



We have a very keen and active school council at the moment and to date they have been instrumental in helping to ensure children are happier at playtimes requesting a friendship stop that is now used by all. They have also encouraged children to take care of the environment and suggested an Eco Warrior Club, as well as many ideas for the playground markings. This week the children talked about other ideas that were put forward by their classmates that would make times outdoors even better! They are very keen to help raise money for this so do look out for cake sales and other fundraising ideas and support them if you can. Unfortunately the School Council also noted that some children are beginning to wear jewellery to school, particularly in the older classes. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school with the exception of studs and sleepers for pierced ears. Watches are allowed to encourage your child to tell the time, but please no smart watches.

On Tuesday we had an external audit regarding our school trips and visits, ensuring that we carry out all the correct preparations and that we do all we can to safeguard our children while out and about. The auditor was very pleased with all of our paperwork and procedures and is sending a glowing report to the Trust. The staff have made sure that we are organising many more school trips this year, as they add so much to the curriculum offer we provide. We are now looking ahead to our final school trips of the year towards the end of the summer term.

Speaking of school trips, Goldfinch Class visited the Earth Science Centre this week, as well as stopping off at Whatley Quarry on the way - read more about it below.

We were very proud of our footballers in Year 3 and 4 who took part in their very first tournament this week. All of our children showed a lot of enthusiasm and determination - please read the article below about the event.

Walk to school week has been a great success with a considerable amount of active journeys recorded over the week. Well done to all who took part, we will organise another week like this in the near future.

**Mrs Phillips Mr Turull**

#### **Goldfinch Class Trip**

Goldfinch class had a wonderful time on their school trip to the Earth Science Centre, learning all about rocks and fossils. They explored different types of rocks and fossils and by the end of the day were able to name many of them. We were very lucky to explore the Whatley quarry - we were amazed by how enormous it was. We loved watching the dumper trucks unloading the stones from the observation tower.



#### **Football Club Tournament**

Yesterday, our Year 3/4s played in their very first football tournament. The club has only been running for 3 months and the children showed some really great promise. Excitement and nerves were running high but the children enjoyed the whole experience from putting on a team football kit to playing in their 4 knockout matches. Unfortunately we lost all 4 games but 3 of them were very close with only 1-0 defeats. Hopefully we will have better luck next time.





**News from the Classrooms**



This week in Robins we've been learning about zoo animals and which ones have spots and which ones have stripes. We also had a visit from Paige's Mum who brought in their chicks for us to see.



This week we discovered who Alexander Graham Bell was and what his great invention was!  
We learned about the Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony in the Jewish tradition and we had lots of fun manipulating clay and natural materials in Wren woods.



This week in Starling Class we have begun sewing a Coronation cushion as part of our design technology unit. The children have had a go at threading a needle and using a running stitch to attach the fabrics together.



Goldfinch Class have become amazing at doing fractions. Why not test them at home? We also had a great day out at the Earth Science Centre this week - please read about it above.



Swallow Class have worked hard writing stories with dialogue that advances the action, as well as exploring how humans change in Science, and creating collagraph printing blocks in Art.



**Diary Dates**

**May**

Monday 22nd  
Friday 26th

Year 6 residential to Barton Hall until Friday 26th May  
Zoolab visit the school on the last day of term 5

**June**

Monday 5th  
Tuesday 6th  
Wednesday 7th  
Tuesday 13th  
Wednesday 14th  
Thursday 22nd  
Mon 26th - Fri 30th  
Thursday 29th

Start of Term 6  
New Reception parents meeting 4 - 5pm  
Class photos  
6pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall  
2pm Goldfinch Class Play Performance in Memorial Hall  
Jackdaws Picnic - Swallow Class  
Arts Week  
GB athlete to visit school

**July**

Thursday 6th  
Tuesday 11th

Transfer afternoon  
Sports Day