



Hartest Primary School

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“Developing the whole child”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Hartest School, with more exciting changes taking place.

This week, the children were able to elect representatives from each year group for our new School Council. I was delighted to announce the members of School Council this Wednesday during assembly, and present them with their badges.

Congratulations to Sabella, Henry, Lilly, Lara, Izzy, Macey, Reggie and Henry! We held our first School Council meeting yesterday, and the children came up with some great ideas about how we can make the school even better. Watch this space!



I was pleased to see children in Kestrels enjoying composing their own pieces using percussion instruments on Wednesday with Mr Waters from Suffolk County Music Service. Mrs Prickett has uploaded the audio file of their performances on our Twitter feed, @HartestPrimary. Take some time to listen to the story that is part of their performance and listen to the accompanying percussion. It's a very innovative way of involving children in music and teaching them not just to reproduce notes.

We have been announcing our 'Pupils of the Week' in previous newsletters. However, today we are having a special Celebration Assembly today instead, at 2.30pm in the school hall, to which parents are warmly invited. I'm looking forward to having a chat at the parent forum afterwards, but please do bear in mind that I'm always available at other times if you wish to discuss anything with me. A big thank you also to our School Governors, some of whom will be attending the assembly. They have been coming into school at various points this week to do Governor Monitoring, and have noted excellent improvements to our school.

Lastly, it has been wonderful to see the exciting projects that children in Squirrels have brought into school this week, as part of their 'Rocks & Fossils' science project. Hayden said "I love all the rocks on the table – they're brilliant," and Barnaby said "I enjoyed digging the soil to see what it was made of."

The children are really enjoying the topic, and we look forward to welcoming parents to share in their child's learning on Monday 6th February at 2.15pm.

Kind regards,

Matthew Coombs
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