

If you were ever in doubt about the exciting things that children at Burpham school get up to, I hope that this week's bumper blog confirms how much time and energy goes into planning meaningful and interesting learning opportunities every day!



We were delighted to welcome **Jack Beaumont** to our assemblies last week for a glimpse of his silver Olympic medal and to hear about the attributes needed to become a world-class athlete. The children (and staff) were so excited to have a real Olympian in school and we are very grateful to Mrs Beaumont for inviting him in to visit us.

If your child was inspired by Jack's visit **Guildford Rowing Club** has a large, diverse and vibrant junior rowing squad. If you are interested in learning more about the Junior Learn-to-Row courses, please contact Danny Skillman, Junior Novice Co-ordinator at dannyskillman@uwclub.net

In previous years we have taken the children in KS2 to the Yvonne Arnaud theatre to watch the **pantomime**. We have made the decision not to partake this year for a number of reasons. The Yvonne Arnaud were asking for a deposit early in the term which would not have been refundable should we have had to cancel. We also felt that with the rise in cases both within the school and locally that taking children to a theatre with other large groups of children from different schools so close to Christmas was not prudent. This year instead we will be holding Christmas activities within school.

Jo White Headteacher

DBS Clearance & Volunteers Record of Attendance

Any parents/carers who hold DBS clearance for Burpham Primary School need to volunteer at least once every term to keep their DBS clearance valid. You will also need to have signed our Volunteers Record of Attendance once a term so we have proof that you have been in to help. Therefore if you have not already volunteered this term and wish to keep your clearance active then please ensure you come into school to help before the end of this term (Friday 17th December). You will need to contact Mrs Moldon (Assistant Headteacher) fiona.moldon@burpham.surrey.sch.uk to find a mutually suitable date for you to come in to help. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office team.

Parking

We have had several complaints from residents of Churchfields regarding parents/carers blocking the road preventing them from getting out of Churchfields to go to work in the morning. The residents have also mentioned that parents/carers are parking in the private car parking spaces at pick-up and

adults and children have been seen walking in front of moving cars, putting people in danger. We have also had a complaint regarding parking in front of St Lukes Church when there was a burial service taking place. It is very important that we are all considerate and respectful to our neighbours therefore we ask everyone to refrain from using Churchfields and parking in front of the church entrance and instead either walk or use Sutherland Memorial Car Park. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Outdoor Classroom Day

On 4th November the whole school joined thousands of children worldwide to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day. Everyone was wrapped up warmly, so no one minded the November chill and we had a fantastic time learning new skills in our wonderful outdoor environment. All the children had the opportunity to try out a wide range of subjects using different areas of the school grounds. Lessons included learning how to build a rocket, making potions, building shapes, designing dams, experimenting with clay and many more. The junior children all had the challenge to use the iPads to take photographs of the learning that was taking place throughout the day. They needed to think about the angle they were using, as well as trying to be sneaky so that the other children didn't notice they were there. Some children tried editing their photos when they returned to the classroom. You can see the winning photographs here!





Class Pages

This term **Year 2** have been learning about the United Kingdom. We put on our house shirts so that we could use ourselves and some skipping ropes to create a human map of the United Kingdom. We managed to name all the capital cities and the seas surrounding the UK. We also found out some interesting facts about each country. Did you know that the Titanic was built in Belfast and that Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh was once a volcano?





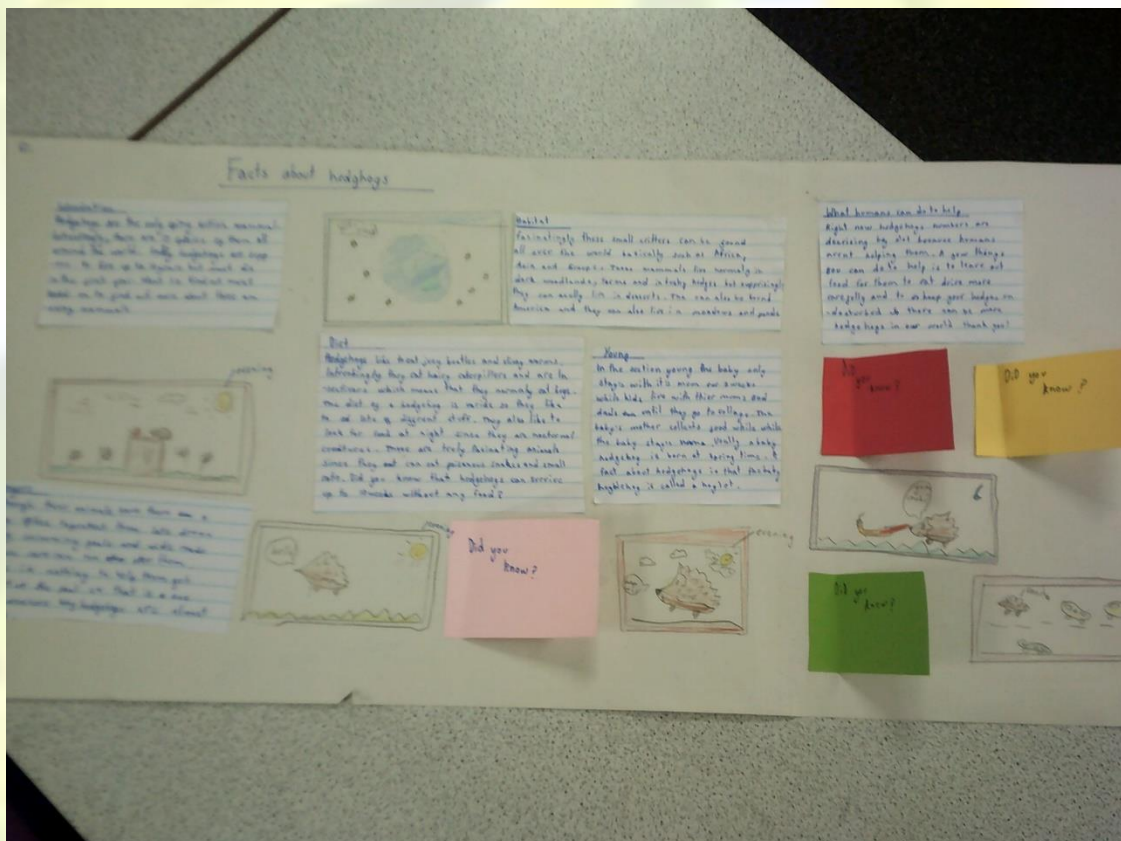
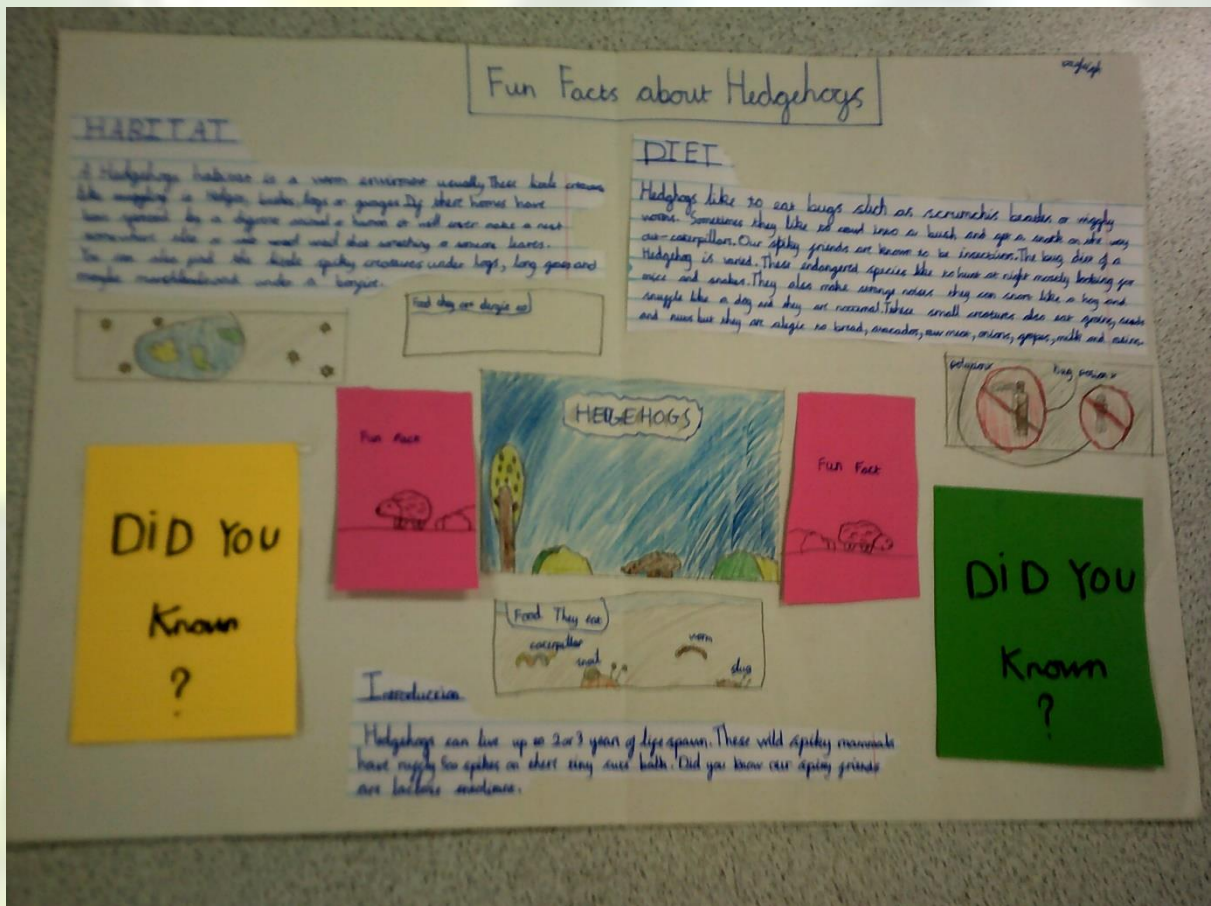
In **Parrots** we have been having a lot of fun climbing on the apparatus in the hall. It has really helped us to gain confidence as you can see from the smiles.

We have been learning about space. We have learnt about the Earth and the Sun. Here you can see us playing in our space rocket and we have made an astronaut display for our classroom.





In English, **Year 4** have been learning how to write non-chronological reports. The subject of our reports was Hedgehogs. The children had to do lots of research to discover as much as they could about these small, spiny animals. This writing has supported our learning in science, where we are learning about living things and their habitats. We have had a go at classifying different animals and been on a wildlife hunt in the school grounds. We found examples of living things from the Animal, Plant and Fungi Kingdoms. Sadly, we did not see any hedgehogs!



Fact about hedgehogs

Introduction

Hedgehogs are the only prickly mammal in the UK. They are small animals and are found in parks and woodland and 2 million. This species have about 5,000 spines.

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Diet

Hedgehogs only eat small insects because if they eat big food it is harder to digest it. They mainly eat worms, beetles and small, baby snakes. Our spiky friends are insectivores which means they only eat bugs and insects.

Habitat

Hedgehogs normally get found in woodland, garden - fields, meadows, grassland and hedge are popular gardens. Out ponds live near lakes so you will find hedgehog in the UK and Africa and Asia.

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Dangers

Hedgehogs can get stuck in net like a fisherman and they will die because they can't escape. Our ponds are getting silted because gardeners are putting big silt so even hedgehogs eat them they will get lost.

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Introduction

Hedgehogs have two spines and when the spine gets old and falls out and new one grows. The body is covered in small and large spines. Did you know that an adult hedgehog has 2-3 inches.

Diet

In the morning hedgehogs absolutely love to eat beetles and the sneaky animals also enjoy hunting for delicious worms and squishy caterpillars. The spiky animals are insectivores and they love to eat all sorts of all different shaped and sized animals from beetles and moths. Hedgehogs also eat small mammals like mice. Hedgehogs are also known to eat small mammals like mice. Hedgehogs are also known to eat small mammals like mice. Hedgehogs are also known to eat small mammals like mice.

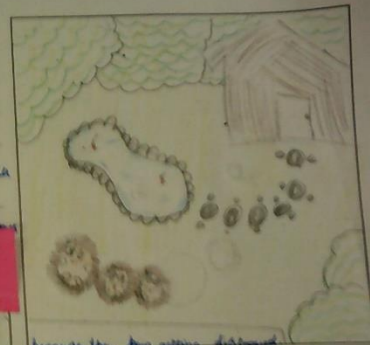
long snakes too. The hedgehogs are smart and struggle all day long.

Habitat

Prickly animals live all over Europe in different homes in different parts. They live in pots of leaves or a warm shed but their parents of them all is a very hard work to a small pond. The lovely mammals are endangered so there are many homes.



Did you know?



because they keep getting destroyed.

They love to eat and sleep in their homes but sometimes when they are on a stick they can get entangled in their homes.

Did you know?

Did you know?

Ruby

Facts about Hedgehogs

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Introduction

Hedgehogs are National Species because they are not likely to come out when clearing the day time. Did you know hedgehogs get their name because of their love of hibernating and finding their food in hedges and they also make the sound of a pig called a hoo. Hedgehogs are also the only spiky animal in Britain.

Habitat

The endangered creature's live in Europe Africa Asia and even the very many live in Asia though. But they also like sleeping in the poplars, grasses and bushes. Hedgehogs also can be found in many grassland woodlands and meadows they have also been in the wild for over 1 years.

Diet

Hedgehogs favourite food is Worms beetles caterpillars slugs and snakes they are also lactose intolerant which means they are allergic to milk based food meat grapes and avocados they are also omnivores but they mostly stick with their favourite food insects which are insects.

Dangers

Hedgehogs are actually endangered because because of lots of loss of their habitat due to them being hunted down.

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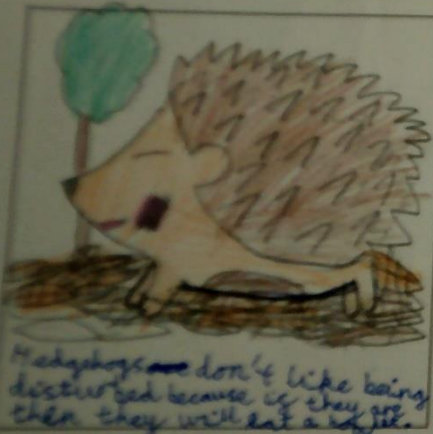
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Introduction

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Hedgehogs don't like being disturbed because if they are then they will eat a hedgehog.



Diet

* Hedgehogs diet is varied because they can eat berries, beetles and all other insects. They can even eat venomous snakes.

Habitats

Well hedgehogs live in Asia, Africa and Europe. They also live in New Zealand, England and even savannas. They mostly live in woodlands and hedges or the undergrowth.

Young

Baby hedgehogs are called hoglets. They ~~only~~ live up to 2-3 years and most die in the first year. Hoglets look like swollen tongs and a hedgehog is only pregnant for four weeks.

Josh

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Maya Day last week! They had a fantastic time learning about many aspects of Maya life and enjoyed getting involved with ancient Maya games such as Bul and Pok-ta-Pok. They also enjoyed acting out the Maya creation story and even got the opportunity to touch and hold artefacts from the time!





Admissions Arrangements for George Abbot School for September 2023

The admission arrangements for George Abbot School for September 2023 admission have now been determined (see attachment).

Any person or body who considers that these admission arrangements are unlawful, or not in compliance with the Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Schools Adjudicator at:

osa.team@schoolsadjudicator.gov.uk

Objections must be referred to the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2021.

Further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator/about>

From the Office

Planet Soccer Holiday Club

If you are interested in booking a place at the Planet Soccer Holiday Club in December then please see the flyer attached to this blog.

Family Grapevine Magazine

The Winter issue of the Guildford, Woking & Spelthorne Family Grapevine magazine is out now.

It's packed full of great ideas for Festive Family Fun, chances to win tickets to Bocketts Farm and all the usual information about local support and services that are relevant to local families.

Please click on the link below to view the latest issue:

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/gws/see-a-copy/>

NHS Foundation Trust/Mindworks Surrey Crisis Line

Below is a free 24/7 emotional wellbeing and mental health crisis line number. This is available for young people aged 6 years and over, their families and carers within Surrey.

Call 0800 915 4644