Ryaan
"We had to try and do lots of different marks, I did circles, spots and lines" Poppy



They then had fun trying to draw with their less dominant hand and their eyes closed which was so much fun!

"It felt really weird and I had to feel where the paper was, I was really pleased when I saw all the dangly bits I tried to draw" William

Their last task was having ago at putting together a mood board from selecting a piece of fabric as a starting point.

"I like my rope because it is shiny and I can draw it big" Sophia

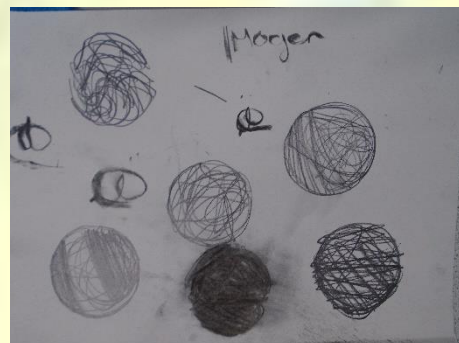
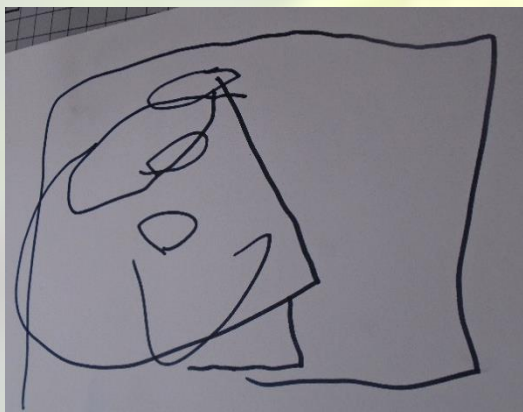


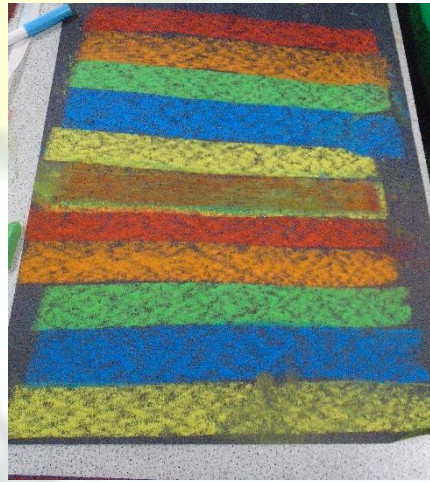
The Year 5's found out all about the exciting jobs that art courses could lead to in the future including graphic and fashion designers, printmakers, software designers and even computer game designers! During their workshop they were challenged to work quickly creating on the tables, floors in groups and individually.

"Art is mysterious you can put pieces together and try new colours"

" Art is calming for my brain and it doesn't have to be perfect"

The children were working from similar starting points but with very different outcomes.





A big thank you to the team from the UCA and if you would like to find out more about the courses that they offer please take a look at their website www.uca.ac.uk

The Parrots took a trip to Homebase as part of their topic “**The Great Outdoors**”. They enjoyed looking at all the different plants and things you find in a garden centre. All the children had a small budget to choose something to put into the Parrots outdoor area that we are developing. The children chose all sorts of things including bird feeders, vegetable plants and flowers. We would like to say a **HUGE thank you to Homebase** for the kind donations, their generosity has really made a difference to the area. We are especially grateful for all the gardening gloves they donated for the children- their hands should be less messy now!



Have a look at the Parrots page on the website to keep an eye on the progress of the outdoor area.

Juniper Hall – Year 4



Monday – On the first day of Juniper Hall we went to the river and found creatures. Then it was time for lunch! A while later...we were on the coach and leaving. When we got there we unpacked in our rooms and went to play football.

Tuesday – We woke up and had a shower, dressed and had breakfast. After that we lined up and made sandwiches for the hike. Then we packed our bags for the hike. We walked in fields, climbed very high hills and sat for lunch. We had dinner and pudding and then had our campfire.

Wednesday – We woke up and had breakfast. We climbed to a tower and then went in the woods and built shelters and dens. Later we climbed back down and played some games. We were allowed to go to the gift shop and then it was time to board the coach to travel home. *Callum and Josh (Jays)*



When we arrived at Crossways Farm, we got into our water proofs and left our bag under a sheet so it wouldn't get wet. Our first activity was to race rubber ducks along the river to show which places the river flowed fastest. Our second activity was to act out the river flowing in certain positions. Finally, we did some fishing for mini-beasts and put them in a tray to take them back to Juniper Hall.

On another day we went on a trek in the forest to build shelters (we had a good reason to as it was raining!) I think ours was the second worst because we forgot to do the roof and when it was lunch time we had to sit in our dens and eat and we got SOAKED! In fact it was less rainy outside the den than inside! *Haris (Doves)*



The mammal trapping took place at the bottom of Juniper Hall. Using a metal box, a tunnel and a tripwire we filled it to the brim with hay, mealworms, seeds and cornflakes. We hid them tactically using a method that our leader called Daniel explained to us. Out of all the nights a lucky group managed to catch something. It was a short tailed vole. Everyone crowded round but we were told to step back. We then released it into the middle of the circle that we were in. It was really exciting as we watched it scamper off into the wild. *Alex (Doves)*

Golden Boot Challenge

We're taking part in the Golden Boot Challenge



We are pleased to be taking part in the **Golden Boot Challenge** from Monday 4th June to Friday 29th June. This annual challenge is designed to encourage

children, parents and staff to choose sustainable alternatives to the car on school journeys (e.g. walking, cycling, car share).

The results will be recorded online and the class with the best results will receive winner's badges and the 'Golden Boot' plaque which will be awarded to them at one of our celebration assemblies in July. If you would like further information you can go to <http://saferoutestoschools.com/parents>. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Olympic Time Tables Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this month's Olympic Times Tables Challenge. The children had obviously practised very hard at home and so many managed to complete all the questions within the three minutes, getting most of them correct. This month, the children who got them all correct are :-

Olympian	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Time
Thomas B Yr 2			Timmy J Yr 4	2.19
Riley S Yr 3			Yundi C Yr 6	1.58
Lola C Yr 4				

The next Olympic Time Table Challenge will take place on **Thursday 24th May 2018** and this date will be published in the Math's section of the website and on the school calendar.

PSA News



After school on Friday 27th April we ran a stall to raise money for the MUGA where children will be able to play games in all weathers. We raised £39.55 and had great fun selling drinks and snacks to the rest of the school. We also used our maths skills to work out the change we needed to give people.

Eli, Dexter, Jack, Rafe, Kai, Amelia, Nicholas and Riley from the Nightingales



Last Friday the sun did shine and the hot weather was perfect for our first **ice-cream sale**. The school council and their parents sold like mad and raised a super £200. We almost sold out! We could not have asked for a better turn out. Thank you so much to all the parents and children who came along and bought ice-creams and lollies. The money raised is a great start to our school playground equipment fund for next year.

Our next ice-cream sale is Friday 18th May.

Hope to see you there!

Have you signed up to The Giving Machine? If so, that is great but are you using it when you shop online?

Did you know that **you need to shop via the app first** on your **iphone/ipad/Android phone or tablet**? Otherwise the school will **NOT** receive any donations.

For **PC users**, you need to install the Shop & Give reminder and then every time you shop online, the **Shop & Give purple heart icon** ❤️ will pop up on participating retailers. Click on it and a % of your shop will go to the school. Except for Amazon, please shop via TheGivingMachine website as Shop & Give does not pop up on the Amazon website.

You can even raise money when you are booking your holiday online. Websites like **Booking.com, Expedia, TUI, Eurocamp, First Choice** and many more will donate to our school if you book online.

Please remember to use TGM every time you shop online. We have raised £1200 so far for our school but if everyone who signed up used it regularly, we could raise £1000s more!!

From the Office

Half term fun for all the family!

Guildford Borough Council has collated some useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford over the May half term. Details of playschemes, arts and crafts, sports activities, family days out and much more can be found on our website:

www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Chertsey Museum

Chertsey Museum are running a free, family event for Museums at Night on Friday 18th May from 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Please see the attached pdf file for more details.