Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 26 - 31st March 2023



What a wet end to Term 4! Despite the awful weather we have had a fun last week of term. Starling Class had a wonderful time visiting SS Great Britain on Wednesday, Earth House won the end of term reward and had pancakes with a huge choice of toppings with Mrs Layland and Mrs Brooks, and today we look forward to the FOLS Easter Egg hunt.

In addition to this Swallows and Goldfinches gave the parents a real treat and performed a couple of pieces they have been learning in their violin lessons. Many thanks to Charlotte Sloane-Hill who led this, but a particular mention needs to go to Isabella Neil and Ruby Tomlinson who have individual lessons with Charlotte. They had written an Easter song which they performed on the violins, and Swallow class sang to accompany them; it was very impressive!

We are aware that a small number of children are leaving the playground once their parents have dropped them off before 8.45am. They have all been told that they are not to go through the red gate without an adult. Please can you reinforce this at home, too.

We hope that many of you are joining FOLS at the Memorial hall for the Easter Egg Hunt this afternoon at 3.15pm, a lovely selection of cakes have been handed in to the office this morning for the cake sale! We want to take this opportunity to thank FOLS for all their support in fundraising and providing fun activities for the children, we are very lucky to have you.

Have a happy Easter break, see you all on Tuesday 18th April.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

Diary Dates

April

Monday 17th INSET Day
Tuesday 18th Term 5 starts

Wednesday 19th Field to Food Learning Day (Goldfinches and Swallows)

Thursday 27th NHS Epidemiology survey for Year 6 pupils

May

Friday 5th 2pm Coronation Tea Party Tuesday 9th Year 6 SATS week

Monday 15th Class drop in sessions this week. More details to follow

Thursday 18th Class photos

Monday 22nd Year 6 residential to Barton Hall until Friday 26th May

6pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall

Wednesday 24th 2pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall

Friday 26th Half Term

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Monday 5th Start of Term 6

Tuesday 6th New Reception parents meeting 4 - 5pm

Thursday 29th GB athlete to visit school

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Starling Class Trip - SS Great Britain

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to SS Great Britain. It began with a tour of the ship where Captain Maurice told us all about life on board the ship for both steerage, first class passengers, the crew and the animals! We got to meet models of all of these and hear some commentary on their lives too. After lunch we had a workshop where we learnt more about Brunel and some of his other 78 designs. We got to work as a team to power a model of the famous propeller that helped the ship to sail such great distances at a much shorter travel time. We finished the trip with a tour of the Being Brunel museum before returning back to school.









News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we've been having a lot of fun shopping in our Garden Centre which has had real vegetables and plants on offer. We've also been doing some Easter activities including making shredded wheat nests and having an Easter egg hunt.





This week Kingfishers wrote a book about the seasons in the UK and discovered contrasting climates around the world. We also discussed climate change and the challenges we have ahead to save our planet. We had a lot of fun making a few Easter crafts and chocolate nests on our last day of term.





In Literacy we have been studying the book Stardust. This week we compiled a class poem referring to our classmates as 'stars'. The poem includes positive adjectives to describe each child. We have hung this on our 'book tree' with all the other books we have made.





Goldfinch class loved their end of term Easter treat! They were very surprised to be welcomed into school with a buffet breakfast made up of all things delicious! They were so appreciative and polite, a very deserving reward for our wonderful goldfinches!





This week, Swallows have had a brilliant week of learning. For DT, we went to the village hall to do some cooking. We crafted a starter and a main in groups using a variety of ingredients. The children worked as a team and showed excellent focus. Hopefully, parents can experience some dishes from these budding chefs!

