

Message from the Headteacher

With October being 'Black History Month' we have been exploring with the children what we can all do to make the world a fairer place. In collective worship this week we have shared elements of the life of Ted Brown and his fight for a fairer world for all.

Today the children took part in the 'One Run Global Schools Day', it was lovely to see everyone getting involved in this initiative and becoming more active!

Don't forget next Thursday is our last day in school before half term, Friday is an inset day for teachers. We are ending the term with a PTA muffin day on Thursday (contributions will be collected on the gates) and after school we have our key stage discos.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Term 1 Christian Value: Love

Love those in need



Matthew 22:38 Love your neighbour as yourself.

Luke 10:26-37 The Good Samaritan

Star of the week

Ash class	Bella
Birch class	Brie
Chestnut class	Christopher
Elm class	Sophie
Holly class	Wesley
Hazel class	Sophie
Maple class	Miley
Oak class	Charlie
Pine class	Layla
Rowan class	Matilda
Sycamore class	Aiden H
Willow class	Imogen H

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday 20th October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at St John's church at 2pm for pupils in Reception and Year 6. The Reception children will be welcomed into the school community and will be presented with their bibles. We are delighted to be able to invite parents to attend however have restricted this to one parent per child.

We will also be collecting donation of non perishable food item for the Midsomer Norton Community pantry. Please bring donations to the office from Monday 15th October.

Dates for your diary

20th October - Reception & Year 6 Harvest Festival, St John's Church. @ 2pm.

21st October - Muffin day & PTA Disco. Tickets available from the PTA. After school

11th November - Remembrance Day. Wear something red muffin. Donations to the British Legion.

15th November - Nursery photos with school siblings

19th November - World Diabetes Day. Wear something blue muffin.

School Tours

We are thrilled to be able to offer school tours to 2022 reception starters on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th October 9am - 10am & Wednesday 20th October 9am - 10am.

Tours can be booked by emailing the school office.

If your child is attending a Secondary School tour in the coming weeks please email the school office with the date and time of your child's appointment so that we can make a note on the register.

Absence requests

If you need to request for a pupil to be absent from school during term time please complete an [absence request form](#) stating the reason for the absence. This will then be considered by the Head Teacher and you will be informed whether this is an authorised or unauthorised absence. Holidays during term time can not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

School Uniform

As the weather is starting to turn colder we would encourage pupils to be wearing winter uniform after half term. Please also ensure that pupils come to school with a coat. Please ensure that all of clothing are named as this makes it easier to return found items. Our lost property is already overflowing after only one term.

Also please remember that girls with shoulder length hair or longer need to have hair tied up out of their faces.

GenerationBe October Half Term Crafty Camps

[GenerationBe](#) are hosting a holiday camp for St John's children, ages 4-11 on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th October, 9.00am - 3.00pm. The camp will have a fun wellbeing and crafty focus.

All activities are planned to support wellbeing, building resilience, relationships & self-esteem, shiny from the inside out. The cost will be £22 per day per child.

Spaces are limited and bookings will therefore be a first come, first served basis.

If you would like to **book** a place, please fill in this form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RcKIYHSJXefUuKLVZpP9d5bEiu1II7xkWpV7hQX2w58/edit>

We look forward to meeting you, Min & Lana @GenerationBe



Out of School Achievement

Well done to Jayden in Oak class who was awarded man of the match for Chilcompton Football club after scoring a hat trick during their winning match on Sunday.



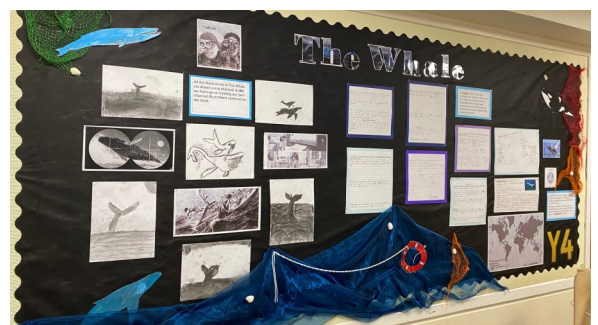
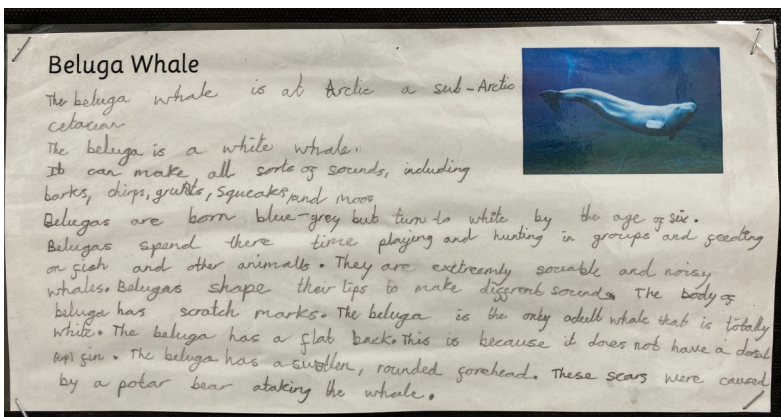
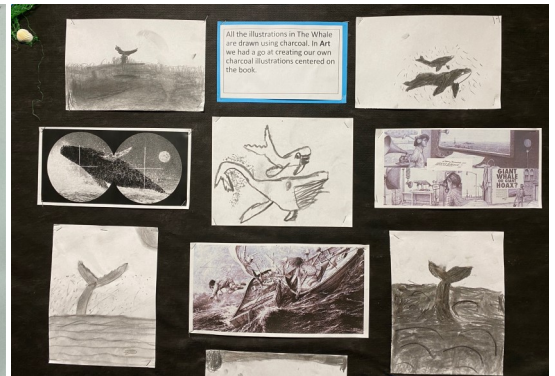
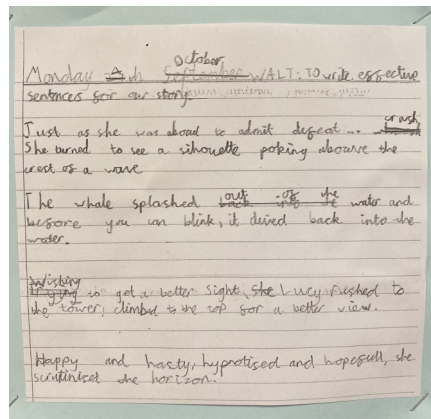
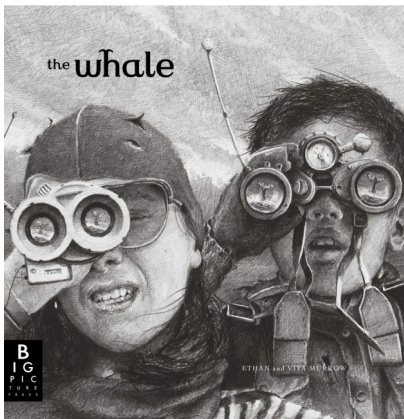
Year 1 Reading

This term Year 1 pupils have been learning about the UK as part of our Geography topic and have been reading books related to this. We have loved reading and writing about the book 'The Queen's Hat'. We have also enjoyed reading 'Katie in London' and 'A Walk in London'.



Year 4 Learning

In Year 4 pupils have been reading The Whale by Ethan and Vita Munrow. Inspired by the illustrations the children have been writing emotional sentences based on the main plot points. They have also been using charcoal to recreate some of the illustrations.



Upcoming school trips

Young Voices

Young Voices will be taking place on Wednesday 19th January 2022. Thank you to those who have already returned the permission slips. Payments have all been set up on ParentPay and should be made by the following deadlines:

Pupil t-shirt (£12) - 22nd October 2021 (non compulsory)

Adult audience tickets (£23) - 22nd October 2021 (non compulsory)

Adult coach (£21) - 29th November 2021 (non compulsory)

Pupil coach (£21) - 29th November 2021 (compulsory)

Kilve Court

The Year 4 residential trip to Kilve Court will take place from Monday 4 - Wednesday 6th April 2022. Please return a permission slip for your child as soon as possible. Payments can be made via ParentPay and should be made by the following deadlines:

Deposit (£50) - 17th December 2021 (non refundable)

Full cost (£165) - 18th December 2022

Please see the school office as soon as possible regarding any payment issues.

Term 2 clubs

The following clubs will be available during term 2. A booking form will be sent out via Parent Mail next week ready for clubs to start w/c 1st November 2021. This will be first come first served with pupil premium pupils being given priority.

Monday

RotaKids (same pupils as Term 1) 3-4pm

Young Voices (same pupils as Term 1) 3-4pm

Computer Club (KS1 20 pupils) 3-4pm

*Multi Skills £1.50, 15 pupils from KS1. 3-4pm**

Tuesday

*Basketball £1.50, 15 pupils from KS1 & 2. 3-4pm**

Wednesday

Dance (KS2 15 pupils) 3-4pm

Reading Rocks - (Yrs 4 & 5 15 pupils) 3-4pm

Able Writers (Yr 4 - lunchtime)

*Football £1.50, 15 pupils from KS2. 3-4pm**

* These clubs are being run by an external sports coach and will be bookable by paying £1.50 via ParentPay.



The Great St John's Bakeoff

In cookery club after school the children have been learning to make some delicious things including Tweety Pies (flapjack cupcakes!) Earlier this term they made cookies, apple crumble and banana muffins and have been learning methods such as creaming, rubbing in and folding to combine ingredients!

Our very own Star Bakers!



Limelight Dance School

Dance classes for children aged 4-16 are available on Saturday mornings at Orchard Vale Hall, Midsomer Norton.

Lessons include disco Freestyle, Hip Hop, Slow Modern, Modern, Jazz and Rock n Roll.

4-8 year olds - 9.30-10.30am

9-16 year olds - 10.30-11.30am

£5 a session.

Enquiries can be made to kirsten_stevens23@outlook.com



Out of school Achievement

Henry from Chestnut class successfully completed his 10k walk on Sunday raising nearly £700 for Time is Precious. Well done Henry!

