



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 17th March 2023

Newsletter 13

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Mid-Somerset Festival

On Tuesday 7th March, 7 courageous children from St.Mary's participated in the Mid-Somerset poetry recital. They all memorised and performed a poem in front of a panel of judges in Bath City Centre. Heidi (year 6), Jedd (year 6), Mog (year 5), Elsie (year 5), Bobbi (year 5), Ben (year 4) and Bear (year 2) all performed brilliantly well in front of the judges. Every child scored in excess of 80 points. Special congratulations to Bear for finishing in second place in his year group and to Elsie for winning her year group competition.



World Book Day

By St Mary's News Team

World Book Day was celebrated by the whole school on Friday, March 3, 2023. The adults also dressed up as various book characters, Instead of just one day, we had a book week! Over the course of the week, we completed a variety of activities.

For certain activities there were prizes. One of the challenges was creating a book sleeve but we could not see the cover or the title of the book so we had to create our own. Another challenge was creating a bookmark and the last was writing a book review. As part of Book Week, we came back to school in pyjamas for the evening and had hot chocolate. Every class had a teacher to read them a story in a different classroom.



There was also an extreme reading challenge and you had to read somewhere unusual and exciting such as on a roof, somewhere on holiday or even going down a ski slope. There were so many different extreme places you could read. The winners for this challenge were:

- KS1:** **Max**
(who read whilst riding his horse)
- KS2:** **Annabel**
(who was reading while doing trapeze)

We also had a prize for best dressed and the winners in each class were:

- YR:** **Lucas**
- Y1:** **Luca**
- Y2:** **Teddy**
- Y3:** **Lola**
- Y4/5:** **Lily**
- Y6:** **Mia**

House Points Winners

Well done to **Ruby** for being our House Point winners this week



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Rabbits** last week and this week **Foxes** for excellent attendance.



Christian Values Awards

The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

- Courage** Imogen
- Koinonia** Jake, Agnes
- Service** Bella, Eliza, Violet



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:	Daisy-Rae, Noah
Rabbits:	Kiereese, Luca
Badgers:	Violet, Robin
Foxes:	Eliza, Maggie
Lions:	Lily, Charlie R
Eagles:	Logan, Jedd



Outside Achievements

You both look incredibly proud, and so are we. Congratulations to **Luca** on receiving his Red Stripe from the **Jamie Woodland** Black Belt School and **Heidi**, a very gifted pianist who recently received an Initial Piano Certificate. We love hearing you play at school.



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have noticed interesting weather changes in Hedgehogs. We played in the snow, threw snowballs and discovered the bits of snow that hadn't melted. As the sun has now started to show we have been talking about how Spring is nearly here and looking after the bulbs that were planted in the garden, we are very excited to see them grow!

The children enjoyed our "Going on a Bear Hunt" activities during **World Book Week** so we have followed on from this with more activities, messy play and going on our own Bear Hunts into the main playground and forest school area.

We continued with our Book of the Term, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" and have nearly created every animal from the book. The children have worked hard together painting and decorating the animals which are now displayed in the nursery.

We have started some secret **Mother's Day** crafts this week which has led to lots of discussions about people in our lives who are special to us.

We are hoping the weather stays nice and dry as we have lots more adventures planned as we begin to explore and learn about Spring.

EYFS Team



Ducklings



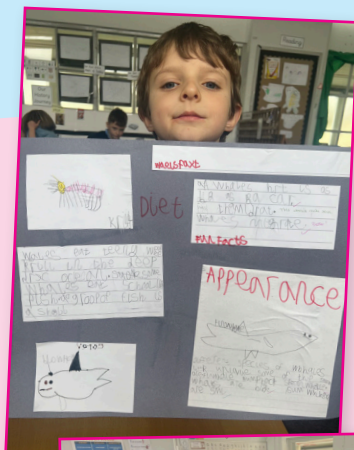
Class News:

What an exciting week! Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the **Mother's Day Parent Workshop**. The children really enjoyed making you something special. We sang some fantastic animal songs and then thanked mums for being so amazing. Lots of you really enjoyed crafting the flowers with your children too.

We have been looking at Easter over the past few weeks and learning about what Christians believe about Easter. We enjoyed eating the hot cross buns which had the Easter cross on the top of it.

Our number work has been developing well. We are becoming Mathematicians. We keep learning so much about numbers all around us. This week we have been looking at if numbers are *odd* or *even*, a very tricky topic! Super effort from all Ducklings.

Mrs Winney & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

As always Rabbit Class has been busy! Last week was Assessment Week which saw the class take several Maths and Reading quizzes. Each one of them should be proud of themselves for their determination, resilience, and fantastic effort.

In English, our *Whale Fact Files* are finished, they are filled with interesting facts about different whale species and some great observational drawings.

In Maths, we've spent the week being *shape detectives*, we have made shape pictures, to help us remember the names and characteristics of shapes, and we have gone on shape hunts and learned a song.

As Scientists, we have been exploring *life underwater*. We've thought about different animals and plants that survive in the ocean. We looked at what is harming the ocean and how we can play our part to protect the world. We learned some interesting new words to talk like a scientist. Ask us what a 'gastropod' is or what 'pollution' is. We are busy pulling all our learning together in a collaborative art piece. We are re-creating the ocean to teach others all about it. We can't wait to share it with you at the **Science Exhibition** next week!

Finally, in PE, we have been busy rehearsing our performance for **Dance Umbrella**. We have completed our first dress rehearsal and can't wait to perform it at the Bath Forum next week!

Mrs. Roberts



Badgers



Class News:

The weeks are just whizzing by this term! In Maths, Badger Class are continuing to work hard on their *2, 5 and 10 Times Tables* and are becoming fluent. The children are also making great progress in their *Number Bots* and *TT Rockstars* activities and are working their way through the various levels which is great to see.

In Science, we have taken part in a series of lessons for **British Science Week** where we have learned about where our food comes from, the changes it goes through before it ends up on our plate and the impacts of farming and food production on the environment. As part of this, we baked bread, looking at how combining a set of different ingredients could create something entirely different. The Badgers confirmed that the result was pretty delicious.

Finally, we are very much enjoying our Art lessons this term, which are about *sculpture and clay*. We spent time making marks in the clay and learning how to shape and mould it. We then discovered that we could fix different parts of a clay model together using a *slip*, which is a mixture of clay and water that acts as the glue to join clay together. Using the *pinch technique* and *slip*, the Badgers made some excellent clay models.

Mrs. Brown



Foxes



Class News:

Last week was Assessment Week. We were so impressed with how much the children have matured since the last round of assessments! Their focus and attention were fantastic and it was great to see the children thoroughly checking their answers - well done Foxes!

In Maths, we have continued to learn how to *divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number* but this time with remainders. This is a tricky concept with lots of steps but Foxes have mastered this well.

We started our new History topic this week based on '*Ancient Britain*'. We looked at Stone Age artifacts and guessed what they could be. This is related to our Art topic where we have been using charcoal to recreate ancient *cave paintings*.

Our PSHE lessons, for this term are all about '*Healthy Me*'. We have been looking at how exercise keeps us healthy and how we must balance the amount of energy we expend with the amount we put in.

This year, we have enjoyed participating in Forest School. Here are some pictures to show what we have been up to!

Miss Guest and Mrs Downing

Lions



Class News:

Another busy fortnight in Lion class.

In English, we have started our new learning - looking at a description of a 'New Planet'. We enjoyed creating and describing new creatures for this mysterious planet.

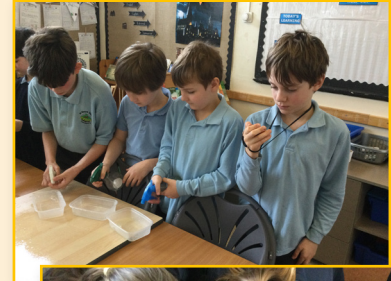
In Maths, our topic is *Understanding and Ordering Decimals*. We now have a good understanding of *Tenths, Hundredths and Thousandths*.

In Science, we had great fun designing, making and then testing *Aqueducts*. We used cardboard tubes and lined them with clingfilm. We also used different combinations of salt, sugar and water to create a de-icer. We tested our ideas on ice cubes and recorded which one was the most effective.

We have been considering *Salvation* in R.E. We have considered why Christians use bread and wine during communion, as well as other ways that Christians remember Jesus during Lent.

The children completed Assessments Week. I was impressed at how focussed they were and demonstrated excellent resilience. Well done.

Mrs. Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

It's been another busy couple of weeks for all of the Eagles. Our class performed well in our Assessment Week where Year 6 pupils across the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership underwent a practice go at the KS2 SATs for the children to experience this situation and for us as a school to determine how well our pupils are doing and the results were very encouraging. Our Eagles have worked so well this year and have always shown how interested they are in making progress through the way they steadfastly approach making corrections and improving their work. Their learning behaviours are first class.

We have also been preparing for the school's exhibition to celebrate **British Science Week**. Our learning has been about *renewable energies* and we have enjoyed increasing our knowledge of *solar power, wind turbines, hydropower and tidal energy*. Our main task is to design either a luxury house or a super yacht that runs on sustainable power. We hope you will be able to come and have a look at our designs next week.

Our current unit in PE has been brilliant. We have been working in groups to create dances on the theme of '*Stamp, Clap*'. We had to base our routines on four phrases and then creatively add to them to develop entertaining, visually-impressive and tightly synchronised pieces of choreography. The results were superb and we even managed to perform them in front of a live audience of Y1 Rabbits and Y2 Badgers who were very impressed. We are now moving on to our next Dance unit which is on the theme of Bhangra so that should be great fun too.

Finally, our recent work in Languages has focussed on mythical monsters and where the names of some real and fictional creatures come from. We played a game of *Name That Beast* and then learned the meanings of their Ancient Greek names. Did you know? 'Hippopotamus' means 'horse river', 'dinosaur' means 'terrible lizard', 'amphibian' means 'both living' and 'pterodactyl' means 'wing fingers'. We then created our mythical monsters by combining two Ancient Greek root words to make brand-new fictional creatures.

Mr Daniels



Down Syndrome Day

Next week on Tuesday 21st March, we will be celebrating **Down Syndrome Day** by wearing odd socks in school. We will also be looking to see how all of our seeds have grown in the last few weeks. On March 1st we took part in the Sunflower Challenge for Down Syndrome UK (but we planted vegetables!) For the previous 21 days we have been watching them take root and grow. Each child, just like our plants, grows and blooms in different ways. Children will then be able to plant their young vegetable plants in school to watch them continue to grow and develop.

SCIENCE WEEK

We will be displaying all of our hard work from Science week before school and after school in the hall on Thursday 23rd March. Please come and join us either before or after school.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil progress meetings will be happening on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March.

Safeguarding

In the last few years, there have been an increasing number of cases of cyber-crime. To illustrate the scale of the issue: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. Please read the attached 12 top tips for building cyber resilience on all the devices in your home.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE?'

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 4

Date	Event	Notes
21st March	Dance Umbrella	Y1/Y2
21st March	Down Syndrome Day	Whole School
23rd March	Science Week Presentations in the School Hall before and after school	Whole School
27th and 28th March	Parent / Teacher Meetings	Whole School
30th March	Easter Service at St.Mary's Church	Whole School
31st March	END OF TERM	Whole School
17th April	INSET DAY	
18th April	BACK TO SCHOOL - Term 5	Whole School

NEW OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

9am - 4pm



THE SOAP BAR CAFE

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JUNIOR RUGBY IS BACK!

INTERESTED IN PLAYING?

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club has a thriving, inclusive, mini and junior section for boys and girls aged between 6 - 18.

Come along for a free taster session, with no commitment.



If you are interested in giving it a try come along to Norton Down BA3 2UE on Sundays at 10.00

You can contact us by email if you have any questions etc: MNRFC.Memberships@gmail.com

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 20 March



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 March

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 22 March

Boy Giant Sand Sculpture

Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

Art in the Library - Murmurs from Nature, Reflections in Print

Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 29 March

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 21 March
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 23 March

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 20 March

Storytime Sessions

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 22 March

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library



Bath Cougars Easter Camps

Tuesday 4th April

12-4pm

Primary school years 3-6

Tuesday 11th April

12-4pm

Secondary school years 7-11



Bath Sports Centre, North Parade, BA2 4ET

with U16 Regional Head Coach Emma Isaac

& Avon Junior Head coach Rosie Collett



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and Q&A session with
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Cost £25

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Springing to Life



Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Celebrate Easter with our craft workshops, and follow our self-guided trail or visit the Shroud of Turin Exhibition any time during the holidays!*

Tuesday 4 April:

Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.

Wednesday 5 April:

Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story!

Thursday 6 April:

Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace

Book online today at

wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child (£1 if eligible for free school meals)

Accompanying adults FREE

Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult



*Access to the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services.

Please check our Services and Music list on the Cathedral website: wellscathedral.org.uk/services-music-list

TRUTHFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value TRUTHFULNESS. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Truthfulness

'I promise to tell the **truth**, the whole **truth** and nothing but the **truth**, so help me God'

In a court of law a witness swears an oath on the Bible or another sacred text, but sometimes in everyday life people find it more difficult to be **truthful**.

Talk together about occasions when complete honesty could cause trouble or be hurtful. For example:

- When a member of your family asks you if you like their new shoes
- When telling the **truth** will get your friend into trouble
- When someone asks what you are thinking but the answer would hurt their feelings

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"To be **truthful** with others, you must first be **truthful** with yourself"

Anon



READ TOGETHER... A Day That Changed Everything

It began just as any other day.

Peter the fisherman was mending his nets as he always did.

But then Peter met Jesus. On that ordinary day his life was changed for ever.

Peter was to actually see Jesus heal people who were ill, make blind people see again, and turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into a feast for 5000!

Peter became Jesus' follower and friend. "I will do anything for you" he said to Jesus. "Just say the word!"

"One day you will tell people you never knew me" said Jesus, "and then a cock will crow."

"No" shouted Peter "Never, Never, Never!"

Sure enough, life for Jesus did become difficult - difficult and dangerous.

The day came when Jesus was on trial for his very life. He needed his friend to stand by him. But Peter said "I don't know him, I never knew him, I never saw him before."

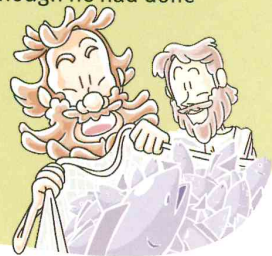
And at the end of the day a cock crowed.....just as Jesus had said it would.

Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified, even though he had done nothing wrong.

But death could not defeat God's Son! Three days later Jesus was alive again and went to find his friend, not to blame him but to forgive him.

It was a new day and Peter had another chance.

Everything was different!



Bible story based on Luke 5: 1-11; Luke 22:54-62; John 21:15-19



QUIZ Words in the Fishing Net

Pair letters from the net together to make words from the story.

You could colour matching halves...

For answers, see reverse.

