



SMITH'S WOOD 'SNAPSHOT' MORE THAN A SCHOOL



Welcome to the first Smith's Wood 'Snapshot' of 2020. We aim to give you an insight into some of the key events which have been taking place at Smith's Wood Primary Academy since we returned in January 2020, as well as some exciting things to look forward to.

SAVE THE WORLD CLUB

Our dedicated pupils, from Year 5 & 6 have been working tirelessly in order to generate ideas which could have a positive impact on the environment. Led initially by Mr Mills, the club have now taken the lead themselves by presenting their concerns around the environment, to local councillors at Elmwood place. The impression that our pupils made, during the presentation, was outstanding and they have been approached to participate in several community projects. Quotes from the professionals present at the meeting included:
The school children absolutely shone (Gro-Organic) The pupils raised some excellent points and the partnership has now decided that the children will take the lead (Community Development)

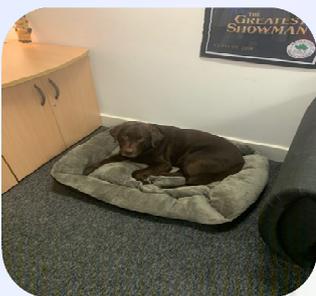
We look forward to seeing the impact, which our pupils' input, has on the local area of Smith's Wood and beyond.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

The month of January has already seen many of our Smith's Wood pupils celebrating achievements outside of the classroom. Our Year 3 & 4 Maths team participated in the area Maths quiz and won gold medals. Well done to Owen and Tai-Reece, who represented last year, as well as newcomers to the quiz, Alessandra and Samuel. The whole team worked together to bring home the gold for Smith's Wood. Our table tennis team also made it through to the finals, where they came 4th out of 16 schools (just missing out on the medals) A huge well done to the Year 6 team for their skill and commitment to this competition.

Other sporting competitions, where Smith's Wood Primary pupils have represented this month have been: gymnastics, netball skills and the 'Magnificent' 7's for Year 3. Thank you to all our pupils for their commitment to the training for these events.

STAFFING



We welcomed 3 new members of staff to the Smith's Wood team this term. Miss McAnulty is the new Deputy Head, Miss Ward joins the Year 4 team and Natasha Hawkes is the newly appointed sports apprentice. They have all settled well into the Smith's Wood life. We need to inform you that Bruce, the school dog, is going to be starting his phased retirement, after having been at Smith's Wood for 6 years. We know that over the years, Bruce has provided much support to our pupils and we will miss him when he does retire.



NEW BUILD UPDATE

The 2 new additional classrooms are now nearing completion and we are excited to see these finished and in use with our pupils. We would like to thank the community for their support whilst these rooms have been built. One of the new rooms will be 'Cadbury' themed and we are setting a competition for our pupils to help design the images



TOP 3 CLASSES FOR ATTENDANCE THIS MONTH

1ST- 3PW (98.1%) 2ND- 4LB (98%) 3RD- 3CP (97.6%)

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TO DATE-95.9%

TARGET-ABOVE 96%