



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 12th May 2023

Newsletter 16

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

King's Coronation Big Lunch and Big Help

Last Friday, we enjoyed inviting parents and family to join us for the **King's Coronation Big Lunch and Big Help**. Thank you to all those who joined for the historic occasion. The sun shone and there was an enormous amount of cake! A special thanks must go to those who stayed at the end for the **Big Help**. By the end of the afternoon, there was a beautiful sensory garden emerging. There will be further **Big Help** dates coming in Term 6.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

- Ducklings:** Juliette, Olivia
- Rabbits** Dexter, Merryn
- Badgers:** Bobby, Teddy
- Foxes:** Phoebe, Sienna
- Lions:** Roscoe, Bobbi, Lola and Imogen
- Eagles:** Freddie P, Florence



Hedgehogs



Class News:

What a busy two weeks we have had in Hedgehogs! After enjoying the baby chicks a few weeks ago, we then got to visit some more fluffy friends in Ducklings Class including a gosling and a baby turkey, that we now know is called a poult!

The children have been enjoying the celebrations for our new King and Queen. We made and decorated crowns which some of us got to wear to a special Coronation picnic in the big playground. The children enjoyed celebrating with families and older children, playing, sharing a picnic and enjoying lots of cake!

Working as a team, the children have created obstacle courses together, we have then been taking it in turns to have a go, testing our skills. Thanks to the lovely sunshine, the Hedgehogs have spent even more time outside, with water play a popular choice. We hope the sun continues to shine for the rest of term.

EYFS Team

House Points Winners



Well done to **Ruby** and **Sapphire** for being our House Points winners this week.

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Ducklings** Class for having excellent attendance last week (wk com 1.5.23) This week's attendance Kings & Queens are **Badgers** Class (wk com 8.5.23)

Christian Values Awards



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

- Compassion -** Oliver
- Courage -** Bobby E
- Creativity** T'gan

Ducklings



Class News:

Well these two weeks have flown, due to having two Bank Holidays. We have been doing lots of learning within the Ducklings Class.

We had a class garden party for the King. We decorated tables and made a big crown centerpiece. Mud cakes galore with fragrant flower petals on the top were greatly enjoyed.

We were able to enjoy four fluffy visitors last week, a duckling, gosling, chick and poul (baby turkey). We were able to make good observations and make predictions about which would be the biggest and heaviest bird. We listened carefully and found out which was the noisiest.

This week we have a tank of tadpoles and we are learning about the lifecycle of a frog. What will next week bring?

Mrs Winney & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

How have another two weeks passed already? Our weeks have been shorter but as always Rabbit Class has been busy.

Our English has been heavily focused on phonics, we have been going over some of the sounds we find tricky and have tried really hard to remember them. We have worked on our comprehension by reading sentences and drawing what it says.

As Mathematicians we have been representing numbers up to 50 with lots of different resources as well as drawing them out. We have spotted patterns when counting in tens and have looked in depth at hundred squares.

In History we have learnt more about the Kings and Queens of the past, we have focused on the term 'chronology' and created a timeline of Queen Elizabeth II. We also learnt what a coronation is and researched how they have changed over time. This got us very excited for the **'Big Lunch'** last Friday. We enjoyed making our crowns, flags and bunting to help decorate the playground. It was wonderful to see everyone celebrating, playing (and cake eating) together, thank you for joining us!

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Potts

Badgers

Class News:



It's been another busy fortnight for Badger Class. In English we have finished writing a new chapter for the book *Emily Brown and The Thing*. As always, the Badgers have shown their creativity and attention to detail as they wrote amazing new chapters using their phonics sounds and choosing interesting and thoughtful vocabulary.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions, identifying fractions of shapes and fractions of an amount.

In Science we are looking after 5 tiny caterpillars and observing the changes they go through in their life cycle to become butterflies. This is a great opportunity to make observations over a period of time. It's only been a week so far but the caterpillars have grown so much. We will keep you posted on how they get on.

Finally, we were very excited to invite friends and family into school last week to celebrate the **King's Coronation**. The children enjoyed making bunting, crowns, flags and especially enjoyed sharing a cake filled picnic with their families.

Well done Badgers, another great fortnight!

Mrs. Brown



Foxes

Class News:



Although these last two weeks have been short due to Bank Holiday weekends, Foxes have still been working exceptionally hard.

During our PSHE lessons on *relationships*, we recapped our learning of internet safety. Miss Guest was really impressed with the children's understanding that apps may seem 'free' but often have hidden in-app purchases - very savvy Foxes.

We started our new DT topic last week where we will be *designing and making our own cushions*. Firstly, we had to learn how to cross stitch and applique which are both tricky skills. Mrs Bramley was really pleased with the determination and kindness shown by the children, often helping others around them.

In Science we have been looking at how light affects how plants grow. We have set up an experiment in our classroom and check on them regularly to see how they are doing. We will keep you updated with the results.

Finally, last Friday we had a brilliant '**Big Lunch**' to celebrate the **King's Coronation**. The children were so excited to share their cakes and wave their flags. It was lovely to see everyone together enjoying themselves and playing. Thank you for joining us, we hope you have a lovely afternoon too.

Miss Guest and Mrs. Downing



Lions



Class News:

What a wonderful fortnight!

In Lion Class we have been busy learning about *2D shapes* in Maths lessons. We can name a range of quadrilaterals and triangles and can describe their properties. We have investigated regular and irregular polygons.

During English lessons we have designed our own machines. We have planned and written an explanation about how they work. Some fantastic ideas!

We had great fun investigating which materials would dissolve, during Science lessons.

In P.E we have continued to develop our cricket skills. We have considered techniques to hit the ball into an empty space and ways to catch the ball to get our opponent out.

We thoroughly enjoyed wearing blue for **Autism Awareness** and celebrating the **King's Coronation** by wearing red, white and blue. It was great to join our friends and family at the **Big Lunch** and **Big Help**. It was great to create crowns, bunting and flags to help us celebrate this historic occasion.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

The build up to the national KS2 tests saw the Eyrie maintain its reputation as an environment of endeavour and enthusiasm as our Eagles continued to demonstrate superb progress and impressive levels of confidence ahead of this challenge which all Year 6 pupils across the country have had to undertake. I am so proud of all of them for their determination and eagerness to better themselves as learners and know that they will have given their all to achieve the best possible results.

In other news over the last couple of weeks, we enjoyed marking **World Autism Awareness Day** by wearing blue. We celebrated the **King's Coronation** by making crowns and dressing in red, white and blue, before attending the **Big Lunch** and **Big Help** which was very enjoyable.

We have been investigating *electrical circuits* in our Science lessons and in particular setting up fair tests to find out which brand of battery lasts the longest. We pitted Duracell against Energiser against Sainsbury's and were surprised by the results, with the cheapest type (Sainsbury's) managing to outlast its more expensive rivals.

Mr Daniels



Wear Blue For Autism

by St Mary's News Team

On Friday 28th April, we dressed in blue clothing to raise awareness about autism.

Our school did it as part of the charity **Light Up Blue** because it is so important to learn about autism and understand what it is.

Mr Thomson led an assembly on autism. We learnt that people with autism think differently to people without autism and just a small click of the fingers can sound like a clap. Some autistic people show their feelings through actions like waving their arms around. This is called stimming. Some find it hard to sit still and find it hard to concentrate. Some autistic people go to state schools (like St Mary's) and some go to a special school. Some autistic people repeat things they have heard over and over again which is called echolalia.

We even had some of the amazing autistic people in our school tell us a little bit more about autism. One of them said, *"I find looking at things and talking to other people hard. Sometimes I mean to say something but it comes out differently. I like playing video games. I am quite imaginative. Sometimes I have trouble with noise and it affects my learning a bit."*

Another added, *"I find it hard to do some things like making friends. I like playing video games, playing with dolls and stroking cats. Another one of my hobbies is drawing. I also have trouble with noise and sometimes I wave my hands around. Sometimes I get angry with myself."*

We learnt that it is okay to be different and really enjoyed raising awareness by dressing up in blue.

Pre Ordering School Meal

We have seen an increase this term in the number of late requests for a school meal. If you miss the **Thursday night deadline**, please contact the school office on **Friday morning before 12pm**. We will be unable to add meal options for the following week after **Friday midday**. If you miss this deadline you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child/children. If your child arrives at school without a packed lunch or a pre-ordered meal, the school office will call you to request that you arrange for a packed lunch to be brought in.

Please make contact with the School Office if you need help accessing Parentpay and selecting meal choices. We strongly recommend that all children in receipt of FSM (free school meals) and UFSM's (universal free school meals all Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children) book for the whole term to ensure they receive their chosen meals. If you need more information on checking whether you qualify for free school meals then please contact the office or check

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 5

Date	Event	Notes
17th May	KS2 Basketball match @ Trinity	KS2
25th May	Nigel Coles Photographer	
26th May	End of Term 5	Whole School
9th June	June Big Help afternoon - Gardening	1pm start. All are welcome.
14th June	New Reception Class parent meeting	5.30 pm
19th June	Latin teaching at St.Mary's - information evening.	5 pm
26th June	Sports Day	Timings TBC
6th July	Shuffle Up Day	Whole School
7th July	July Big Help afternoon - Gardening	1pm start. All are welcome.
14th July	Careers Day	Whole School
14th July	Summer Fayre	Whole School
20th July	Leavers service at St.Mary's Church	Year 6
21st July	END of TERM 6	Whole School

Top tips for staying safe online



YOUR ONLINE POSTS ARE PERMANENT

What you share online will remain accessible forever. Always think before you post!



UPDATE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS

To make sure you are always keeping your personal information safe, take a look at the privacy options your sites have and make the most of the protection they offer.



REMEMBER, STRANGER DANGER!

Never meet up with anyone who you only know online, and only accept requests from people you know.

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Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes alongside other families, in person or online

- Ingredients provided or cost covered with £30 for voucher
- FREE recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals

**Range of dates available, contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:
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Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrqcaregroup.com

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NHS



Discover Vicars' Close

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Explore Vicars' Close and join in with our fun activities for families – with Cathedral guides, ecologists and musicians on hand to help!

Tuesday 30th May

Create a Coat of Arms



Wednesday 31st May

Discover Bats



Thursday 1st June

Singing Workshops



Book online today at

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or drop in on the day!*

£2 per child / £1 if eligible for free school meals

Accompanying adults FREE

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

*Subject to availability

