



Year 1 & 2 Hockey

On Tuesday, a team of 6 children from Year 1 and 2 took part in the Quicksticks competition held at Hordle Primary School. The children engaged in a series of Quicksticks challenges aimed at developing and improving their hockey skills. Nervous at first, the children soon enjoyed all the challenges which enabled them to focus on controlling, passing and dribbling the ball as well as shooting. All the children had a fun and active afternoon and were very proud of the 112 points they scored.

Thank you very much to Mrs Harding for her help and support on the day.



Western Downland's Young Archeologist

William (from Willow class) was digging in the mud at Forest School last week when an old coin 'flicked out' of the mud! We took it to Sophie, the Finds Liaison Officer at Salisbury museum, for further analysis but she believes it maybe a sixteenth century copper alloy token!

Well done William!



Book Fair

Thank you to those of you who supported our second hand book fair on Thursday. You raised an amazing **£150**. We hope you enjoyed the cake and have managed to pick up some new reading material.



Important Information about Lexia

For the 2024-2025 school year, Lexia Core5 and PowerUp will require **iPadOS 15 or higher**. This change will go into effect in summer 2024.

Core5 and PowerUp will **no longer be compatible** with these older devices: **iPad mini 2, iPad mini 3, Original iPad Air.**

iPad users will need to update to iPadOS 15 or higher to use Core5 and PowerUp.

iPad users will need to download the summer 2024 Core5 or PowerUp iPad app updates to continue use of the program.





Acorn Class—The World Around Us

This half term as part of our school geography topic, Acorn Class are looking at “The World Around Us). We started our topic by having a Pirate Day. We made treasure, treasure chests, telescopes and a parrot !

We talked about where we had been on holiday and found these places on a map of the world.

This week the Pirate brought us a letter and a basket—he had travelled to Italy. We tasted pizza and pasta, found Italy on a map and found out what it is well known for.

We can’t wait to see what country he visits next !



Little Foresters say a big THANK YOU to Schofield Gardens for the donation of plants for their garden.

They have had a lovely time planting all of the flowers and will enjoy watching them grow.





Safeguarding

After meeting the Cyber Ambassadors this week, we decided that we'd like to communicate directly to you about their experiences with technology and their concerns around online safety. One thing we learned is that many families do have clear systems in place to keep their children protected from: setting limits on screen times, locking app downloads behind a password, to having full control of their children's devices from their own device. They expressed that they had open and honest conversations about technology use. Parents being closely involved with what their children are doing on their devices builds trust and keeps them safe when navigating the treacherous paths of the internet. This is much the same as being by your children's side when out and about, keeping them safe when crossing the roads or keeping them by your side so they don't get lost.

One tip they gave of something to watch out for is how access to Tik Tok and YouTube can be gained without the use of an app. These websites can still be accessed through the web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox) even if the app is not installed. The Google 'Family Link' app is a great way to block certain features and tailor how you want your children to use their devices. This link takes you to a guide on how to do the same with Apple devices: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Attendance

| Class | Percentage |
|--------------|------------|
| Whole School | 96.0 |
| Acorn | 95.1 |
| Willow | 96.0 |
| Maple | 96.1 |
| Birch | 97.1 |
| Rowan | 97.0 |
| Beech | 96.1 |
| Oak | 94.7 |



Discount code for new school uniform from Wovina—
West10% valid until 30th April

<https://bit.ly/447VCEW> (Main School) or <https://bit.ly/49O99mn> (Little Foresters) or scan the QR codes



News from the Friends of Western Downland

The Friends will run a **second-hand uniform** sale at the end of every half term. We would appreciate donations of uniform at either site office. All proceeds help the school. Contact Caroline Saunders at caroline@alderholt-technology.co.uk if there is any uniform you require.

Recycling Shed at Damerham

This is currently closed for maintenance but will be re-opened as soon as possible.

