

25th March 2022

**Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'**

*Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'*

## Message from the Headteacher

The sun is finally shining and it has been lovely to see the classes making the most of our outdoor environment. Year 6 have been taking their spelling, punctuation and grammar learning outdoors, whilst in forest school this week Year 4 have been perfecting the art of tessellation using wax rubbings and Year 1 have created their own worm world to have in the classroom.

Today we welcomed our Reception parents into school to join us in our Rainforest café. This morning the children learnt all about the type of animals that live in a rainforest and met some real life creepy crawlies courtesy of Nick from Bug Fest.



I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA for last night's KS1 and KS2 discos. Also thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff who made the event possible. Next Friday they are holding a Bingo Night in the hall, tickets are on sale now.

If you haven't already please make sure you sign up to a parents evening slot for next week - these are being held in school on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st.

Hope you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Mrs West-Gaul

## Dates for your Diary

**w/c 28th March** - No teacher led afterschool clubs  
**30th & 31st March** - Parents Evening  
**1st April** - PTA Bingo night  
**8th April** - PTA end of term mufti day  
**11th-22nd April** - Easter holidays  
**25th April** - start of term 5

## Term 3 Christian Value: Hope



**'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit'** (1 Corinthians 13:13).

## Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



<b>Acorn class</b>	Imogen Thea
<b>Ash class</b>	Ronnie
<b>Birch class</b>	Keegan
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Poppy W
<b>Elm class</b>	Nate
<b>Holly class</b>	Frank
<b>Hazel class</b>	Corben
<b>Maple class</b>	Josh G
<b>Oak class</b>	James
<b>Pine class</b>	Layla
<b>Rowan class</b>	Millie
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Josh
<b>Willow class</b>	Frankie



## Odd Socks for World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks or wacky tights with their school uniform on Monday in support of World Down Syndrome Day. We raised £107.75 for Ups and Downs South West.



## Red Nose Day Bake Off

Well done to the School Council for running a very successful Red Nose Day last Friday! We raised over £600 through mufti, Red Nose sales and the fantastic bake sale! The winners were EYFS - Kara W, KS1- Olivia H and for KS2 Jayden J. Thank you to all who contributed to this event- amazing job everyone!





## Learning in Acorn class

This week in Reception we have been talking about signs of Spring! Lots of us have seen leaves and flowers starting to grow as well as all enjoying the warmer weather! We have looked at daffodils closely and talked about the beautiful colours and the shape of the petals and the trumpet part of the flower, then we used pastels to draw them. Fantastic pictures everyone!



## This Girl Can

Eliza had a fantastic day on Monday. She visited Bath University for an activity day called 'This Girl Can'. She participated in a range of sport workshops and practical sessions led by expert coaches.

She most enjoyed Judo and demonstrated some of her newly learned skills to her class. She even got signatures from GB athletes!





# TAKEHOME



Is there still a place for letters in today's world?



## In the news this week

Royal Mail has announced that stamp prices are to go up for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class options. The price of a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp will rise by 10p to 95p on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp will increase by 2p to 68p. Royal Mail has explained that prices have had to go up as people are sending fewer letters and its running costs have increased.

In a statement it said, "Royal Mail has considered these pricing changes very carefully in light of the long-term structural decline in letter usage".

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > When was the last time you received a letter or card in the post? Who was it from and how did you feel receiving it?
- > Do you often send cards or letters to others? Explain your answer.
- > Why do you think fewer people have been sending cards and letters?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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### Out of school achievement

Miley in Seedlings class has gained a certificate and badge for completing the Party Fun Badge award in FUNDamental movement in Early Years Gymnastics.



### Term 5 clubs

A google form will be sent out next week for you to sign your child(ren) up to lunchtime and after school clubs for term 5.

#### Monday

Rota Kids - KS2 (CLUB FULL)  
Young Voices - Yrs, 4, 5 & 6 (CLUB FULL)  
Homework - KS2  
Basketball - KS2

#### Tuesday

Film club - KS2 lunchtime  
Athletics - KS1 & 2

#### Wednesday

Drama club - KS2

Football - KS2

#### Thursday

Maypole - KS2 (performance Sat 9th July)  
Cookery - KS2  
Spanish - KS1 lunchtime



## Lost Property

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all school uniform, PE kits, shoes, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles are all named as our lost property boxes are filling up again. These will be put out as often as possible in the coming weeks however any items remaining at the end of term will be disposed of.

We now have some Year 6 helpers who kindly look through lost property on a daily basis to return named items to pupils however many items are not able to be returned as they aren't named.

Iron on and sticky labels can be ordered from My Nametags. Please use the code 31825 which donates 24% of your order to the PTA.



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## Parking at drop off and pick up

We have received a complaint from a resident of Redfield Grove of cars parking inconsiderately and blocking drives. Please can we remind all parents to park respectfully when dropping off or collecting pupils from school.

## Citizenship and Character Award

Here are this week's suggestions:

- Have a picnic (Wellbeing Me) - Why not make the most of the beautiful weather this weekend!
- Watch the sunrise (Wellbeing Me) - On Saturday 26th March, the sun will rise at around quarter past 6. Why not set your alarm clock and watch it with your family! What lovely colours will you see?
- Keep an exercise diary (Physical Me) - What physical activities will you get up to this weekend? Note them down in a diary and share them with your teacher.

## PTA Bingo

Tickets are still available for the PTA Bingo on Friday 1st April 2022 in the school hall. Doors open at 6pm, cash prizes, hot food and fully stocked bar. £5 for 6 games Tickets on sale at school pick up today and next week.



## Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - George  
Chestnut - Olivia  
Hazel - Corben  
Pine - Jess  
Willow - Phoebe

Ash - Aoife  
Elm - Carly  
Maple - Isaac  
Rowan - Bea

Birch - Kobe  
Holly - Reggie  
Oak - Jayke  
Sycamore - Aiden

