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| ***Friday May 10th 2019*** |
| **FGD update**  After an amazingly successful year as co-chairs of Friends of Graffham and Duncton (FGD), Clare Hindle and Laura Douse have decided to step down from the role from May half term. We are very sad to be seeing them step down due to their own career and personal circumstances, as they have been creative, innovative and exploratory in their approach to the task, building on the hard work of our previous FGD teams. We would like to thank them for the immense amount of hard work that they have put into the role.  **I am therefore writing to you all to ask for either one or two parents to volunteer to be our next FGD chair or co-chair! It is a great opportunity to make a huge difference to the experiences and resources that all of your children benefit from across both schools.**  In these challenging financial times in schools, we need our successful PTA to move from strength to strength. We are making plans to minimise the time spent on events by team members, particularly at this year’s Summer Performance, so your first steps into the FGD team will be simplified ones. Please seriously consider joining our fantastic team; please come and talk to Mrs Whiffin or myself about your possible interest.  Thank you for your continued support of our amazing schools.  **Helen Martin** |
| **Lavington Park Federation Safe Online**  a weekly Friday Flyer feature about children’s online safety  **C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\28Y5HQH2\internet2[1].gif**  You may have seen this on a Facebook post from Nursery this week.  *Neurosciencenews.com* have published a number of interesting reports on the effects of screen time on different age children :  <https://neurosciencenews.com/?s=screen+time> |
| This week Woodpecker Class entertained visitors from Barlavington Manor. More information and pictures to come next time …  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\PHOTO-2019-05-10-12-10-50.jpg |
| **Tons of Tins Appeal**  Olly and Josh Wright (year 6 and Year 4) and their dad Nick took 90 tins to Spirit FM this week in support of Chichester Foodbank’s Tons of Tins Appeal. Well done the Wright family!  C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\IMG_0449.jpg |
| **Nursery News**  **Forest School Update** We’ve had a fun week this week in forest school. We began by making a basket outside using the mallets to knock in the wooden posts. The children made pine cone necklaces and replenished our pine cone bird feeders as they were bare! We have some hungry birds around. We also made fairy soup using found natural materials. On Wednesday we explored rubbings using small pieces of foil to see the patterns of leaves, different surfaces, rope, bark.  **Japanese day** On Wednesday we celebrated Japanese day with Mrs Harrison and she introduced us to her Japanese culture by talking about the similarities and differences to our British culture. The children made their own sushi using our healthy foods, by rolling the sticky rice and seaweed. It was certainly a challenge! We also learnt how to say hello in Japanese and we tried on Mrs Harrison’s silk kimono. The children also explored a little bit of origami with some support. Please come into the classroom and take a look at the display we have up on the wall.  **Learning** This week we have been exploring how to make leaves for our giant beanstalk on the wall. The children have taken some leaf rubbings, painted leaves, drawn leaves using a variety of crayons and pastels. The teachers have supported the children to use their observational skills to look at the structure of a leaf and how they are similar and different from one another.  Murray has been leading a few yoga sessions on a Friday for us and children have been practicing the pose of a frog and tree and they have also learnt how to take deep breaths, in through the nose and out through the mouth.  **Reminder** Please remember to bring in your child’s suncream and hand them into a member of staff on your arrival. We’re hoping for some better weather next week.  **Recycling** Please can you save any yoghurt pots or egg boxes for our picnic project! Watch this space!  Have a lovely weekend! Early Years Team |
| **Friends of Graffham and Duncton Schools : News**  **FGD Team - new chairs required**  After an exciting year of events and activities, Clare and Laura have taken the decision to step down as co-chairs of FGD, as of Friday 24th May. We are so grateful to everyone who has supported FGD over our term, particularly the FGD team. Our busy schedules mean that sadly we can no longer continue with this role.  As such, Friends of Graffham and Duncton requires a new Chair or Co-chairs.  It is a great opportunity to get involved with our fabulous schools, help put on events for the children/parents and raise some much-needed funds. It is vital that the position is filled to ensure that FGD, as a charity, is not at risk and that it complies with the Charity Commission's regulations.  Clare and Laura have proved that having co-chairs works really well so if you, whether individually or with another parent, are interested in finding out more, please do get in touch with Mrs Martin or any of the FGD members. Your school needs you!  **Self-portrait prints** The print order has been placed and prints should be available for collection soon.  We will update you with the expected delivery dates once we know when… In the meantime, if you have any questions please email us on [Friendsofgraffhamandduncton@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofgraffhamandduncton@gmail.com).  **Cake Raffle**    **School Lottery**  Mr D A was the lucky winner of £28.20 last week. Congratulations!  If you haven’t signed up, it’s a brilliant way to support and there’s a winner from our school every week:  <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/graffham-infant-and-duncton-junior-schools>  image1.jpegIf you purchase items from Amazon, please remember to go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), add us as your chosen charity, ‘Duncton and Graffham Schools Parent Teacher Association’, then shop as normal via the Amazon Smile site.  That way we receive a donation at no extra cost to you!  Amazon Smile is exactly the same Amazon - same products, prices, offers, service, Prime, Black Friday deals etc etc.  To support our schools, you just have to start your shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)  Why not add a shortcut to Amazon Smile on your phone, to make it even easier to support your schools?C:\Users\secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\728x90_EFXmasBanner.png |
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