



Welcome back

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break, the children have come back with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the final two terms of the year. As we start the summer term, it has been great to see the sunshine which means we are able to enjoy more outdoor learning. There is a lot going on over the coming weeks including our Mini London Marathon next Tuesday, the Kingfisher and Starling trip to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Thursday and SATs week for the Year 6 pupils starting on May 11th. While we aim to make the SATs as stress-free as possible for the children, for those transferring to another MNSP school in September – and also some other schools outside of our Trust – the results are used to place them in sets as they start Year 7. Therefore we want our pupils to do as well as they can and really showcase how much they have learnt over their time at our school. A reminder that our staff will provide a SATs breakfast for those pupils each morning before the tests, which is always a great start to the day.

Field to Food

On Wednesday, Goldfinch and Swallow classes enjoyed an action-packed day out at the Bath and West Showground for the "Field to Food" event. Throughout the day, the children explored a variety of interactive exhibits, gaining a much better understanding of where their food comes from and the hard work that goes into its production. From learning about crop cycles to meeting the animals, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



TCS Mini London Marathon in School

A reminder that this will be taking place next week to help raise funds for Young Lives vs Cancer. All the children in our preschool and school will get the opportunity to run, jog or walk up to two miles. Please can the pupils come to school in their PE kit as usual and make sure they have a water bottle with them!

Many thanks to everyone who has kindly been able to donate towards the cause. The link is here for anyone else who would like to contribute – please feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/leigh-on-mendip-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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Diary Dates

April

Tuesday 28th Mini London Marathon - Fundraising for Young Lives Vs Cancer
Thursday 30th Kingfisher and Starling Trip - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

May

Friday 1st Afterschool Lolly Sale fundraising for Young Lives Vs Cancer
Monday 4th Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 11th Year 6 SATS Week
Saturday 16th FOLs Plant Sale - 10am - 12 noon. Leigh On Mendip Memorial Hall
Monday 18th Reception Class Height & Weight Checks
Monday 18th School Photos - Year 6 & Classes
Wednesday 20th Reception Class Vision Screening
Friday 22nd End of Term 5

June

Monday 1st Start of Term 6
Tuesday 2nd New Parents Information Afternoon - 2pm
Friday 5th Kingfisher Stay & Play - 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th Sports Day
Tuesday 16th Somerset Children's Pupil Voice Competition
Monday 22nd Arts Week
Tuesday 23rd Sports Day - Back up date in case of bad weather

July

Thursday 2nd Shuffle Up Afternoon - 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 16th Starling Class Final Swimming Lesson
Friday 17th End of Term 6
Monday 20th Inset Day
Tuesday 21st Inset Day

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Oska
Starlings - Annie
Goldfinches - William P
Swallows - Austin



Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Arna & Amara
Starlings - Dylan & Xanthe
Goldfinches - Flo H
Swallows - Ava S & Isabella

Top Doodlers - Goldfinches

Doodle Tables

Year 3 - Xanthe
Year 4 - Adele
Year 5 - Viv
Year 6 - Arya

Notices

TCS Mini London Marathon in School

On Tuesday 28th April, all the children will be taking part in the virtual TCS Mini London Marathon. We are taking on this challenge for our incredible pupil Jack, who has very sadly relapsed with T-cell leukaemia. We are raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer, a charity that has helped Jack's family during a time that most of us cannot even imagine.

To support the children on this challenge by visit our Just Giving page - the link is on the first page of the newsletter.

Kingfisher & Starling Class Trip - A reminder that the trip to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra takes place next Thursday 30th April. Please ensure that your child brings a lunch box to school on this day unless one has been ordered through SchoolGrid.

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for April:

1st Place (£30) - Number 9 - Ellis Ralph
2nd Place (£20) - Number 21 - Charlie Farrow
3rd Place (£10) - Number 1 - Natalie Light

If you would like to be included in the 100 club draw, please contact a member of FOLS.

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News from the Classrooms



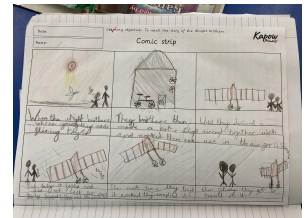
We have been learning about minibeasts in Robins this week and understanding their importance in the environment. We also had great fun on our minibeasts walk seeing how many we could find.



This week, Kingfishers kicked off our new Plants and Minibeasts topic. We sowed pea seeds and look forward to observing their growth over the coming weeks. In Art, we experimented with a variety of materials to draw lines, exploring the concepts of shape, pressure and form.



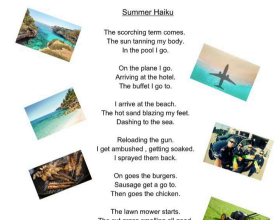
This week in History we began our topic on how we learnt to fly. Starlings looked into the Wright Brothers and how their love of flying things turned into them designing an aircraft and flying around the world!



This week Goldfinch class enjoyed the field to food event at the Bath and West showground. It was a great chance to learn how food is produced from farm to table. We saw animals up close, explored farming machinery and discovered how local farmers grow and prepare food. We also got to taste some yummy ice cream and the cooked venison was a big hit!



This week in English we have been writing Japanese Haiku poems, using a three line structure and a 5-7-5 syllable arrangement. As haikus are traditionally written about nature or the seasons, Swallow class wrote theirs about Summer. The class drafted them, edited them and then published them using the school ChromeBooks, adding formatting and images to complement their excellent haiku poems.



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