



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers

If we haven't seen you already, welcome back to the summer term! So much to talk about already this week with loads going on all over the school. Tuesday saw Geckos and Leopards heading off to the Ashdown Forest for a fantastic day exploring, creating, and enjoying the stunning views over to the Downs. Both classes, as always, were fab, but Geckos deserve a special mention for their awesome behaviour on their first-ever school trip. Well done guys!

Back in school, our own Squirrel Copse is in full use for the summer. Wellies are still a good idea if you have them but, in general, the woodland area will now be open to all unless the weather is too bad. It's so good to have this amazing bit of our grounds open to all for the summer; it is always wonderful to see what games and creativity the children come up with while in there. We were showing some prospective parents around this morning and it always gives us great pleasure to explain how our children at Felbridge mix and play together so happily across all the year groups as this doesn't happen in every school. We really are lucky to have such a friendly, well-behaved bunch of children to work with every day.

Today has seen a variety of Friday fun... well, unless you don't like creepy-crawlies! Miss Warland brought a Rainbow Stag Beetle, a Flower Beetle, and a tarantula she has affectionately named 'Daffodil' in to see Geckos Class. Have a look at the photos below. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 welcomed Anita, Becky and Hayley in from Stoolball England to explain all about the history of this very English game, before each class had a chance to enjoy a workshop with the team. Infants weren't left out as they had a bonus PE session to finish the week too!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming & Mrs Sims

### Term Dates

#### 25th April

Pandas (3) Visit to British Museum

#### 26th April

Leopards (2) Butser Farm

#### 6th May

Bank Holiday

#### 10th May

Geckos (R) Class Assembly - 9 am

#### w/c 20th May

Jaguars (6) Bikeability

#### 23rd May

Leopards (2) Class Assembly - 9 am

#### 24th May

INSET Day

#### 27th May

Half Term



### Geckos love bugs!

Miss Warland brought several of her many-legged friends in to see us this morning. Geckos sat absolutely beautifully and asked some very thoughtful questions while she held 'Daffodil,' her pet tarantula. These included "why is she furry?" "Do they spin webs?" (sort of- they use their web more as a 'carpet' to cover themselves in a protective blanket!) "Why do they have 8 legs?" and lots more! Everyone then had the chance to examine the moult

- a shedded skin- from another tarantula up close, and to meet Miss Warland's beautiful Rainbow Stag Beetle (Kombucha!) and Flower Beetle.



### Wimbledon Raffle Reminder

We have been successful in a ballot to be able to buy a small amount of tickets to visit Wimbledon Tennis

Championships this year.

The tickets will be for Number 1 Court on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. (the opening day of the championships so there will be some pretty good players on court!)

The schools ballot allows us to buy a small amount of tickets to Number 1 Court at half price (£40 each) but we only have a short time to respond to the LTA before they offer the tickets to other buyers.

If you would like to enter the raffle, you can buy a ticket for a donation of £10. This can either be paid online (please use the School Fund payment button and put the reference as 'Wimbledon') or via cash in a named envelope to the office, by the deadline of **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**. If you would like to buy more than one entry, please just make donations in multiples of £10 and we will allocate tickets accordingly.



**Let's Get Active**

On Tuesday, 10 children from Macaws and Jaguars class attended the 'Lets Get Active' event at Kings Centre hosted by School Games on behalf of Mid Sussex Active. The children took part in a range of exciting sport activities such as Gymnastics, Dance, Taekwondo,



Athletics and cricket. They all thoroughly enjoyed the taster sessions and whilst I witnessed some awesome 'ninja' moves during Taekwondo; they rated Gymnastics their favourite "because it had an obstacle course!" Thank you, to those parents who helped provide transport. - Mrs Lavington



**Leopards - Ashdown Forest Visit**

Leopards Class had an amazing time at the Ashdown Forest Centre on Tuesday, learning all about the Stone Age. We looked at Stone Age artefacts (considering all of the uses for the flesh, skin and bones of the animals that would have been hunted!), practised our stalking/hunting skills (the deer would definitely have heard us coming!), jumped in muddy puddles, learnt about edible plants (the pine needles that we picked were brewed into a tea, which we all had a taste of at lunchtime!), had a snooze on Stone Age beds of heather and built Stone Age shelters - all against the beautiful backdrop of the North Downs. Despite getting rained on a few times, we all had a brilliant day and learnt loads. Thank you to the parents that helped on our trip and the fabulous staff at the Ashdown Forest Centre.



**Geckos - Ashdown Forest Visit**

Geckos enjoyed their day at Ashdown Forest where they learnt about Nightjars, toads, frogs, minibeasts, signs of spring and specific types of trees!

They were all super well-behaved and everybody really enjoyed their first school trip!



# Values Champion

**Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:**

All of Geckos for for Courage, Challenge and Creativity - Geckos  
 Eloise for Curiosity & Compassion - Monkeys  
 Margot for Courage- Leopards  
 Oliver for Courage - Pandas  
 Casper for Curiosity - Toucans  
 Ben L for Courage - Macaws  
 Ralphie for Challenge - Jaguars

**Well done!**

### Wilders Schools Competition

We only have a few days left of the Wilders Schools competition 'Take Action'. Please help Felbridge School to get the most actions by scanning the QR code and telling Surrey Wildlife what you have done to encourage wildlife in your garden and surrounding areas. It could be a bird feeder, a bug hotel, a hedgehog highway, a wild area in your garden, litter picking along the way - anything to help the wildlife! We need to get lots of actions logged, so we can be in with a chance of winning £500. Please help us by logging your actions. Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Thankyou. Macaws - Year 5.

## Mathletics

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
<b>Leopards</b> Joel V	<b>Monkeys</b> Lexi V	<b>Pandas</b> Everly II Lily III	<b>Leopards</b> Martha IV Elsie III	<b>Jaguars</b> Freddie I	<b>Monkeys</b> Seb M III Spencer V	<b>Monkeys</b> Fionn II Imogen V Holly V	<b>Monkeys</b> Seb W II William IV
<b>Macaws</b> Noah II Anja I Olivia III Zack I	<b>Leopards</b> Marietta V	<b>Toucans</b> Charlotte V Maddie IV	<b>Pandas</b> Frank V Poppy I Jared V	<b>Leopards</b> Jack V Freya III	<b>Leopards</b> Jack V Freya III	<b>Leopards</b> Oliver DS I Jasmine I Billy III Naya V Oscar IV	<b>Pandas</b> Darcie III
<b>Jaguars</b> Romy II	<b>Jaguars</b> Greta I	<b>Macaws</b> Tyler III	<b>Toucans</b> Mickey IV	<b>Pandas</b> Finlay V Josie III	<b>Pandas</b> Finlay V Josie III	<b>Toucans</b> Evan IV	<b>Toucans</b> Evan IV
				<b>Macaws</b> Mia II	<b>Macaws</b> Mia II	<b>Jaguars</b> Ayla IV Tegan I	<b>Jaguars</b> Ayla IV Tegan I
				<b>Jaguars</b> Alex II	<b>Jaguars</b> Alex II	<b>Toucans</b> Jack I Bella IV Florence IV	<b>Toucans</b> Jack I Bella IV Florence IV
					<b>Macaws</b> Alisha III	<b>Macaws</b> Alisha III	<b>Macaws</b> Alisha III

Mathletics: Monday, 25th March - Sunday, 14th April 2024

### Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos: 88%	Monkeys: 95%	Leopards: 99%	Pandas: 88%	Toucans: 95%	Macaws: 100%	Jaguars: 95%	Whole School: 94%
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# Thinking of a career in teaching?



Secondary



Primary



QTS only £8250    QTS with PGCE £9250

Would you like to train in a school in your local community?  
Do you want to find out more?

Come and chat to one of the team at:

Lingfield Primary School (Vicarage Road, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6HA) ON Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April,  
any time between 11am and 4pm.

You'll find us in 'The Greenhouse' through the Year 3/4 gate – we'd love to meet you!

How do I apply?

Am I eligible?

How do I find a school?

Can I train close to

What programme is right for me?

Do I need experience?

What finance options are available?

visit [www.ssfscitt.org.uk](http://www.ssfscitt.org.uk) ('information events') or email [scitt@sfet.org.uk](mailto:scitt@sfet.org.uk)



email for info: [juniors@eastgrinsteadcc.co.uk](mailto:juniors@eastgrinsteadcc.co.uk)

## Girls Cricket      U9-U14s

Wednesdays 5-6:30pm from 17th April  
at East Grinstead Sports Club





# OUTREACH PROGRAM

EAST GRINSTEAD HC

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*EGHC would like to increase their presence in the local community. A primary and secondary outreach programme will be beneficial our local community and the club by creating more positive experiences for our young people in our community.*

*We will to be able to offer multiple experiences to fit the needs and wants of our local community. Understanding what they need and then supplying them with their needs will create a positive link between the local community and our club.*



## WHAT THE PROGRAMME WILL OFFER

- PE Lessons - premium professional sports coaches to offer a unique experience.
- School clubs - We can offer school clubs a positive experience to get children to love the game.
- East Grinstead Hockey Consult Program – A tailor made proposal to the specific needs and opportunity, highlighting how your consultancy services can add value and address their unique challenges or objectives in getting kids to play hockey. Your consultants and coaches are the best expertise in the hockey. This program will the following and more:
  - Assessment proposal to how we the help the bring hockey to you.
  - Provide an overview organization, including its mission, objectives, and current challenges or opportunities related to field hockey.
  - Highlight all collaborations possibilities with East Grinstead Hockey Club
- Continual Professional Development for teachers/staff career progression.

