



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 20th October 2023

Newsletter 03

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

#HelloYellow

Hello Yellow is an event raising money for children's Mental Health supported by the Young Minds Charity. At our school, Hello Yellow took place on Friday 6th of October and everybody wore yellow! Mental Health is important because it helps handle stress and it also affects how we think, feel and act.

We interviewed people on why they think Hello Yellow is important. Here are their answers:

Bea - It's important to talk about our feelings because it makes us feel happy.

Bobbi - I think it's important because it helps people be aware of mental health issues and that it shows that we know it matters.

Alissa - It shows that we are all important and we show kindness to others even though some of us are different.

Anjaleena - Mental health is important to celebrate people with mental health issues.

Noah - Hello Yellow is important to support mental health and help people have a better life.

From The News Team

Pippi, Elsie, Imogen and Lily



House Points Winners



House point winners for Term 1 are **Ruby**, well done Ruby, we hope you enjoyed celebrating on the last day of term in non uniform! Who will take the title next term.....

Attendance Winners



Wow - we love to see classes achieve 100% attendance, so an end of term well done to our **Ducklings** Class for achieving this week commencing the 9th October. **Rabbits** were close the previous week with 97%.

Secondary School

Remember to submit your Secondary School preferences before the **31st of October 2023!**



Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast and After School Club has been bustling with activity lately, especially since we kicked off October with *World Space Week*! The children had a "blast" creating rockets using toilet rolls, streamers, and their boundless imaginations, they even helped each other out with the tricky parts, and some of them made rockets using loose parts they found in the junk modelling tub. We also came up with a fun game of the "Floor is Lava" using cardboard as stepping stones. To show our appreciation for the teachers in our school, the children made bead keyrings and ended *World Space Week* by painting moon rocks in the forest school area.

On *World Mental Health Day*, we decided to whip up some healthy fruit smoothies for breakfast and after school, and the children loved them so much that we made them for a couple of days. We also created gratitude dice, which sparked some wonderful discussions about how we were all feeling. The dice had some great questions, such as "What made you happy today?" Overall, the children seem to be having fun with plenty of options to chill out, run about, get crafty, or just sit and chat while playing a board game. We've received some great suggestions in the suggestion box this week, too!

Recycling week began with the donation of some very large boxes, which the children quickly transformed into all sorts of creative projects. They even started their own pizza delivery business and built several makeshift homes, one of which even had a TV. During the last week of term, the weather was lovely so we decided to take our junk modelling and den-building activities outside. The food delivery service also continued, with one of our students even asking for a bike to make their deliveries quicker! On Wednesday, we encouraged the children to get their green fingers on by using recycled food containers to plant seeds for the Spring. We're excited to see how they will grow and will keep you updated on their progress.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award in the past weeks.



Netball Team

Despite appalling weather conditions, our St Mary's netball team braved the rain and played a superb match against The Meadows, winning their match 13-0. Some impressive passing and shooting gave us confidence and the team supported each other well, showing great team spirit. Well done to Annabel, Jude, Lily, Willow, Bear, Noah, Phoebe and Jasmine.

Mrs Brown



Hedgehogs

Class News:

The Hedgehogs have continued their topic, 'All about me'. They have drawn around their bodies and talked about similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. We enjoyed doing our PE sessions and have been dancing rhythmically to the music.

We have been reading 'The Colour Monster' book which has helped support us with talking about our feelings. We have been mixing different colours at the creation station and have found out that we can make new colours when we mix 2 together.

We love joining in with all of our 'Tuning into sounds' activities. We've been drumming outside and going on listening walks to list all of the different noises that we can hear.

The Hedgehog Team



Gardening Club

Please contact the school if you have any gardening expertise or equipment you'd be willing to offer. In addition, any plants and bulbs you'd be willing to donate to the school would be warmly welcomed! The children in the Gardening Club are hoping to plant as many plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees as possible this Autumn, which will benefit the school and the community for years to come. If you would like to give any time or ideas to support the development of the school planting, please let the school office know. Thank you.



Ducklings



Class News:

Wow, we have been at school for a whole term and have learned so many new routines and songs to support our learning.

The Ducklings have been reading '*The Colour Monster*'. This is supporting their emotional literacy and is helping the children talk about their feelings. We have created our own monsters and have written captions for them in Literacy. It has been lovely to hear everyone read at school and it is great that you are able to read at home at least four times a week.

In Mathematics we have been exploring measure and repeating patterns. We collected Autumn treasures and used them to create natural patterns. We have been human scales, trying to decide whether objects are bigger or smaller, lighter or heavier. We have used paints to create patterns and have created some beautiful still life pictures of pumpkins, leaves and conkers.

Thank you for your support with '**Wear Red for Racism**' day. The children have discussed equality and same/difference and understand that we are all unique individuals.

We are so proud of Duckling Class, who walked to the church to celebrate and give thanks at the **Harvest Festival**. Well done everyone for a fabulous start to school!

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

Wow! What an amazing first term it has been. We have been working really hard in Year 1 over the last seven weeks. I have been super impressed with all of Rabbit Class for their super learning.

In English we have been *writing our instructions* all about how to build a wooden bridge for a troll. We had a lot of fun building our own bridges with construction materials to help us think about the sequence of our instructions. Rabbits have been working really hard to become more independent with their writing.

In Maths we have been learning all about addition and number bonds. We have been working on *writing number sentences* in the correct order and are looking forward to learning about subtraction next.

Rabbit Class has really enjoyed learning about everyday materials in Science. Over the last few weeks, we have been testing the *physical properties of everyday materials* to see which material would make the best bridge. This week we have been comparing the materials to make the final decision about which material is best.

Finally, we really enjoyed our trip to the church to celebrate the harvest festival. Rabbit Class sat really well throughout the whole of the service. It was lovely to celebrate the **Harvest Festival** with the whole school.

Miss Tolfree



Badgers

Class News:



We've had a busy last few weeks of Term 1 but Badgers have worked hard right up to the last minute.

We have written our second story of the year. We have innovated the story of 'Billy the Brave Knight' who turns out not to be too brave after all. The children worked hard on including noun phrases and interesting sentence starters.

In Maths we have moved onto *addition* and *subtraction*. The children have used known facts to help them solve trickier questions. E.g. $4 + 3 = 7$ so $40 + 30 = 70$. They were also able to use these known facts to spot errors in calculations.

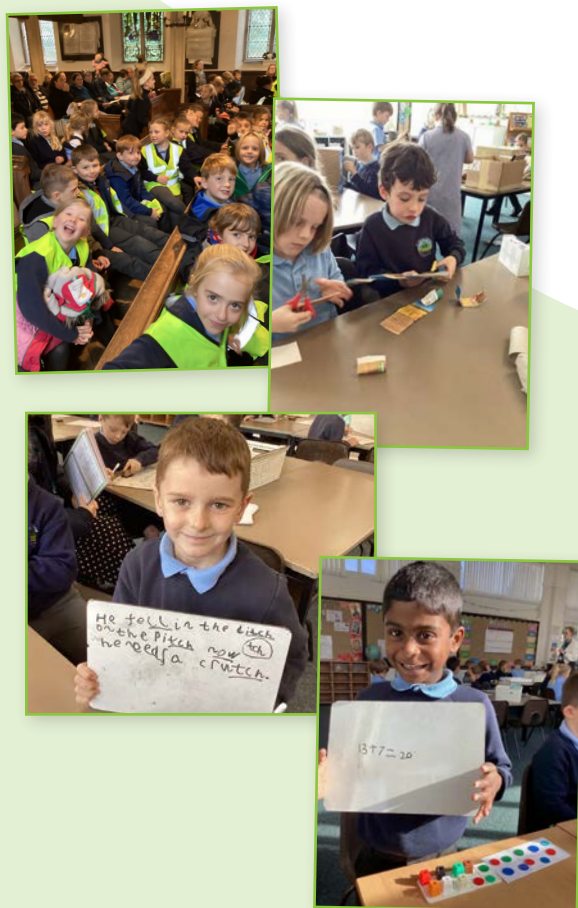
The children were really excited to start our first History unit of work on *WW1 and Remembrance*. They were fascinated by life in the trenches and were surprised that the soldiers were often bored! We will be learning much more about this next term.

Lastly, we enjoyed our first trip to the church this year to watch Y4 lead the **Harvest Festival** service. It was lovely celebrating together and the children sang beautifully.

Have a lovely, restful half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Newman



Foxes Class

Class News:



Such a wonderful end to our first term.

We have been busy writing our non-chronological reports about the *River Nile*. We have enjoyed researching lots of interesting information about it. We learned about headings and subheadings and applied this knowledge to our report writing.

During Maths lessons, we have been *adding using the column method*. We have been practising learning how to set out the columns and understanding what each number represents.

We have been *investigating magnets* in Science lessons. It was lovely to see the children enjoy investigating the strength of different types of magnets. The children were fascinated when they experimented with the North and South Poles. Some attracted really easily whilst others repelled.

In Art, we have made paper in the style of the *Ancient Egyptians* who used papyrus as the first ever paper. This was great fun. We have designed and created our scrolls, in the style of the Ancient Egyptians to represent our lives today.

We have used different sources of information to find out about Tutankhamun. We were fascinated to discover that he had over five thousand items in his burial chamber. These included board games and chariots!

In Computing, we have been learning about how computer systems work. We had lots of fun role-playing being a computer, switch or a server.

Well done Foxes Class, have a great half term.

Mrs Hayward



Lions

Class News:



Well this first term has certainly flown by and the Lions have been amazing, tackling their learning with determination and enthusiasm.

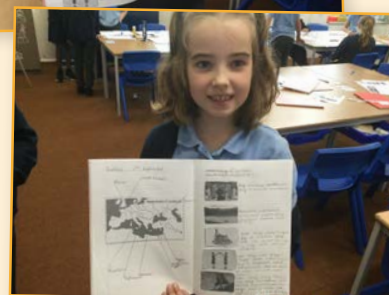
In English we have been writing *harvest poetry* in preparation for leading the harvest service in church. We have thought about how we can use interesting vocabulary and alliteration to help bring our poem to life.

We have spent time rehearsing our **Harvest Festival** service and have been practising speaking clearly and slowly which can be tricky when speaking in front of an audience. However the children were all fantastic and full of confidence, putting on a wonderful harvest celebration that was enjoyed by the whole school.

In History we have been learning about the founding of the city of Rome by retelling the myth of Romulus and Remus. We have learnt that the Romans were invaders and we have begun to understand how Roman numerals work.

Finally, in PE, we have been playing cricket, learning how to bowl and bat and playing some matches. The team spirit and encouragement on show has been really impressive. Have a great half term break, well done for a fantastic first term Lions!

Mrs Brown



Eagles

Class News:



Thank you to everyone who came to watch our Eagles Class Worship last week. The children all worked incredibly hard writing their lines, rehearsing and finally performing to the rest of the school and parents.

Year Five Eagles then presented their *Rainforest* projects. I know that they all thoroughly enjoyed researching and creating their posters, and were all really proud of the work they produced.

On Friday 13th October we wore red to show that we are a school that won't accept racism or discrimination of any form. Our Eagles have been learning about *Rosa Parks*, the *Windrush Generation* and *Simone Biles* in our work for Black History Month.

Mr Daniels

Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 1 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
20.10.2023	End of Term 1	
30.10.2023	Inset Day	
31.10.2023	Start of Term 2	
31.10.2023	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3pm-6pm
01.11.2023	Parent/Teacher Meetings	3pm-6pm
10.11.2023	Open Day for prospective parents Remembrance Day	9.30am
16.11.2023	School/Nursery Tour for prospective parents	9.30am
17.11.2023	Children in Need Day - children to wear spots	
20.11.2023	Anti-Bullying week	
24.11.2023	Open Morning Odd Socks Day - Anti-bullying	9.30am

HARVEST



The whole school enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival service at St. Mary's Church that was led by our Year 4 pupils in Lion Class. The children explained what harvest is and why it is so important and then considered the food miles that various different foods have to travel before they get onto our plate. Using the analogy of a takeaway pizza that you might order from the local takeaway, the children demonstrated how in reality, the ingredients in the pizza have travelled thousands of miles around the world before turning up at our tables. It certainly made us think about the distance our foods have travelled. We finished with some poetry and prayers written by the children. The whole school sang several harvest songs and the church was filled with the sound of the harvest celebration. Thank you for all of the generous food donations to the church. This year, the donations are being shared between Dairy House Hostel for the rural homeless in Stratton on the Fosse and to our local foodbank based in South Road Methodist church, here in Timsbury.



Camerton Holiday Club

There are a few spaces remaining for this free Half Term Holiday Club at St Peter's Church in Camerton on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings next week. It is for those in School Years 3-7. Closing date for applicants is Sunday 5pm (if there are too many people, priority will be given to those who live in Camerton and Tunley). It is being run by Rev Martin Blewett and Jane van Haaps from Timsbury Youth Club. See attached flyer for more information.



FOREST SCHOOL

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure children have appropriate clothing for forest school sessions. Warm winter coats, hats, gloves, 2 pairs of socks and layers of clothing work best.

Over half term if children can collect any conkers and acorns for forest school resources this would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Show Racism The Red Card!

At St Mary's we wore red on Friday 13th October to show that we are anti racist. Everyone is welcome at our school. Anti racist means that we think racism is wrong. Racism is when somebody is rude or mean because of what someone else looks like. Black people are discriminated because of their skin colour. We have interviewed some of the students about what they think of racism.

Interviews:

Rachel - *I think it is bad because people get bullied just because of the colour of their skin and they can't change what they look like.*

Jack - *It's bad because people are bullied every day for no reason and racism is a thousand times worse and it is next level bullying.*

Evelyn - *I think it's bad because people are discriminated because their skin colour is different. And that is not ok.*

Edith - *Racism is a mean way of speaking to people and shouldn't be used in the world. We should treat people the same as we would want to be treated.*

Jasmine - *I think it's horrible because everyone should be treated the same. It's also bad because it isn't nice to treat people unfairly.*

From The News Team

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Grow Timsbury presents

TIMSBURY VILLAGE MARKET

9.30-11.30am

Saturday 28th October



Seasonal Vegetables
Cam Valley Growers

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Local meat
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Jams & chutneys
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Organised by St Peter's
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HALF TERM HOLIDAY FUN!

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th
OCTOBER @ St Peter's Church,
Camerton

10.00 am– 12. 30pm Fantastic
activities 12.00 Lunch!

Friends and Heroes follows the adventures of
two friends- Macky and Portia- as they fight
for justice and survival against the might of
the Roman Empire.

I want to come to Friends and Heroes!

Name..... Age.....

Contact tel/email/address.....

Contact Jane on 074831 56995 or email

jane@luxyouthproject.co.uk

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An action-packed fun holiday club for
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Stories, games, snacks, music, craft
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The Club is for school years 3-7.

There is no charge.

**For more details contact Jane
Van Haaps on email**

jane@luxyouthproject.co.uk

Or Text 074831 56995

**Or return forms to: The Rectory, South
Road, Timsbury. BA2 0EJ**

You are invited to join us at the
St Mary's School, Timsbury
PTA (Parent and Teacher
Association)

AGM (Annual General Meeting)

When: Wednesday 8th November,
7.30-8.30pm

Where: St Mary's School Hall,
Lansdown View, Timsbury BA2 0JR



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If you...

- Are interested in how the PTA charity is run
- Would like to know how we spend our funds
- Have suggestions for fundraisers
- Are keen to get involved in fundraising
- Have skills that might support the PTA

...then we would love to see you at
our AGM in the school hall.

