



# Pre-Prep News - Friday 25 June

## From Mrs Ross

What a wonderful week we have had in the Pre-Prep.

Come rain or shine, the boys have continued to participate in active learning experiences, in a huge variety of environments, with enthusiasm and perseverance! We are looking forward to our end of term events and celebrations as we rush towards its end.

Year 2 have enjoyed celebrating Edward's birthday with delicious snack time cakes.

French, with Mr Power last week, involved a marvellous introduction to petanque in our classroom.



# Year 1

On a rainy and windswept coast, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Portchester Castle on Monday of this week.

The boys spent the morning in the company of three amazingly knowledgeable English Heritage volunteers as they guided them through a workshop entitled "In the Footsteps of Kings". We learnt about the importance of Portchester Castle during the reigns of Edward III and Richard II enjoying working in role as the kings, their queens and their courts as they followed the history of the castle in the time of each monarch. We re-enacted the duties of archers against French invasions, the servants at work, and the King and his court enjoying leisure time including hunting and dancing.

Everyone enjoyed exploring the inner and outer baileys and the spectacular stone keep during the afternoon, and we had a quintessentially English summertime soggy picnic as well!

Mrs James



# EYFS News

Water has featured highly this week for Reception having just stopped on their way to Forest School for the PPA Duck race. Well done, duck number 4, and thank you PPA for organising this for us.

It was wonderful to welcome back some old members of Reception, now in Year 8, who came in to work with the boys. They were very eager to read, play Lego, and fix a puzzle or two.

As the rain kept falling last Friday, we embraced this weather and tested out our boat building skills. We used tin foil to develop our understanding of floating and sinking, as well as learning about gravity and mass. The boys had great fun discovering which boat could hold the most one penny pieces.

Mrs Kent



# Forest School

We continued with the theme of minibeasts for Reception.

Following on from last week's lesson we chatted about what a minibeast needs in order to survive. With this information the boys created some wonderful minibeast homes in a matchbox and I was impressed with their imagination.

Year 1 focused on insects this week. They used different coloured perspex to explore how insects see colour in the natural world.

The boys were amazed at how it affected the colour of some flowers and made them more vibrant and stand out more. We also focused on how an insect camouflages itself. After studying the patterns and colours of different moths, the boys created their own moth and tried to find a suitable hiding place for it where it would be protected from predators.

Working in pairs, Year 2 were given the challenge of making a small raft that would float on the river. They needed to work as a team and apply the skill of tying a clove hitch knot quite a few times! Our plan is to race the rafts next week.

Mrs Walker



# Pre-Prep Notices

## Pilgrims' Shell awards:

**Year 2**— Thomas G for his wonderful hard work and attention to detail when handwriting.

**Year 1**— to Alfred B for always being kind and considerate and to Teddy Harris for always being a happy, smiley and well-mannered Pilgrim.

**Reception**— Alexander O for being conscientious and showing independence and care at Forest School.

## Key Dates:

Tuesday 29 June	AM	New Boys' Day and move to new classes for first session of the day
Wednesday 30 June	19:00-20:00	<b>Reception to Year 1</b> Transition Meeting with Miss Kunzer and Mrs Ross:  <a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a> Meeting ID: 775 827 4670 Passcode: Pilgchat
Thursday 1 July	14:00—15:30	Pre-Prep Sports Day <b>No cricket or Craft Commoner on this day</b>
Friday 2 July	19:00  19:00-20:00	Transition Meeting for new Reception parents in the Reception Garden.  <b>Year 1 to Year 2</b> Transition Meeting with Mrs James via Zoom  <a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a> Meeting ID: 340 773 1186 Passcode: Pilgchat
Monday 5 July		Pre-Prep Outdoor Adventure
Wednesday 7 July	09:00  13:00 or 16:00	Pre-Prep Leavers' Assembly, Riverside Garden  Pre-Prep End of term
Thursday 9 September		Term begins