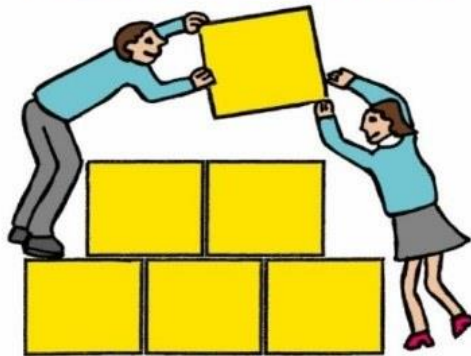


Sproston Junior School



Building and Working Together

SJS Weekly News - 22nd October

Happy half-term everyone!

I'd like to say a big well done to all the children and staff and a big thank you to the parents for a really positive half-term. We've certainly had our challenges health wise but we've seen a lot of resilience and hopefully a week off will help to reduce the number of illnesses which seem to be 'doing the rounds' at the moment.

We have reduced movement in the school a little this week and reduced numbers in the school hall during some assemblies and lunchtime. These measures, alongside good hygiene and cleaning, we hope may have helped with reducing the passing on of viruses to others. We have received some new advice from the local authority regarding next half-term and we will share this with you when we have finalised our school level decisions about any new procedures that are necessary.

All classes have enjoyed the focus that we've put on Black History month this week and I know some of the stories have really inspired the children. A few of them have been asked their thoughts below.

Mr Arthur and some of our School Ambassadors collected our Go Go Dinosaur this week and it is has been keeping 3C company! We look forward to seeing it decorated and on show in the community.

A big thank you for all the food bank donations. Once again, the support has been excellent and we have a good amount of food and other supplies to give to the foodbank which will be of tremendous help to Norwich families this winter.

I hope everyone has a good half-term break.

Kind regards

Matt Walton, Headteacher

Diary Dates

25th Oct - Half-term

1st November - Autumn '2' begins

5th November - COP26 (uniting the world against climate change)

5th November - Year 5 visiting Sutton Hoo

8th November - Virtual Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 6pm)

10th November - Virtual Parents' Evening (5-7:30pm)

10th November - Scholastics' Book Fair (running from 10th - 12th November)

12th November - Cross Country Race 2 @ Falcon Junior

15th November - Anti-Bullying Week

15th November - Year 3 visiting Norwich Cathedral

24th November - Year 2 Open Day

25th November - Flu vaccinations

Go-Go Dinosaur Arrives!

On Tuesday the 19th of October 2021, Gracie Annabel and Hannah went with Mr Arthur to pick up our school's Go Go Dinosaur! When we got there, we got to explore all the different dinosaurs that have previously been in the city. We saw some awesome dinosaurs that had been painted by artists from all over the UK! Annabel's favourite was the rainbow gem one! Afterwards we took some pictures with Tracey who works for Break and is responsible for helping schools with the Go Go Dinosaur project. We also saw some of the Steppe Mammoths that will be dotted along the coast next year and we even got to see some cows from the Cambridge trail this year! Next of all, we looked at the Dinosaur that our school will be designing and decorating. We already love it and so does everyone at our school. Our school is having a competition to get a great collection of amazing designs. A winner will be chosen from each class. One person from each class will be chosen for an art class to paint our dinosaur along with some pupils from Sprowston Community Academy who are coming to help as well. We will be letting you know how things go with our dinosaur - watch this space!

From, Gracie, Annabel & Hannah.



1 - The Go Go Dinosaur was picked up from the Break charity this week. We're looking forward to seeing the designs and ideas that the children have!



2 - Year 3 pitched their ideas to me yesterday afternoon about what they like about our school and what they think could be better. The presentations were part of their literacy work - looking at our community. I must say, I thought they had some great ideas!

Mr Walton

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening is being held online on Monday 8th November and Wednesday 10th November. If you haven't booked, there are still slots available to see all class teachers.

Focus on 4P

Kove - We have been learning about Ancient Greece in history and we have been hearing about some great stories in literacy called Noah Barleywater and Trojan Horse. In maths, I've enjoyed the division work and we've been dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We've also been using the multiplication grid method.

Phoebe - We've enjoyed Black History this week and we've done lots of nice activities. We've been learning about Barack Obama. We've also been talking about what we'd like to do when we are older and have drawn our older selves. We've had a wonderful first half-term in 4P.

Inspiring through Diversity:

Sonny (Yr 5) I really liked learning all about Stevie Wonder because he sang/played all the songs. He was blind and inspired a lot of young children who want to write songs. Also, he has 7 children! I think he's amazing.

Scarlett (Yr 5) I really liked hearing all about Michael Jordan because he donates a lot of his 'Nike' sponsorship money to help others. When he was young, his dad wanted him to play basketball but he wanted to play baseball!

Francesca (Yr 4) I have really enjoyed learning about Barack Obama who used to be the President of the United States. He did so much for the health services and was an amazing President. I wish he was still the President now and forever.