



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Sports Fixtures

On Wednesday last week, Mr Lucy took a team of Year 3 and 4 gymnasts to compete in the School Sports Gym Competition at Writhlington Sports Centre.

The children had to learn a floor routine at both level 1 and 2 and do a vault. The children performed really well and although they didn't get a medal this time, they should be very proud of themselves.



House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Ruby** House who achieved most house points last week and have retained their lead again this week.

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Cherry** Class for achieving 100% attendance last week, and to **Chestnut** Class for highest attendance this week.

Christian Values Awards



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

Respect: Delilah, Ezmae, Melissa and Caspar YR, Amber Y3

Trust: Delilah, Ezmae, Melissa and Caspar YR, Phoebe-Mai Y5

Friendship: Delilah, Ezmae, Melissa and Caspar YR

Courage: Isabella Y4, Ella-June Y6

Creativity: Norman's band Y2, Eliana Y4, Hope and Imogen Y6

Outside Achievements



It's been a busy couple of weeks for achievements! **Edie (Y2)** was Star of the Week at Little Ninjas this week - and she moved up a level in her swimming lessons on the same day. **Finley** achieved Stage 3 of trampolining and got an award in Football, **Ivy** and **Harry** achieved new badges in Beavers, **Toby**, **Ada** and **Isaac** gained new badges in Cubs, **Logan A** has reached Stage 2 of his swimming, and **Evie B** received an award in Gymnastics! What an active bunch you all are - well done everyone!



Office News:



Office Hours

Please note the office is open from 8.15am until 4.15pm Monday-Thursday, and from 8.15am-3.30pm Friday. There is no access to the car park outside of those hours.

Warm Weather Precautions

As the weather starts to get warmer, please ensure children come to school with sun cream applied and with appropriate sun hats/caps to protect them when they are outside. Please note, we are unable to re-apply sun cream to children during the day, so please don't send them in with any. Using a product which is designed to last all day is recommended.

Grapes!

Please do not send your children in with grapes that are still whole as these pose a choking hazard. All grapes (and cherries etc) need to be sliced in half. Thank you.

Sculpture Garden

You will notice that we have had some seating made to reflect the design of our Acceptance sculpture. Please ensure children (and adults!) keep off this area as the concrete takes a long time to set, and we will be re-seeding the grass area. We are looking forward to it being used as a quiet space for reflection.

Reminder

Please note that no bikes or scooters are to be ridden within the school grounds at any time. Many thanks.

Trinity Food Bank

Please remember the Food Bank is available for your use - if you need anything just come into school and ask - we can take you and show you what is available, or you can let the office or Mrs Jackson know what you need and she can get a box together for you to collect. We are also still gratefully accepting anything you can donate to the Bank - particularly:

Freezer:	sausages, frozen mash, chips, veg, chicken, pizza
Grocery:	crisps, teabags, coffee, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned good (hotdogs, meatballs, beans etc), biscuits, snacks, curry sauces, rice, packet rice/pasta, squash, juice
Fridge:	Milk, eggs, spread, cheese, cooked meat (ham, chicken etc)
Toiletries etc:	shampoo, shower gel, hand wash, washing up liquid

Please ensure consumables are not past their 'best before' or 'use by' dates. If you can spare any bags that would also be useful!

Many thanks

They're back!

On Thursday 19th May, we are hoping to encourage the sunshine by having our famous ice-cream sundaes as dessert! If you would like your child to have an ice-cream, you will need to book in advance on ParentPay. If your child would still prefer to bring a packed lunch but would like an ice-cream sundae for dessert, you will still need to book a lunch, but just choose the dessert option and not the main course. The cost of this will be £2.60, regardless of whether you bring a packed lunch for main course or not.

Please book by Monday 16th May so that we can ensure we buy enough for everybody - and fingers crossed for a nice Summery day!



Headteacher's Award



Well done to children in all years for their Headteacher Award nominations over the last two weeks:

Conker:	Clara, Levi
Chestnut:	Harry, Blake
Cedar:	Norman, Cody
Willow:	Harvey, Ada
Cherry:	Olivia, Eliana
Maple:	Hermione, Alfie G
Redwood:	Evie, All of Redwood Class



Acorn Class



Class News:

Acorns were very excited to discover that our two dinosaur eggs had hatched. The children decided to name them *Kerry* and *Berry*, which Metal Mike loved as we have been doing lots of fun rhyming games in Phonics. We have loved watching them grow and have been using language to compare and describe the size of them (tall, short, big, small and long). Each day they seem to be getting bigger, so we have been monitoring this by seeing how many cubes tall they are each day. This week, we have also been looking at *prepositions*. We had to give our giant dinosaur Derek instructions using the words *in*, *under*, *in front*, *behind* and *next to*. We found out that his dinosaur friends were all lost outside, so we looked for them and used these words to describe where they were.

We had a very smelly delivery sent to us this week: 3 dinosaur droppings! We used scissors, tweezers and a knife to dissect the droppings. One had leaves in it, another had bits of bone and the last one had a mixture of leaves and bones. We learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and thought about which dinosaur it might belong to by looking in dinosaur non-fiction books. This week, we have also been using our fine motor skills to squeeze pipettes to melt ice eggs and use small hammers to break the salt dough eggs to release the baby dinosaurs.

In Outdoor Learning, we have made some yummy 'nature soup' and we have particularly enjoyed mixing our own mud paint ourselves and painting mud pictures with it. We also used our listening skills to follow instructions to make dino biscuits.

Acorns, you have been fantastic dinosaur detectives for the last couple of weeks. We cannot wait to start our minibeast topic with you next week. I wonder if anyone will be able to find any minibeasts over the weekend, perhaps in your garden or if you go on a walk.

Mrs Clements



Conker Class



Class News:

We have had a really exciting and busy couple of weeks.

Our caterpillars have now built themselves cocoons and are busy transforming themselves into butterflies. The children have been fascinated by how quickly they have grown. We are now trying our very best not to disturb them as they change.

Our garden is starting to have seedlings pop up. It looks like the rocket is growing the best. Some of our beans are large enough to plant out and we have carefully drawn the root system, stem and leaves.

In Art, we have looked at a famous painter: *Vincent Van Gogh*, planting our own sunflower seeds and painting fantastic artworks of the sunflowers that our florist friend Lisa brought in for us.

We have been working hard on looking at how the numbers 11-19 are made up. We use the words "a group of ten andextra" to explain how they are constructed. We are also able to then say whether these numbers are *odd* or *even*. This week, we have started working on doubles and we are singing a song to help us. I wonder if your child can sing it to you?

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Chestnut Class have been retelling the story of: *'The Three Little Pigs'*. Last week and this week, we have been rehearsing and creating mind maps and finally we have finished writing the story! Chestnut Class did a fantastic job and we can see a real improvement from their cold write three weeks ago!!

In Maths, we have been experimenting with length and weight, making our own spring scales to find out the heaviest object in our classroom: it turns out we have quite a few heavy items.

During our Geography sessions, we have been identifying human and physical features. Chestnut Class have really understood this and are very confident with knowing the different features. We are moving on to the more tricky concept of 'where we live', looking at continents, countries and planets!

We had another fantastic session with our tennis coach, practising hitting the ball over the net and ensuring we are in our 'ready positions'.

Miss Southwell



Cedar Class



Class News:

This term's Science focus is all about *plants* and we have already begun planting and investigating the impact of water when planting. Cedar Class was surprised to find out that the beans in the cupboard HAVE started to germinate! They wanted to find out more about why the leaves are closed and yellow and this led to a discussion about *nutrients*. Cedar took their learning into their own hands by reading seed packets and then exploring the school grounds to decide the best place to plant their flowers. Before making a final decision, they had to consider shade, space and weather conditions - they then took a clear photograph of their chosen spot. It is now their responsibility to check on their flowers and the progress they make.

Our Computing lessons have involved programming, where the children are using their directional language to make routes and algorithms for robots. The programming activities focus on how there can be the same outcome achieved through a number of different approaches. Cedar Class has been exposed to the idea of program design, in which they need to plan what they want their program to achieve before they start programming. I cannot wait to see what they achieve by the end of their computing topic!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

This week, the children had great fun sharing some of their learning with their families and the rest of school during their Class Assembly on Monday. Their Assembly had a History focus but also included some of our Science and Music work too. They did an absolutely brilliant job!

In Science this week, we have been exploring *soil*. On Monday, the children created 'edible soil' as they examined the layers. Later in the week, we looked at the ingredients for good soil and why it is so important for life on Earth.

We have been revisiting *addition* and *subtraction* this week in Maths and it is lovely to see how much the children's confidence and understanding has grown.

The myth of *Finn McCool* and *Benandonner* has been the inspiration for our writing this week. We have enjoyed learning and performing our text map.

Mr Pollock

Cherry Class



Class News:

Thank you so much to all of the parents and carers for attending our recent Parent Workshop on *Digestion*! The children absolutely loved it and it was a great opportunity to learn all about how our bodies digest the food we eat, while sharing the learning experience with parents.

In English, we have continued with our non-fiction writing about digestion. The children have been incredibly creative with their use of similes and metaphors to describe the various stages of the process. Examples include: *"The food travels down the oesophagus like a rollercoaster"*; and *"The stomach is a washing machine, pounding the food into a nutrient rich soup"*. I am so impressed by the rich use of technical vocabulary (e.g. *peristalsis*) in the children's writing.

Cherry Class are thoroughly enjoying Outdoor Learning this term. They have planted lots of seeds and are diligently watering them in class. We can't wait to see what grows - watch this space!

Finally, we are all looking forward to our trip to Mendip Activity Centre on Monday. We are hoping to try a variety of exciting and adventurous activities on the day. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered to give lifts.

Mrs Jefferies



Maple Class



Class News:

This term, our English focus is *Drama* and *Music* so we have decided to link this to our current history topic: *'The Anglo Saxons'* and create a Class Assembly! The characters have been cast, the scripts given out, the props and costumes list is extensive already and the excitement is definitely building. If it's not already in your diary, then make a date for Wednesday 25th May at 2.30pm. Thank you in advance for the parents' efforts in line learning, costumes and props!

Maple Class has been making the most of the nice weather - we have been orienteering to find facts about the Anglo Saxons, map reading using an aerial view of Radstock and using compasses to explore the school grounds. We've also been tending the school grounds, including digging a deep hole for the new pond, plus we've been sketching in the woods. It's been a busy fortnight getting back to nature!

Mrs Jones and Mrs Roberts

Class News:

Redwood Class



What a week it has been for Redwood Class! SATs are now over and I am incredibly proud of all of the children's efforts. We can now start to focus on our new exciting learning projects over the Summer terms.

In Art, the children have been working on some wonderful Romero Britto-inspired artwork. The children have put their own personal interests and preferences into their work and they are all beautiful and unique! We have continued to learn about the *human circulatory system* in Science and we have now started to read "*Pig Heart Boy*" by Malorie Blackman, which is closely linked to our topic.

Our Music lessons have involved practising the songs for Young Voices in preparation for our trip to Birmingham on Tuesday. The children are looking forward to singing, dancing and having fun with their peers and thousands of other children across the country!

Well done Year 6 for all of your hard work this week, you should be extremely proud of your achievements.

Miss Treasure



DANCE FOR THE DEFIB!

Dance for the Defib!

The school, alongside the School Council, are campaigning for a school defibrillator.

Firstly, can we say a huge THANK YOU to Touchstone Residential Property Management for their very generous donation to our defib fund - we are so very grateful to have such a boost to the start of our funding and we are well on our way!

We have decided to hold a whole school Danceathon on Friday 10th June - we will have non-stop dancing from the moment we arrive until the end of the day. Plus the children can wear mufti - bring your dancing shoes!

Children will be sent home with a donation form closer to the time and encouraged to ask friends and family to donate to this worthy cause. It would be AMAZING if families could raise as much as possible.

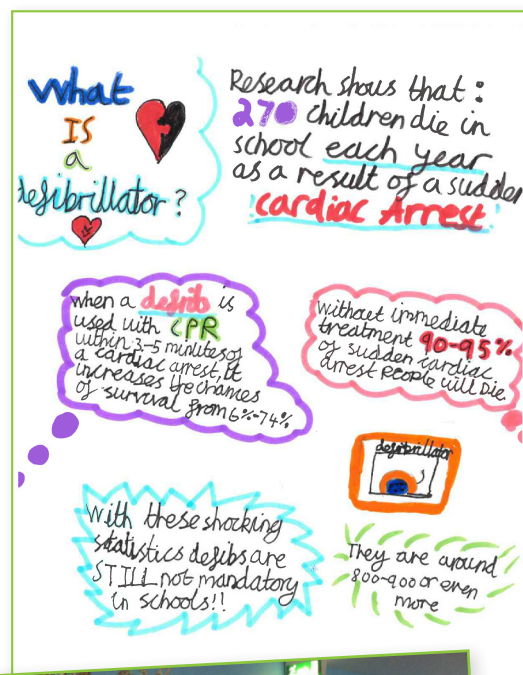
We are in need of around £800 - so we have lots of fun and fundraising to do!

The School Council will be communicating the reasons why we need a defib in school, as well as sending out more information about the event.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Jackson

Lead First Aider



Dates for your Calendar 2021/22 - Term 5-6

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 16th May	Mendip Activity Centre Day 1	Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 17th May	Mendip Activity Centre Day 2	YR, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 17th May	Young Voices	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 19th May	Ice-Cream Sundaes (book on ParentPay)	
Mon 23rd May - Fri 27th May	Redwood Class Residential Trip	Year 6
Wednesday 25th May	Maple Class Assembly - 2.30pm	Year 5 parents
Thursday 26th May	Cedar Class Parent Workshop : Florence Nightingale	Year 2 parents
Thursday 26th May	MSN Swimming Gala	
Friday 27th May	PTA Jubilee Cake Sale & Treasure Hunt	Whole School
Friday 27th May	END OF TERM 5	Whole School
Monday 6th June	TERM 6	Whole School
Monday 6th June	School Photographer - Class Photos	Whole School
	School Photographer - Year 6 Individual Photos	Year 6
Friday 10th June	Danceathon and Mufti Day	Whole School
Friday 1st July	PTA Summer Fair - time tbc	Whole School
Wednesday 13th July	Redwood Class Performance - details to follow	Year 6 Parents
Friday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ	Year 6
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Service	
	Summer Disco - details tbc	TBC
Thursday 21st July	END OF TERM 6	Whole School

Thought of the week



This week in our in class worship, we have explored our Big Question:

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle said that changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children. The student, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m), said being called names and laughed at "just becomes our norm"; so her new book, "Mummy, there's a new girl", tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.

In our Collective Worship, we reflected that God said '*People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*' (Samuel 16:7)

We linked this to our creativity theme that we are all created in a unique and individual way - none of us are the same and we are all precious to God.

Some things to think about at home:

Why do you think Danielle decided to write the book? How do you think Danielle's book might help people to understand differences? Discuss the phrase 'never judge a book by its cover'. What do you think this means and do you agree?

What makes us unique?

UN Rights of a Child

We all have rights and shouldn't be treated unfairly no matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like or what our background is.

British Values

Democracy

Danielle has used her voice to help educate others and stamp out prejudice. It is important that we listen so we can understand, learn about, and celebrate our differences.