

Snape Primary School



Snape has had another exciting year of learning adventures.

The school has 79 children currently on roll with a full 16 place Pre School as well. We are all part time teachers and TAs and also are lucky enough to work with Kinna-our Forest schools practitioner-and Ginnie-our Speech and Language Therapist.

Children take part in Forest schools up to Yr 4-they have half a day up in the Forest whatever the weather. We offer Speech and Language Therapy to our children who might need it and also a specialist TA in Emotional support who offers one to one or small group sessions.

Over the year we've taken part in lots of exciting activities. Summer Term last year was, as always extremely busy.

Our oldest class was invited to take part in the 'Wonderful Beast' production of 'First the Dance, then the Feast' at Thorington Outdoor Theatre. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children (and the adults) and we'll remember it forever. They performed to packed audiences on two nights alongside the professional actors and musicians. Rehearsals took place both there and also involved weeks of practice with those musicians and a professional dancer...we all learnt so much.

We also had our usual Sports Day and PSA Fun day. Having had a break from this during Covid it was another treat to have our second year of inviting parents back in. Pre school also took part and were fantastic troopers running down the track in their very own Toddler race.

The PSA fun afternoon raised a terrific amount of money, definitely helped along by the children's stalls which included fresh lemonade!

We had our first experience of using the Recital room at Snape Maltings for our Yr 4/5/6 Summer performance of 'Aladdin'. This, again, was a memorable experience-being able to perform in a proper performance space with all the facilities was a great privilege.

We said GOODBYE to Eleanor, Tobias, Khodi, Kane and Ruby who went off to Alde Valley and Thomas Mills and we hear are doing great things in Year 7.

Autumn term '22 seemed to be packed just as much. Though this year also seems to have been a really difficult one for illnesses. We are the same as all schools and have found that, post pandemic, there are some horrible lurgies around which are taking children (and adults) much longer to shift. Consequently we've had some very poorly children away which meant the poor things missed some of the Christmas festivities that they enjoy so much.

We had lots of stand ins at our Christmas performance, again in the Recital Room, which was very special despite teachers having to read parts! We had a 'hoe down' with 'Prickly Hay' starring R - Yr 3. Children were amazing and delighted the audience with beautiful singing+dancing.

We were also invited to take part in a fantastic drumming workshop with 4/5/6 with the awesome 'Wooden Roots'. Afterwards we got to see the original Black Panther costumes and the inspiring exciting in the lobby.

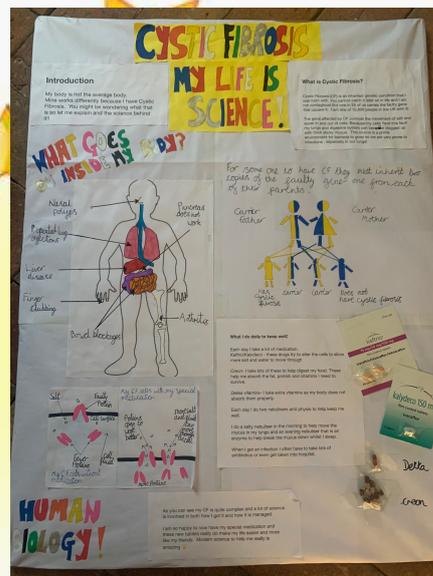
The Young Uns invited us to a mini concert given by their Weekend singers who wanted to sing the children their own 'Snape sone' as they were in Blaxhall Youth Hostel at the time. We were treated to a mini gig which was amazing. They all loved the song so much the children had to sing it three times!

The words are all about Snape so they are added on to the end of the report in their entirety as we are very proud of the lyrics-much of which the children came up with themselves-because we think they tell the great story of Snape village so far....

The children battled on against their lurgies in the Spring term. We have bought some new schemes of work to help us plan Music and Design and Technology through the school and children have enjoyed the activities in these as you can see. We were lucky enough to have a visit from 2 Chamber ensembles - Calathea Quartet and Trio Boheme - who wowed us in the hall. Everybody got up to dance as well.



Rec/1 visited the Life boat station to find out about real life super heroes. It was National Science week so the oldest children presented investigations they'd explored independently at the Science Week Science Fair. Families came to hear all about the science behind the amazing activities. Our winner was Freya who told us all about the science behind herself and her CF. We were proud of all of them but very moved by Freya's ability to explain her CF and the effect it has on her life so succinctly and powerfully.



We were able to enjoy the sunshine for our Coronation Picnic prepared by our super cook Amanda. The MDAs decorated our playground and we all had red white and blue cupcakes to finish.

We started a 'soft start' last week which means children come straight into school from 8.50 - 9.00am and parents don't need to stay in the playground.

Future plans: The school's Pupil admittance Number (PAN) is 70. Our school hall was built for children who did PE in a very different way in 1905. Up until 2012 the school only took up to 9 year olds too. Now we accommodate 4-11 year olds. At 70 we were struggling to have PE lessons in the hall and can no longer fit families in to watch assemblies. We very much hope we can make a room bigger at the back of the school and use the existing hall as a classroom which would mean we can have our bigger children in bigger space (having preciously not needed to accommodate 9 - 11 year olds). Hence we are not expanding numbers at all but need to give the children we have got the best space we can on our site. We are considering how to make this work and may be able to use exciting space within the school in a clever way for a bigger office and staffroom meaning we would not need to extend the front. We desperately need, however, to give our children more space to fulfil our PE curriculum and split our classes into 4 so numbers in each are more in line with teaching year groups. We love Snape the size it is but the space we do have potentially could be used in a more canny way to give the best learning adventures to our children in 2023 as opposed to 1905.

Snape Song - Longboat Journey Through time

We'll sing you the story of Snape
See the watchful curlew climb
See Saxons, soldiers, suffragettes
On our longboat journey through time

Benedictine monks with robes as black as night
Hear the bells ringing, psalms they're singing
Scribing holy words by flickering candlelight
On our longboat journey through time

We'll sing you the story of Snape.....

See our school being opened in 1905
Garrett sisters speak, women are not weak
The Suffragette movement is truly alive
On our longboat journey through time

We'll sing you the story of Snape.....

See brave, lost soldiers like Joseph Lee
In the First World War, the horror they saw
A tragic moment of our history
On our longboat journey through time

We'll sing you the story of Snape.....

And now we're back in Snape today
With the river Alde flowing, the tractors toiling
Many years we've been away
On our longboat journey through time

Time travel is a thirsty game
To The Golden Key, The Crown and The Plough & Sail
To the pubs of Snape our final aim
On our longboat journey through time

We'll sing you the story of Snape
See the watchful curlew climb
See Saxons, soldiers, suffragettes
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