



**Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Prayer of the week - Matilda**

Dear God  
 Thank you for our friends, families  
 and loved ones. Thank you  
 for giving us second chances and  
 guiding us to be able to believe in ourselves.  
 AMEN

Stars of the week: **Mars** – Wilf **Year 1** – Eliza **Year 2** – Rory **Year 3** – Elkie  
**Year 4** – Matthew **Year 5** – Quinn **Year 6** - Emma

**Pupil Voice: "Our class news"**

**Mars:** 'I met Trinny the Tarantula and I also held a giant millipede with 250 legs!' Ted

**Jupiter:** This week we had a dancing lesson, we learnt a dance from the 1960's with music from 1960's. I liked the dance and the music. There is a slow astronaut in the dance too. - Erin

**Saturn:** The best part of the week was Wednesday, we got to see animals in school and try exotic fruits, we dressed in colours of the rainforest. Emily

**Neptune:** This week in Neptune we met our new teacher, Mrs Tyzack. We learnt our dance for the festival and wrote our inspirational quotes from 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. In history we created timelines of the Viking and Anglo Saxon conflicts. In arithmetic we looked at percentages - Quinn

**School News**

**Dance Workshop**

We were delighted to have welcomed Don Rae from his Dance Academy D.R.A.M.A. this week. Each class enjoyed learning a new dance routine which will be performed to parents at the Annual Dance Festival at the end of this half term.

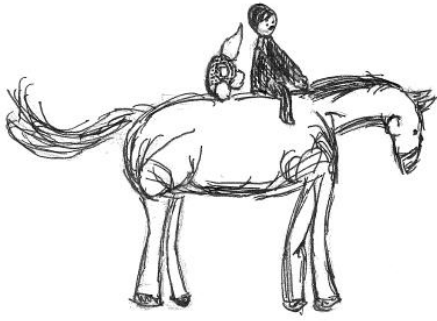


## Mini Beasts and Rainforest Workshop

On Wednesday, Saturn class enjoyed a Rainforest Day! They started by making rainforest pictures in the style of John Dyer - their creations are now proudly on display in the classroom. Next, they tasted four tropical rainforest fruits: pineapple, mango, passion fruit and banana. The mango was particularly popular, although the seeds of the passion fruit were not so yummy! Finally, Ed came in from Mini Monsters and introduced five rainforest animals: Gerald the giant African snail, Mildred the millipede, Ghostie the ghost corn snake, Trinny the rose tarantula and Winston the bearded dragon. Saturn class learnt about how these animals have adapted to survive and what their favourite foods are (surprisingly, most love cucumber!). Everyone learnt a huge amount from the day and it was an incredible, immersive experience to kick-start their new topic.



"What is the blavest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help," said the horse.

By Rufus - Neptune Class.

Inspired by : The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse.

### **A message from our Chair of Governors and Vice Chair – Simon Hurst and Sally Connelly.**

#### **Simon Hurst**

Hello, I would like to introduce Sally Connelly and myself. My name is Simon Hurst and I am the new Chair of Governors for Cavendish School. I am looking forward to working with the school, staff and pupils. I have been a governor at Copdock and Bently schools for the last 15 years and Chair or Vice Chair for the last 9 years. I have also sat on several governing boards at other schools across Suffolk, I am also a mentor for new Chairs of Governors along with Sally.

I bring a wealth of experience to the governing board in finance, Health and Safety etc

My working life was with Suffolk Fire and Rescue service for 36 years, working across a number of posts including training and operational response. Since my retirement I have been able to dedicate more time to schools across Suffolk allowing me to develop my own understanding of Small schools, larger primary schools and Pupil referral units.

I look forward to hopefully meeting some of you in the future. If needs be I can be contacted through the school office.

#### **Sally Connelly**

I am really pleased to be joining Cavendish Primary school as Vice Chair of Governors. If you see me around the school then please feel free to say hello. I began my journey as a School Governor at Boxford Primary and was proud to be Chair of Governors for many years. Since Boxford I have been on the Governing Boards of many schools across Suffolk, I have mentored Chairs of Governors and supported the development of boards skills through bespoke training. This has included working with many different sizes of schools from two form entry to smaller schools very much like Cavendish. My background is in the public and voluntary sectors and includes time in senior press and communications roles, development of large health, education and environment grant programmes and working to improve voluntary sector governance. I hope that my skills will be put to good use at Cavendish and I am excited to become part of your school community which has already been very welcoming.

As you are aware we have had OFSTED in this week for a two day inspection. Due to OFSTED criteria, we are unable to share the report until its published on the OFSTED web site. Once we have received the report we will be sharing the findings with the public.



### Reading Cafe

Please be reminded that you are invited to our reading cafe on Tuesday between 9am -10am. We look forward to seeing you. We are unable to welcome younger siblings to the café; but keep an eye out for our younger siblings café later in the year.



### Dates for your diary

19<sup>th</sup> April – Whole class photographs  
 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Reading Café for parents and carers 9-10am  
 14-16 May – KS2 SATS  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Dance Festival and School Fete  
 24-27<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 6 Bikeability  
 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (am) times to be confirmed, followed by parent picnic lunch in school  
 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Reserve Sports day and parent picnic.  
 8-10<sup>th</sup> July – Stour Valley Year 6 transition  
 14-18<sup>th</sup> July - TGS Year 6 transition  
 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1.15pm Year 6 leavers church service and celebration

### School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024

#### Autumn Term

- PD Days Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Children Start Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term

- PD Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Children Start Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Half term Monday 19 to Friday 23 February
- Last day Thursday 28 March

#### Summer Term

- PD Day Friday 12 April
- Children Start Monday 15 April
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- PD Day Friday 24 May



- Half term Monday 27 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Friday 19 July

## **School Term and Holiday dates 2024/2025**

### **Autumn Term**

- PD Days 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Children start Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September
- Half term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October -Friday 1 November
- PD Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Last Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

- PD Day 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Children start Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January
- Half term 17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Last day of term 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term**

- PD Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Children start Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Last day of term 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## **Useful numbers and websites**

**Suffolk InfoLink**, you community directory where you can explore thousands of activities, services and events across Suffolk, <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/home.page>

**Apply for Free School Meals** <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

**Safeguarding** If you have a safeguarding concern out of school hours please see the information below which will allow you to make the appropriate referral or get the appropriate support.

Please know that if you suspect a young person is at risk of harm please alert either Customer First or the relevant emergency service by calling 999. For non-urgent police advice, you can contact 101.

Customer First: 0808 800 4005 (free from landlines and most mobiles)

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0203 373 4600