

7th October 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

We have had a busy week here at St John's. On Monday Year 4 visited Midsomer Norton Library, they expertly navigated the shelves to find both fiction and non-fiction books of all genres! It was great to see them picking books based on the topics they are learning at school and enthusiastically sharing stories and facts with one another.

On Thursday we celebrated 'National Poetry Day' with poems from 'Hand on your bridge' by Michael Rosen to 'Nature Trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah being read within classes.

And of course today we have been to St John's Church to welcome our new reception children to the St John's family as well as celebrate Harvest. A huge well done to our ethos group who held the service together with their narratives and to Mrs Bradley for organising it. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Somer Valley foodbank collection, our Rotakids would like to extend this collection and so donations are still being collected until Friday 14th October.

This week Alun Williams (MNSP CEO) came to St John's and conducted a learning walk, visiting all classes. He commented on the fantastic behaviour of our children, the improving presentation and the strategies in place to help our children know and remember more.

Thank you to our PTA who have bought our new outdoor reading library. Some of you may have seen it on the woodchip area on Zone 2. We are going to be working with our School Council over the next few weeks to get suggestions for authors and books that each year group would like to fill the library with. If you are having a sort out at home in the near future and would like to donate any books please bring them to the main reception.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



### VALUE OF THE TERM - LOVE



**Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.**

### Parents' Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on **18th & 19th October.**

Please note there will be no teacher-led after-school clubs that week.

### Dates for your Diary

18th & 19th October: Parents Evenings  
20th October: PTA Disco & Mufti Day - donations for the PTA tombolas  
21st October: INSET Day  
24th - 27th October Half Term  
31st October: Term 2 starts  
11th November: Wear Red for the Poppy Appeal  
26th November: PTA Christmas Fete  
6th December: Year 2 Carols by Candlelight  
7th December: Reception Nativity, 1.30pm  
8th December: Year 1 Nativity, 5pm  
15th December: Christmas Services  
16th December: PTA Mufti Day

### School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners should be booked by Midday on a Thursday for the following week. Should, for any reason, you fail to book meals by this deadline, please arrange to provide packed lunches for your children.

## Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!

	Star of the Week
Acorns	Harlowe Charlie
Ash class	Rosie
Birch class	Jaxon
Chestnut class	Reggie
Elm class	Zena
Hazel class	Maisy
Holly class	Lyra
Maple class	Molly-May
Oak class	Albie
Pine class	Erin
Rowan class	Ethan
Sycamore class	Josh
Willow class	Lily



### Top Doodling Class

#### Doodle Maths: Elm Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

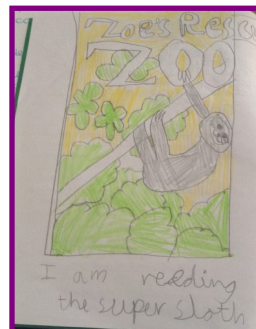


## Dogs on School Ground

Just a reminder that **no dogs are allowed on school grounds under any circumstances**. We have had multiple reports recently of dog fouling on school grounds, and this is of course a health issue for all of our children. We also have a number of children who are afraid of dogs, and to have them on site is not appropriate. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Year 4 visit to Midsomer Norton Library

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These photos show the children enjoying the library books in the book corner.





## Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 had a wonderful time in our woodland area during forest school on Thursday.

They enjoyed making nature mandalas using the autumn colours.

Great work Year 4!



## TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

The popular dance competition, Strictly Come Dancing, has returned to TV screens. The 20<sup>th</sup> series of the competition has the show's largest ever line-up of professional dancers. Fifteen celebrities are competing for the glitterball this year, including presenters Kym Marsh and Helen Skelton, former footballer Tony Adams, Paralympic gold medallist Ellie Simmonds, EastEnders actor James Bye and singer Matt Goss.

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

- > Share any competitions that you may have taken part in. Do you enjoy it when things are competitive? What about others at home?
- > Do you prefer watching or taking part in competitions?
- > Considering the phrase 'it's the taking part that counts' - what do you think it means and do you agree?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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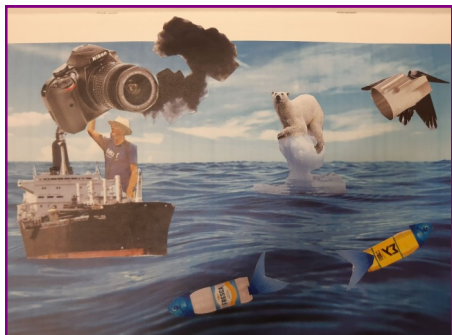
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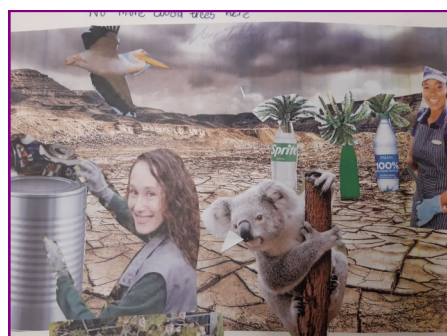
## Year 6 Learning

In our art lessons this term, year 6 have been focusing on collage and our focus artist has been Sarah Eisenlohr, who is a well-known collage artist from the USA. Eisenlohr takes her inspiration from the environment and much of her artwork communicates a narrative of how humans are having a negative impact upon the world around them. The children in year 6 have therefore spent some time exploring different global environmental issues to inform their own artwork. Here are some of the end results.



Izzy's collage invites the viewer to question the role of humans in forcing the polar bears to the brink of extinction. Not only are carbon emissions leading to rising temperatures and the loss of the polar bears' habitats, but we are also filling up our oceans with plastic. Izzy has expertly illustrated this narrative by presenting us with fumes from the boat and 'plastic bottle fish.' Furthermore, Izzy has manipulated scale (an oversized camera) to suggest that people care more about getting the 'perfect picture' than the plight of these incredible creatures.

Matilda's collage presents a narrative about the hunting of sharks for their fins, which are used to make shark fin soup. We can also see a shark wearing a nurse's hat; this suggests that sharks are also being hunted for medicinal purposes. We can see that the people in the boat look happy - Matilda invites the viewer to question whether they are aware of the damage they are causing.



Lacey's collage shows a barren landscape. We can see a gardener who is, strangely, tending flowers that are made from plastic bottles. The narrative here is that we can no longer grow plants due to the damage caused. In the foreground, Lacey has presented us with a lonely koala bear, desperately clinging to a piece of deadwood.

Amelie's collage depicts the Australian bushfires. Her narrative suggests that this is the fault of humans (the firefighter is spraying fire rather than water and we see a hand adding more fuel into the fire to help it grow).



Lottie has successfully manipulated scale in her collage. We see a giant clock and people running down a long, long road which stretches out for miles into the horizon. In the sky, we see different planets. Lottie invites the viewer to question whether time is running out...

## Out of School Achievement



Well done to Erin (Willow Class) who took part in a swimming gala at Millfield at the weekend with Norton Radstock Swimming Club.

# Creative minds

October half term  
**9am-4pm**

Wednesday 26th October

Thursday 27th October

Breakfast club available 8-9am for an extra £2 per child.

**WE ARE BACK FOR JUST 2 DAYS**  
IN OCTOBER HALF TERM AT THE HIVE PSJ  
£22 PER CHILD PER DAY OR £40 FOR BOTH DAYS

**Kids Sports**      **Arts and Crafts**

## Surveys shared by the B&NES Library:

### Summer Reading Challenge:

Did you enjoy Gadgeteers? This year's Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and Public Libraries. For a chance to win a £30 shopping voucher from The Reading Agency, please tell us about your Gadgeteers experience by following the link and answering the quick and easy questions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Gadgeteers>

### 0-11 Year Olds Survey:

Take our survey for parents or carers of children aged 0-11 in B&NES.

Bath and North East Somerset Library and Information Service are running a short survey for **parents and carers of children aged 0-11**.

The survey runs

from **21<sup>st</sup> September to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022** and is open to all residents who care for children aged 0-11. Please take part now:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/parentscarerslibraries>

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 10 October

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

### Bath Central Library

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 11 October

**Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein:**

Monday - Saturday 3 - 29 October

### Keynsham Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 11 October  
10.30 - 11.00 am

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun**  
Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 10 October

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 12 October

### Digital All Social Media

Black History Month, October

World Mental Health Day, 10 October

Family Learning Festival, 15 - 30 October

Children's Book Review 15 October  
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