



We were very impressed with how the children settled back in after the two week break, especially our youngest children in Cherry Class who returned to a newly renovated classroom.

Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 had a wonderful day at the Field to Food Day at the Royal Bath and West Show on Wednesday. It really was an action packed day - we learnt about bees, animal feed, farm machinery, tasted cheese, made butter, planted seeds, spun yarn, watched sheep being sheared... and so the list goes on. We were super impressed with Joe and Frankie's knowledge of farm machinery - I think between them they knew more than the expert! Take a look at a selection of pictures from the day at the end of this newsletter.

As the teaching unions and the Government have been unable to come to an agreement, further strike days have been planned. Unfortunately, based on the number of teachers we are expecting to strike, we are unable to open the school to all year groups on both days. As Year 6 and Year 2 have SATs coming up, these have to be our priority year groups, along with our youngest children in the school. Therefore, we are at present **unable** to accommodate children in Year 3 and 4 on Thursday April 27th and children in Year 1 and 5 on Tuesday May 2nd. If this changes for any reason, we will let you know as soon as possible.

*Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull*



On Thursday, our school's eco-team had a workshop with Paula Malone from Energy Sparks to explore ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint as a school. The children had some brilliant ideas and are in the process of planning our first 'Power Down' afternoon. Are there any ways that you could save energy at home?

As some of you know, we have been running an intergenerational project with some of our Year 5 children and Cholwell House. As part of this, our Year 5 children in Oak Class were invited to create some fantastic portraits of the King. These were displayed at Cholwell House's Art Exhibition on Thursday alongside some of the resident's own creations. This was a great community event and we were honoured to have been involved.





On Thursday Cherry Class had a special visitor. Gabriel's mum came in to tell us how Easter is celebrated in Lithuania and to teach us some Lithuanian. We learnt that it is not traditional to eat chocolate eggs for Easter in Lithuania. Instead they eat chicken eggs and dye them in different colours. In class we had a go at dying eggs using natural dyes. The children chopped beetroot to make a purple dye and red cabbage to make a blue dye. Then we boiled them up and added a bit of vinegar before we added our hard boiled eggs. We also boiled up some onion skins, turmeric and paprika to make brown, yellow and red dyes. It was so exciting to see the results! Aciu Ramune! (Thank you Ramune)



### Certificates of the week



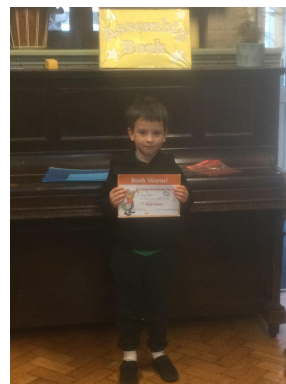
#### Head Teacher's Award

Congratulations to Lottie, Oscar, Evie, Elijah, Abel and Jaz for receiving this week's Head Teacher's Award.

#### Doodle Maths & Doodle Tables

Top Doodlers were Elsie, Phoebe, Reuben, Johannes, Abel, Alfie, Finlay and Hattie. Congratulations to Johannes for getting the highest number of stars in the school.

**Reader of the week** went to Rory Ablett - well done!





### **Other awards**

Thank you to all of the other children this week for bringing in medals and certificates to show us. We are always really impressed with the achievements that are made outside of school in all activities children take part in - football, martial arts, gymnastics and swimming, horse riding and lots of others!



### **Notices**

- **Dinner Menu Choices** - Please ensure bookings are made by Thursday for lunches for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day. Please note that if you book a meal and then your child brings in a packed lunch on that day you will still be charged for the booked meal if you pay for school lunches, unless your child is ill.
- **Parking** - If you are driving your child to and from school please park sensibly and safely and remember that the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school must be kept free at all times. These are regularly monitored by the PCSOs, who may issue a fine for owners of cars parked there illegally.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.





## Field to Food trip to The Bath and West Showground







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