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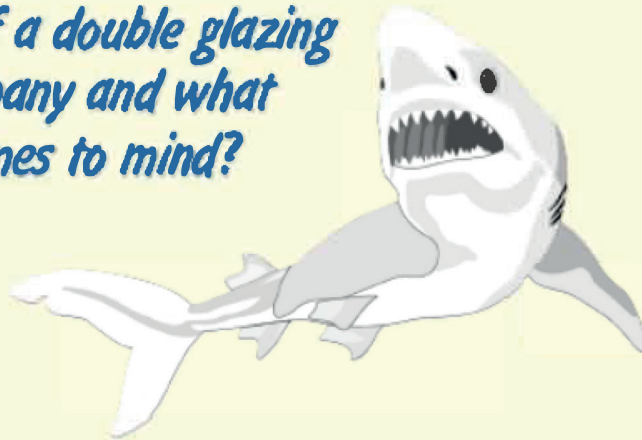


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What we've been learning about. Ancient Egypt

During Lockdown and since we've been back in school, the Year 3 children have been learning about what life was like in Ancient Egypt. We didn't really know a lot about it before we started the topic, but we had heard of Tutankhamun, who was a famous pharaoh in Egypt but he died when he was really young.

Some of the things we learnt were quite surprising, like how often they had floods in Egypt and how they were able to use the River Nile to grow crops. They had lots of clever ways of doing things that we would find hard now, like building enormous pyramids.

We found out about mummification, and the really gross things they did to dry the bodies like take the organs out.

They kept what they thought were the important organs in Canopic jars, which are containers

decorated with the head of a god. *(continued on page 7.)*



Our favourite lessons were learning about why the River Nile was so important to Ancient Egyptians and when we had to create our own Egyptian gods, like a goddess of kindness with a cat-face or the god of bravery with the face of a jackal.

Ancient Egyptians are very famous for their underground tombs, especially Tutankhamun, who was buried with jewels and riches to show how important he was!



The antechamber in Tutankhamun's tomb, containing a gold chariot and statues.

Overall, we loved learning about this topic and would still like to learn more about the amazing pyramids and how to understand hieroglyphics.

By Austin and Lottie - Year 3



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Meet The Teacher – Ms Norsworthy

**How long have you taught at
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Who do you teach?

Currently I teach Year 1 but have taught Reception as well.

What do you most like teaching?

I love teaching reading, phonics and writing.

What makes Wickham Common special?

The amazing staff and fantastic children, it's a great place to work.

What has been your highlight in your teaching years?

Being part of the team that created the 'Welcome' mosaic at the front of the school.

What was your first job?

I worked in Brunei, Malaysia as a nanny.

What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy reading and running. I completed a half marathon last year.

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What is your favourite type of music?

I like lots of different types of music but mostly listen to pop music.

What's the most embarrassing thing you've ever done?

I wore two different coloured boots to school, one black and one brown!

What is the best piece of advice you could give someone?

Take advantage of as many opportunities as possible.

What skill would you most like to have?

I would love to be very good at drawing.

Name one person you'd like to have dinner with.

Daniel Craig, because he would be rather lovely to admire across the table.

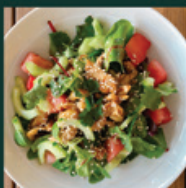
Dates for your Dairy

As the world has been a little bit crazy recently, we have only got one date to tell you about in this issue, and that is our School Summer Fair which will be taking place on **Saturday the 10th of July**. We would love to see you there. Amongst all the usual stalls and entertainment there will also be a big cash 1st prize in the raffle, kindly donated by iNaga Contemporary Indian Cuisine Restaurant.



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The Global Citizens Curriculum at Wickham Common Primary School

Last time I wrote in our Vista magazine I was talking about how schools would get back to normal after the first lockdown – of course we have had another one since then!

I also promised that there would be no lost generation at this school and that remains true! Everyone has worked incredibly hard to ensure that no child is floundering, no need is unmet, no worry unheard, no gap unfilled.

Our curriculum is more personalised and specific than ever before, to ensure that every child is equipped to fulfil their potential. Such are our values:-

- **Successful Learners**
- **Confident Individuals**
- **Responsible Citizens**

I am excited to talk about the renewed energy around our curriculum development. Our staff across this school and indeed the wider Compass Academy Trust are designing a curriculum fit for the 21st century based on **Responsible Global Citizens**. Developing children who meet the world, know the world, understand their place in the world and realise they are not the centre but a part of it.

We think it is crucial that when reading literature, learning about History, Science and Geography, when listening to Music and enjoying Art and Sport that the children recognise themselves. That they see pictures, paintings, images, come across protagonists, heroes and activists from every colour, creed and gender. What we learn must reflect the world we live in.

Our world and our community are a rich, diverse, exciting, fast paced, ever changing sea of colour and race. A smorgasbord of language and voices, of faiths and customs all coming together and embracing, understanding and making space for each other.

At Wickham Common Primary School we celebrate what is the same and also what is different! We learn about the world and what we can do to make it a better and more equitable place for future generations.

Our children are learning about our beautiful planet and how man is spoiling it, about how they can, in some small way, make a huge difference! We are learning about those activists who have brought about radical change! Some children are learning about families in Brazil living through Covid and what that looks like in the 'Favelas' compared to the UK.

Other children are learning about the impact of war on children in WWII but also now in countries such as The Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan.

We are not shying away from the tough subjects. The pupils of Wickham Common will leave this school with a globally responsible perspective and for that we are eternally grateful and infinitely proud!

Mrs Debbie Allis, Head Teacher.

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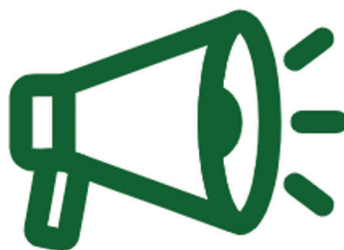
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