



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 7th July 2023

Newsletter 19

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

Sports Day

All the children enjoyed the range of activities during Sports Day.

It was lovely to see so many children with smiles on their faces as they tried their hardest.

It was wonderful to see so many family members coming to cheer the children on and staying for the picnic.

Well done to everyone.

Congratulations to Topaz house who won overall.



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Badger** Class for having excellent attendance last week. This week our class with the highest attendance are **Foxes** Class!

Christian Values Awards

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

Compassion	Amelie
Service	Theo H
Truthfulness	Dexter WG

'Team Timsbury' Hoodies

We have an updated school vision:

'I can do all things'

This was discussed at a parent meeting this week in school.

As part of the meeting, we launched a new hoodie for children to wear in PE and Forest School lessons. We wanted to make you all aware that this product is now available. This can be purchased from our normal supplier, Macpac:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/stmarystimsburyBA2/?c=459>



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:	Sienna
Rabbits:	Florence
Badgers:	Freddie WJ
Foxes:	Aidan
Lions:	Ben, Zach



Hedgehogs



Class News:

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers and friends that came along to our **Nursery Sports Morning**! The children were all amazing, we have practised hard the last couple of weeks and we are so proud of them for cheering on their friends and having fun.

As well as our sports day practice we have also been making good use of our outside woody area and the children have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities such as clay modelling, flower pressing and decorating sticks (some of which became our magic wands!)

We can't believe some of our older children will be leaving us to start school at the end of the term and we know they are all ready but we are hoping to have lots more fun with them over the next couple of weeks.

EYFS Team



PARKER IN PERIL – PRE-ORDER

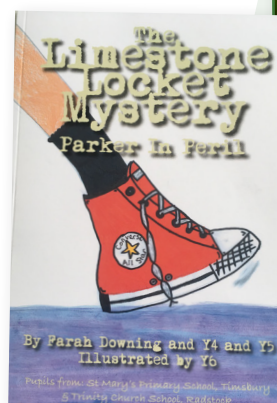
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Ducklings



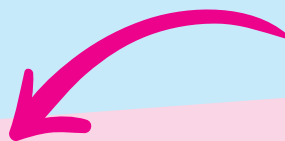
Class News:

What an exciting few weeks, we've had fun participating in **Sports Day** and the children really shone. Thank you to those who could come and join in.

We've enjoyed blasting off into space. We've had fun learning about Tim Peake, the astronaut who taught us how to play with bubbles in space. We then had great fun working out how to make bubbles and who could make the best bubbles. We've made our own solar systems and had fun making space helmets.

The highlight has to be our trip to **Longleat** on Tuesday, the drizzle didn't stop us and we got to see so much. We had fun looking at the safari animals and even saw a lion in a tree. The sea otters were having a small snack of trout and the koalas were sleeping. We saw the hippo walking and had fun feeding the sea lions smelly fish. We dried out in the hot crocodile house and then we enjoyed a little snack to give us energy for more walking.

Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

Wow, what a busy few weeks Rabbit Class has had!

We had great fun participating in **Sports Day** and especially enjoyed the assault course and water challenge!

We've been hard at work preparing for our class assembly. We enjoyed telling the rest of the school all about our learning on '*Jack and the Beanstalk*' and the different animal groups. After our assembly it was great to share more learning with our grown ups in our parent workshop. We explored different animal themed activities linked to the curriculum including creating animal patterns, sorting animals into groups, writing captions for different animal pictures and re-creating a map of Longleat.

Our highlight over the past few weeks has to be our trip to **Longleat**. The rain did not stop us and actually meant we saw lots of animals who enjoyed the drizzle. We heard a very loud koala, saw a large crocodile edging closer and closer and had to duck out of the way of Truffles, the sloth, who took a real interest in us! We were lucky enough to feed sea lions and birds plus go on a train. It was a great day and Rabbit Class were superstars, representing the school brilliantly.

Mrs Roberts



Badgers

Class News:



We've had a lovely couple of weeks. We really enjoyed **Sports Day** where the children took part in lots of different sporting activities and impressed us with their positive attitude and team spirit.

We then went on a class trip to the **SS Great Britain** in Bristol. This trip supported our History topic all about significant people who lived in Victorian times. We had a tour around the ship and learnt all about how it was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We saw the living conditions inside the ship and couldn't imagine spending weeks aboard whilst it travelled all the way to Australia! Ask us about the talking toilet - we all had a good giggle at that.

After the tour around the ship we were transported back in time to 1843. The children dressed up as Victorian ladies, gentlemen and sailors, together we celebrated the launch of the ship. It was a fabulous day out and we learned lots.

We then used our memories of the trip to write a fabulous recount of our time in Bristol. Once again, the children impressed us with their fabulous vocabulary and the amount of information they could remember from the day.

Finally, we have been programming in Computing, using *ScratchJr* to write sequences of commands and create an outcome for the end of the programme. It has certainly been a busy and fun-filled couple of weeks!

Mrs. Brown



Foxes

Class News:



The last few weeks have flown by! I can't believe we only have 2 more weeks left as Foxes. We're certainly ready for Year 4, not only with our mature attitudes but we've grown out of our Year 3 tables too!

It has been a busy and fun-filled few weeks. The highlight has to have been **Sports Day**. The children showed great sportsmanship and were excellent at cheering each other on.

We have also been on a local walk where the children really impressed me with their river knowledge. Almost immediately on arrival, they spotted a '*meander*' and could tell me how it was created. We also spotted signs of '*erosion*' too!

In Art, we have been exploring texture and created some interesting abstract designs. We have also been developing our shading skills to show the different dimensions of objects.

Finally, we really enjoyed our shuffle up morning and meeting our new teacher Mrs Brown. She couldn't believe how much we have grown up and can't wait to work with us next year!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Guest and Mrs. Downing



Lions



Class News:

What a wonderful fortnight in Lion Class.

We have been learning about *Global Trade* in Geography and thinking about all the different parts of a supply chain.

In Science, we had great fun investigating *gears, pulleys and levers*. We keep on seeing where these devices are used in our everyday lives.

In Design Technology, we have been looking at different *bridges* and how they are constructed. We enjoyed trying out different ways to make our cardboard bridges stronger with surprising results.

In Maths, we have been looking at *negative numbers* and understanding them.

In English, we have been planning our own adventure story based on '*The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.*'

Sports Day was amazing and I am proud of all the effort and achievements by the Lion Class. Well done.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

The past couple of weeks have seen our Year 6 Eagles preparing to entertain you with our end-of-year performance. Our production of '*The Island That Rocks*' has a fun, summer vibe and a hope-filled vision of the future and is guaranteed to put a smile on your face!

The plot involves two estranged children who become shipwrecked on a secret island and begin a fun new existence with its trailblazing surfing inhabitants. Their season of shared adventures will change their lives - and their respective worlds.

Our cast and production team have worked very hard recently to produce a show that consists of strong vocal performances, dramatic acting, engaging and dazzling choreography. We know you will be impressed!

Come along and judge for yourselves!

Performance times

- Wednesday 12th July 6pm
- Thursday 13th July 2pm

Mr Daniels

Volunteers Brunch

This week we were joined by 11 of our volunteers for our inaugural **Volunteers Brunch**. We have a large team of dedicated volunteers, including the PTA and volunteer readers. The volunteers were served by a brilliant group of Year 6 pupils. As a school, we are incredibly grateful to all of the volunteers that have given their time to the school this year. In total, there have been almost 1000 hours spent in school by volunteers.

We'd like to thank every volunteer for the time they have given to St.Mary's this year- it has made a huge difference to the children and the school.



Outside Achievements



Wow! **Jasmine, Bobbie, and Annabel** have accomplished something truly amazing! They have earned all Six Theme Awards and completed a final challenge to earn the Brownie Gold Award. This is truly an incredible achievement and a testament to their dedication and hard work. Congratulations on this special accomplishment and for your commitment to Brownies. Best of luck in your future endeavours with Guides!

John was beaming with pride as he carried all of his Swimming Certificates and a Dog Show Award from the Village Day. It was quite a feat to hold onto all of them, but he managed to do so with a smile on his face. Well done to Honey the dog also.



Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 6

Date	Event	Notes
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

SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Service

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible*



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

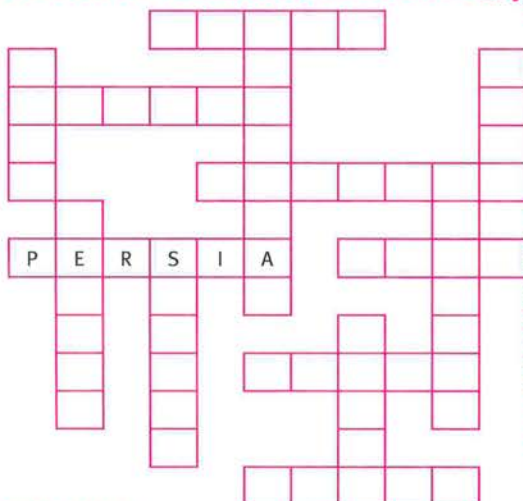
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



QUIZ Word Fit

ESTHER
XERXES
HAMAN
MORDECAI
JEWS
PERSIA
CUNNING
FEAST
GATES
KING
QUEEN
SERVICE
SORROW
WISE



Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Ready,
Set,
Read!



Bath Central Library Events & Activities

Let's Get Crafty - Finger Skates	Tuesday 25 July, 10.30 - 11.30
Let's Get Crafty - Trophies	Tuesday 1 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Let's Get Crafty - Cheerleader PomPoms	Tuesday 8 August, 10.30 - 11.30
The Detective Dog Theatrical Experience	Wednesday 9 August, 11.00 - 12.00
Let's Get Crafty - Cup and Ball Game	Tuesday 15 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Orienteering	Wednesday 16 August, from 10.30
Let's Get Crafty - Travel Games	Tuesday 22 August, 10.30 - 11.30
Mini Olympics	Friday 25 August, 13.00 - 14.00
Let's Get Crafty - Hoopla	Tuesday 29 August, 10.30 - 11.30



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