

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle back into the rhythm of another school year, I'm delighted to share some of the exciting events and achievements that have been taking place at our school. The energy and enthusiasm I've witnessed across our classrooms and beyond, have been wonderful to see.

Our Year 6 pupils recently embarked on their exhilarating – if not exceedingly wet and windy – residential trip to the River Dart Country Park. This week of adventure pushed boundaries and created lasting memories. Picture our children conquering their fears on the high ropes, squeezing themselves through a fantastic cave system full of incredible geological features and feeling the rush of adrenaline as they soared down the Mega Zip-line. The trip wasn't just about physical challenges; it also offered opportunities for teamwork and personal growth as pupils navigated their way underground and got to grips with paddling kayaks (or more precisely, trying to keep them in a straight line!) The week provided a great deal of challenge and laughter, and an opportunity for me and the other supporting staff to cement positive relationships with our children who are embarking on their last year with the school. I have been supporting this trip for as many years as it has been running – and have to say, that the children who were able to attend this year, demonstrated huge levels of commitment and tenacity. I genuinely salute their 'let's get stuck in and give it a go attitude.' Yes, they returned home tired and dirty, but all of the children I have spoken with since the trip, would return tomorrow if they could. Staff members explained that they'd think about it – and let me know!

Closer to home, our Year 1 children have taken part in a very 'Royal' Impact Day. This immersive experience brought history to life, allowing our pupils to explore and understand the important part the monarchy have played within our country. Through hands-on activities and creative learning approaches, our Year 1 deepened their understanding of our ancestors' lives and put themselves 'in their shoes'. It's always a joy to see how these focused, thematic days can ignite curiosity and spark a lifelong interest in history.



Year 2's Impact Day had a very different focus based on their topic 'London's Burning'. I wasn't quite sure why the children were on the field, very sensibly passing large buckets of water to one another, without trying to get each other wet – until informed what they were re-enacting. More on this from the class, can be seen below.

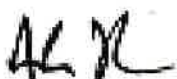
While our older pupils have been pushing boundaries and exploring the past, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate our newest members of the Conifers family. Our Reception children have made a remarkably smooth transition into school life. Their enthusiasm, adaptability, and eagerness to learn have been a delight to witness. These young learners are already embodying the spirit of curiosity and resilience that we readily promote and endorse at Conifers.

Whilst on that – I'm sure your children will have shared our new Ready, Safe, Respectful approach to all aspects of school life. You may well have even seen the signs promoting this, outside on the playground walls. This simple mantra will be used to remind all members of the school community about how we should interact with one another, engage in our learning and develop into the confident and assured young people we wish them to be.

As we look ahead, I'm filled with optimism for the year to come - the experiences and achievements I've shared are just a glimpse of the vibrant learning community we're nurturing here at Conifers Primary School.

All the dedicated staff at Conifers are looking forward to a positive and productive academic year, and as always – we thank you for your continued support in making this happen.

Kind regards



Mr. Andrew Johnson
Headteacher



PARKING

We politely ask parents NOT to park on the Zig-Zags and Double Yellow Lines at the Front and Rear entrance of the school – and thank those who greatly reduce the risk to our children, by not doing so.

We also ask that parents DO NOT park directly in front of the Main School Gate – for the obvious reason of obstructing access for Emergency vehicles should they be needed.

Year 2

The class enjoyed their *IMPACT* Day at the beginning of the term for their topic 'London's Burning'. They learned about the events of the Great Fire of London; had a go at passing buckets and squirting water and created some Artwork.

