

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been absolutely lovely to spend my first few days getting to know you, the staff and governors and of course the wonderful children at Jenyns School. May I express my thanks to absolutely everyone for being so kind and considerate in helping me to settle in. Below are some photos from each class to give you a flavour of the vibrant learning that has been going on in and around School this week. As you will see everyone has been very busy. The children have come back enthusiastically and ready to engage in their learning. Well done to all of them.

A huge well done to our stars of the week who are Savannah, Meela, Faith, Molly, Caelan and Lexi.

Mrs Judy King
Headteacher

Applications for Reception places

A reminder that if your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 and will be going into Reception in September 2024 the deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024. Applications should be made online at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions> You will need to make a Reception application even if your child already attends our Nursery.

Applications for Nursery places

Applications for Nursery places for September 2024, for children born between 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021 should be made directly to the school office. The deadline for this is Monday 15th January 2024, the application form can be found on our school website at <https://www.jenyns.herts.sch.uk/admissions/>

Applications for Middle School places

If your child is in Year 4 the deadline for Middle School applications is also Monday 15th January 2024

Healthy Snacks

As a school, we endeavour to promote healthy eating. Therefore, at playtime we prefer wholesome snacks such as: fruit, yoghurt or cereal bars. Biscuits or chocolate bars do not fit the bill. Critically, we must insist that any food brought into school does not contain nuts.



Pre-loved School Uniform

A quick reminder that we offer (for a small donation) a selection of pre-loved school uniform on our rail by the School Office. Please do pop along to see what we have and to hopefully pick up a bargain.

Autumn term at Jenyns

Last term, was full of fun, learning and exciting opportunities, including: Old Man's Day, Harvest festival, Children in Need, Maths week, the PE Christmas fair, a trip to Audley End, Pantomimes, Glitter afternoon, the Nativity and the Christingle. Here are a few pictures.

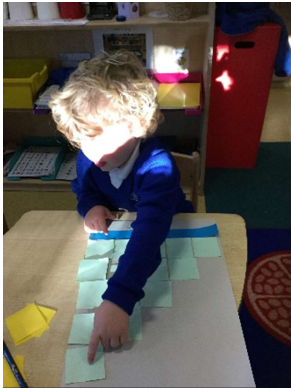


Useful dates

- Tuesday 23rd January – Energy Saving Day
- Thursday 1st February – Number Day
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 15th February – Year 1 Speed stacking event
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February – Half Term
- Friday 1st March – Dance Festival
- Friday 8th March – Whole school Science workshop a.m.
- Thursday 14th March – Year 1 & 2 Multiskills at Edwinstree School
- Thursday 14th March – Class 3 Netball skills at Roger de Clare School
- Thursday 14th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Monday 18th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursday 21st March – Rocksteady Music Concert 10 a.m.
- Thursday 28th March – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.
- Monday 15th April – Term begins
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May – Dance Days workshop
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term
- Wednesday 12th June – Class photos
- Thursday 18th July – Rocksteady Music concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 19th July – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.

CLASS 1

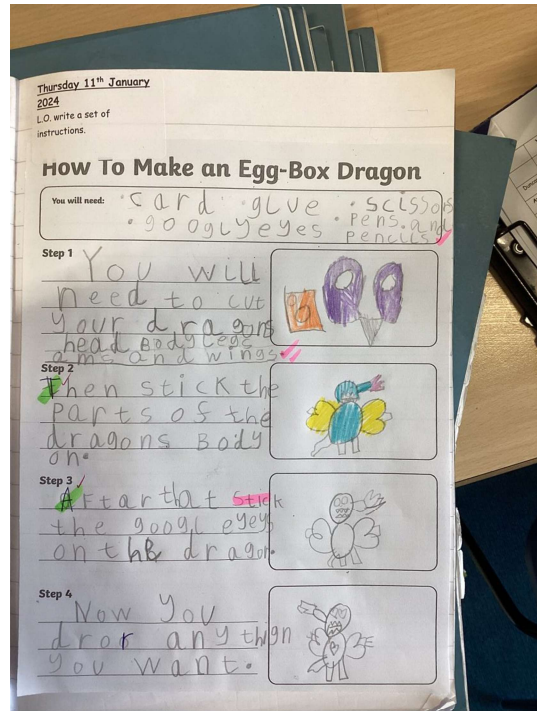
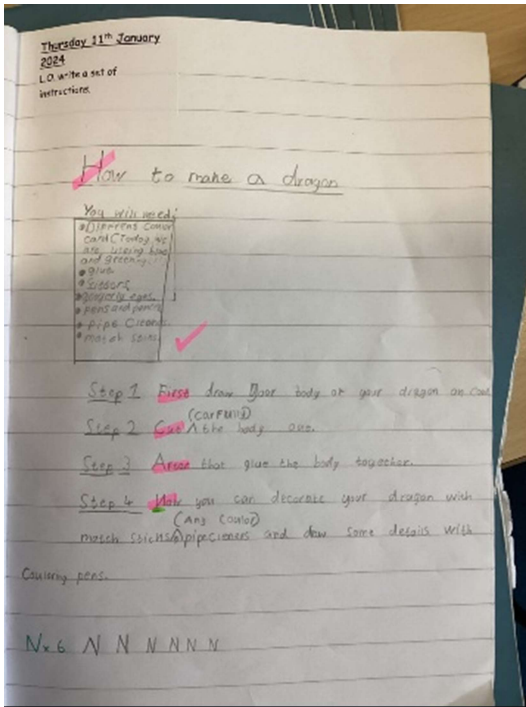
This week Class one enjoyed a forest school walk looking for signs of winter. They found crunchy frozen leaves and enjoyed making shapes and patterns in the frost. We have been exploring the concept of one more this week and the children are learning these number facts quickly. Lots of fun has been had in our role play which is a ticket office and train station. The children have been making their own trains and train tracks and thinking about the landscapes that trains pass through.



CLASS 2

In English, we have started looking at our new text 'The adventures of the Egg Box Dragon' by Richard Adams. We had fun making our own dragons to start the week. We have looked at features of an instruction text and used our own dragons to help us write a set of instructions.

In Science, our new topic is everyday materials. We spent the lesson sorting and grouping materials and creating labels for these groups. We looked at the properties of some materials and had a good discussion about whether all metals shared the same properties - we found that metal such as tin foil is not hard and is flexible.



CLASS 3

Class 3 have had a wonderful, fun-filled first week back with lots of learning for our new topic of Active Planet - exploring rocks and their life cycle, producing a poem to describe a rock we found and exploring tectonic plates.

In Science, we re-enacted the process of the rock cycle by using starburst sweets. We cut them up, moulded them, heated them, melted them and then smashed them (carefully with a rolling pin) to explain each stage and what it looks like.



In Geography, we explored what tectonic plates are using biscuits and shaving foam. We looked at the types of movement they produce and the impact their have on the earth.



We have also started our class book 'A pebble in my pocket.' We created a huge class timeline to represent how long the earth has been around and marked on the various years mentioned in the book – dating from 480 million years to 12,000 years ago! We could not believe how old the earth is!

