

St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 26th May 2023

Newsletter 17

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

Paralympian Katrina Hart

On **Thursday 18th May**, we were joined by the inspirational **Paralympian, Katrina Hart**. We completed a circuit of activities alongside her and we're feeling more motivated than ever to maintain our fitness. All the children from Ducklings to Eagles joined in. It was great fun.

Katrina told us about her journey to becoming a Paralympian and described how winning a gold medal felt.

Here are some reflections from Lion's class:

"It was good."

"It was amazing to meet a Paralympian in real life."

"Everyone was joining in and having fun."

Mrs Hayward

House Points Winners

Well done to **Topaz** for being our House Point winners this Term.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Rabbit Class for having excellent attendance last week (wk com 15.5.23) This week (22.05.23) for this week are Badger Class

Christian Values Awards

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

Compassion Olivia F, Lottie, Dexter

WG, Felix B, Dawson, Tilly, Jenson and Finley

Courage George, Flo, Juliette,

Jenson

Koinonia Merryn, Rosalie, Noah,

Charlie R, Anjaleena and Mr Daniels

Service Ben P, Harrison, Rachel

and Theo H





Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:Malachy, BeatrixRabbitsJoe B, LiamBadgers:Sol, DawsonFoxes:Archie, Cooper

Lions Finley, George, Ben C, Willow

Eagles Jack, Lily W





Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have had another wonderful term in Hedgehogs! We especially enjoyed the lovely weather over the last couple of weeks. The children enjoyed taking trips up to the big playground and school field. We played lots of games such as tag & football and we also practised our catching and throwing skills.

Hedgehog Class are really fortunate to have a wonderful outdoor area to play in, the children have been having fun splashing around with water, constructing sandcastles, pedaling around on their bikes and engaging in all sorts of other activities every day, it's great to see them having so much fun. Mr. Gerrish, our wonderful Caretaker, has made a fantastic washing line for us and the children had a great time washing our babies' clothes and then hanging them up to dry under the warm sun. We hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term and we are looking forward to more fun next term!





Basketball Event at Trinity Church School

On **Wednesday 17th May**, St.Mary's Basketball Club travelled to Trinity Church School to play a couple of basketball matches. The children played well as a team and represented the school with distinction in the matches. Every child that played in the school dribbled, passed and played basketball with the new skills they had acquired at Basketball Club. We were proud of each and every one of them!

Ducklings



Class News:

Duckling's Class have had a fantastic end to Term 5. On Tuesday, we put on an amazing performance for the school with our class assembly 'The Creation Story'. Thank you parents and grandparents for coming to see us. We hope you liked our singing, dancing and creativity!

In Maths, we have been using our number skills in our play to find ways of *making 10*. We have been adding numbers together and subtracting numbers from 10. How many ways can you make 10? We've also been thinking about *2D shapes*. Counting the sides and corners. We found many shapes we could identify in our area.

We've finished off our Minibeast topic by reading *Snail House*. We all designed our very own snail house with so many creative features.

In RE, we have been learning about *taking care of our planet*. We enjoyed our litter pick and collected items for recycling.

We enjoyed the sunny weather and made ourselves shelters out of tarpaulins.

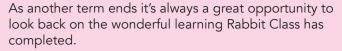
Mrs Winney & Mrs Munro











This term's English has been based on the story 'Queen's Hat'. The class has written instructions on how to make a crown and this week they finished their very creative innovative stories. We had the King's crown blowing to jungles, space and St Mary's school. In some stories, the crown was landing on different members of staff's heads!

As Scientists we've finished our unit on *Materials*, Rabbits can name different materials, sort them based on different properties and spot patterns as to why certain things are made from specific materials. We ended the unit with a fun investigation to keep Ted dry, we carried out a fair test and explored the best material for an umbrella.

In PE they have been perfecting their *ball skills*. Rabbit class showed great control when bouncing, catching, throwing, dribbling and shooting with a ball. Last week we also had a great time with **Paralympian Katrina Hart**. The class took part in an energetic circuit and didn't give up!

Have a wonderful half term and see you all in Term 6!

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Potts



Badgers





Class News:

Where has this term gone? It's been a very busy and productive term for the Badgers and they have continued to impress me with their hard work and enthusiasm.

In Computing, the children have very much enjoyed this term's work on *Digital Music*. We have had to think about tone and tempo, as well as what sounds work together to create music. We have used computer software to make music, play it back and then edit it.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about *relationships* and have undertaken activities and games where we have had to work as a team. Sometimes this can be tricky so the Badgers have had to problem-solve and listen to each other in order to build a positive relationship.

In DT, we have been looking at *pivots* and *levers* in order to make a monster with moving parts. This has required a lot of focused and fiddly work making sure that each mechanical piece worked with the rest of the monster. The children had a lot of fun making their monsters.

Finally, we were very pleased to welcome **Paralympian Katrina Hart** into school and hear about her journey to becoming an Olympic athlete. We then took part in a series of circuits which made us work hard against the clock. I think we might have some future athletes in our class!

Have a lovely half term and see you all in Term 6!







Foxes



Class News:

I can't believe I am writing the final newsletter of Term 5, I think it's been the fastest one yet with a Coronation and Bank Holidays.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Workshop on Friday. The children have enjoyed our DT project this term and have made excellent progress in their sewing skills. They have learned to *applique* and *cross stitch* and their finished cushions look great.

Mrs. Downing continues to be impressed with the effort and enthusiasm Foxes show towards all of their learning, particularly swimming. She reports back that they are growing in confidence in the water and having lots of fun too! Swimming will continue for Foxes into Term 6.

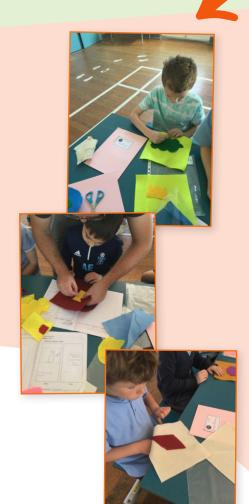
In English, we have been learning about articles *a* and *an* and learning about when we should use them in sentences - both written and oral! It's trickier than you might think and we're still getting a little muddled so any practice with this at home would be great.

Finally, we have really enjoyed our work on *Rivers* in Geography. We have been identifying rivers in the UK and learning key terminology like source and mouth. We learned about the physical features of the upper course of a river including waterfalls. Luckily, we have still got lots to learn on Rivers so we will be continuing this next term.

Have a wonderful week off and enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Miss Guest and Mrs. Downing



Lions





Class News:

What a wonderful end to term 5.

We have enjoyed learning about *personification* in English lessons and have written and shared some fabulous poems.

In Computing, we have been *editing photos* using cloning to hide objects so that we change the subject of our photos. We also loved showing our editing skills in our Parent Workshop, we had great fun adding layers to photos to create some interesting outcomes.

Lion Class have been learning about *symmetry* in Maths recently, as well as using the column method to add and subtract decimals. The Year 4 children have been busy practising their times tables ready for their Assessment in Term 6.

During PSHE lessons, we discussed how and why photos might be edited. We considered whether it was acceptable to edit photos and why photos online might not be representing a person honestly.

During Science lessons, we had fun separating different materials using different methods.

In History, we learned more about *the power of the Monarchy* and how this has changed over time. We were fascinated by the impact of the Reformation and the Civil War on our lives today.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting **Katrina Hart**, a **paralympian sprinter**, and completing some activities alongside her.

Mrs Hayward







Class News.

Following the completion of the Key Stage 2 tests, our attention in the Eyrie has now turned to several new and exciting projects.

In English, we have enjoyed writing stories about an 'Outsider' who has attempted to establish themself within a new community. There have been various brilliant ideas created, determining who this 'Outsider' might be and the scenario they have been faced with. Our stories have been stimulated through reading *The Island* by Armin Greder. We have also been practising and developing our editing skills, making effective use of response partners (as you can see in the photos) to help check for accuracy and to suggest possible improvements.

The other project which has generated great excitement recently has involved our class starting work on our Year 6 production, which we will be performing next term. We are in the initial stages of developing our show which is entitled *The Island That Rocks* and have been having read-throughs and making decisions about casting. Our Eagles are already showing super levels of enthusiasm and we hope to have an entertaining production for you to enjoy towards the end of Term 6.

Finally, it was great to be able to welcome **Paralympian Katrina Hart** to St Mary's last week. We enjoyed joining the rest of the school in taking part in her exercise routine before hearing all about her achievements as an athlete.

Mr Daniels



Parker in Peril - Pre-Order

Order your copies of the latest Limestone Locket Adventure story, written and illustrated by our wonderfully talented pupils from Y4, 5 and 6 at St Mary's and Trinity with the help of teacher and writer Farah Downing. 'Parker In Peril' is the second story in the series and promises to be every bit as fantastic as the first story 'The case of the Ghostly Miner'.

Copies now priced at £7.00 for one copy, £8.00 for 2 and £10 for a copy of the first Limestone Locket story

(Limited copies are available - so hurry

Please use the form to pre-order your copy now!

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Parent Events in Term 6

We have lots of events happening in term 6

Whole School Events

- Updated whole school vision and values and Latin meeting: 21st June - 3:30pm (childcare provided)
- Sports Day: 26th June -9-12pm
- Summer Fayre: 14th July from 2pm.

Big Help afternoons

- Gardening: 6th June -1pm
- Gardening: 7th July -1pm

Year Group Events

- Year 4, 5 and 6 book launch-'The Limestone Locket Mysteries':14th June at 2:30pm
- New Reception Parents meeting: 14th June-6pm
- Year 1 class worship: 5th July at 9am
- Year 6 performance: 12th July at 6pm
- Year 6 performance: 13th July at 2pm
- Year 6 leavers service: 21st July at 9:30am





We recently celebrated the achievements of Jack T, Theo L, Joe P, Ben P, Harrison, Rowan, Spencer and Ronnie, They've been quite busy earning medals, trophies, and certificates in Rugby, Football, and Maltilda even earned a certificate for being a Zoo Keeper for the day!

Village Day

The Conygre Trust are inviting all St. Mary's pupils to participate in an exciting Fancy Dress Competition that is taking place during the Village Fun Day on **Saturday 10th June**. The judging will begin at 1 pm, so make sure you arrive in time to sign up for the competition. The entry fee is just 20p, there will be two age groups - 5 and under, and 6-11-year-olds. And guess what? There will be amazing prizes for the winners! The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions will be awarded in each age group. Don't miss out on this fun and exciting opportunity - come and show off your creativity.

St Mary's would also like to invite your child to join us

for the upcoming Village Day event, The School will be performing and we would love for your child to be a part of the fun. To confirm your child's attendance, please complete the form below and let us know if they will be joining us. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you and your child at the event.

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SUMMER UNIFORM

Summer uniform is as follows:

- Smart tailored Navy blue, grey or black shorts, not PE or sports shorts
- Blue and white checked/stripey dresses
- White/black socks (not patterned)
- White/black shoes (toes must be enclosed)

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 5 & 6

Date	Event	Notes
26th May	End of Term 5	Whole School
9th June	June Big Help afternoon - Gardening	1pm start. All are welcome.
10th June	Timsbury Village Day	
14th June	Book launch-' The Limestone Locket Mysteries'	2:30pm
14th June	New Reception Class parent meeting	5.30 pm
21st June	Updated whole school vision and values and Latin meeting (childcare provided)	3:30 pm
26th June	Sports Day	9am-12pm
5th July	Year 1 Class Worship	9am
6th July	Shuffle Up day	Whole School
7th July	July Big Help afternoon - Gardening	1pm start. All are welcome.
8th, 9th, 15th and 16th	Year 6 Bikeability	
12th July	Year 6 evening performance	6pm
13th July	Year 6 afternoon performance	2pm
14th July	Summer Fayre	Whole School
21st July	Leavers service at St.Mary's Church	Year 6
21st July	END of TERM 6	Whole School

Top tips for staying safe online



THINK BEFORE YOU SEND

Don't share with anyone online something that you wouldn't want them to share with others. It's far too easy to lose control of something once it has been sent.



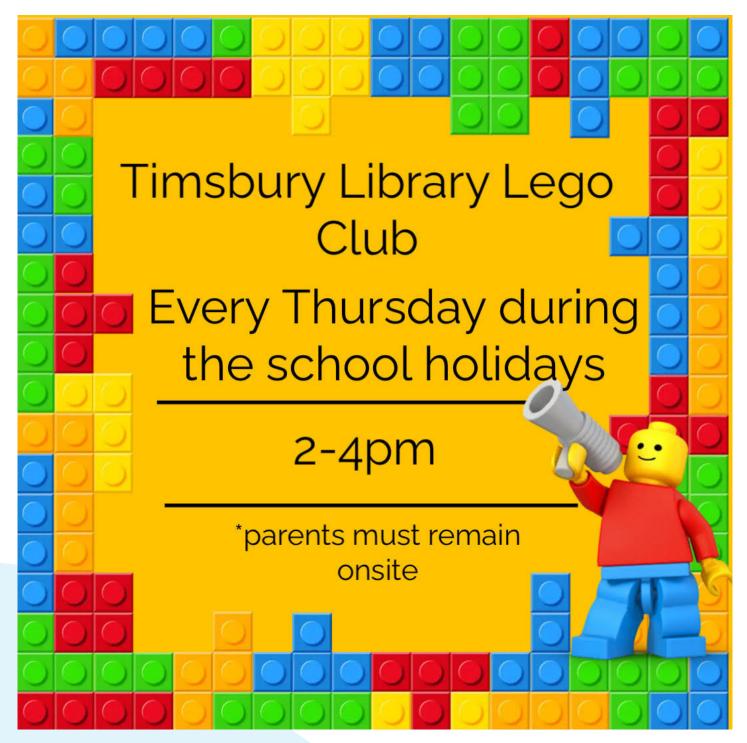
WORRIED? REPORT IT

If you see something that worries you, report it to the site AND to a trusted adult. This way you will keep yourself safe, and prevent harm to others.



TIME'S UP!

The internet provides a great platform for catching up with friends, but staying online for long amounts of time has been found to have a negative impact on other areas of life. Know when to switch off and take a break.



Grow Timsbury and the Conygre Trust present ..

9.30-11.30am
on the last Saturday of each month

Plants & Gardens - great value garden plants
Holly Made Cakes - delicious homemade cakes



Cam Valley Growers - seasonal veg, herbs & salad

Tunley Farm Butchers - local meat

Single Hill Flowers-beautiful, sustainable cut flowers

Grow Timsbury - food tastings

Visit us on 27th May, 24th June, 29th July, 26th August, 30th September & 28th October - Be green and buy local - Hot drinks van & more stalls arriving soon

For more information email info@growtimsbury.org.uk or visit www.growtimsbury.org.uk CIC no.10709916

