

12 May 2023

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

This week has been SATs week for Year 6 and I have been incredibly impressed with the resilience shown by all of our children. No matter what the results every child has tried their very best this week and that needs to be celebrated.

We hope they all have a great time at school camp next week!

Hope you all have a great weekend!

Mrs West-Gaul

*"Excellence
is not being the best,
it's doing your best" – anon*

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP



The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. Ecclesiastes 4:10

Dates for Your Diary

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| 15-19 May | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| 22 May | School Photographs |
| 26 May | PTA Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale |
| 29 May | Bank Holiday |
| 30 May - 2 June | May Half term break |
| 5 June | Start of term 6 |
| 5 June | Year 4 multiplication check |

Reading in Year 3

In Year 3 we have been researching King Charles III.

We learnt all about his coronation and about him as a person. King Charles III is really passionate about looking after the environment and he has made Clarence house completely eco-friendly and sustainable.

We especially enjoyed finding out that he made friends with an Orang-utan in Borneo on one of his environmental visits.



Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Chestnut Class

Doodle Tables: Oak Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

| | Star of the Week | Star Readers |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Acorns | Ayda Nancy | Eva Charlie |
| Ash class | Sophia | Rosie |
| Birch class | Kara | Leo |
| Chestnut class | Fleur | Max |
| Elm class | Isaac | Sophie |
| Hazel class | Ellis | Poppy H |
| Holly class | Eden | Anna |
| Maple class | Alfie | Jacob |
| Oak class | Ruben | Sid |
| Pine class | Elliott | Reeva |
| Rowan class | Josh V | Ruben |
| Sycamore class | Lacey | Eliza |
| Willow class | Erin | Grace |

TAKEHOME



Should all animals be treated equally?

In the news this week

Blackpool Zoo is looking to hire a team of people in an attempt to scare away nuisance seagulls - by dressing them in bird costumes. Blackpool Zoo says the birds have been persistently stealing food from visitors and animal enclosures. The role, which would be housed within the Zoo's Visitor Services team, will involve someone dressing up as an eagle and keeping seagulls away from the main visitor dining areas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you seen a seagull? Have they ever been an inconvenience to you?
- > Share your thoughts on the new role for deterring seagulls.
- > Is it a job you think you would like to do?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



School Council Eco Update

A few weeks ago, the school council came up with the idea of having a 'power-down' afternoon in school. This would involve turning off all lights and electrical appliances, including all computers and interactive whiteboards. After looking at each year group's timetable, we have decided that the best day to do this will be Friday, starting from next Friday (19th May)!

We are really hoping that the trial next week will be a success so that we can embed this weekly. The biggest challenge will be for teachers who will have to think really creatively about how they can provide good learning opportunities without the use of technology (or excessive amounts of printed resources)! Watch this space to see how we get on!

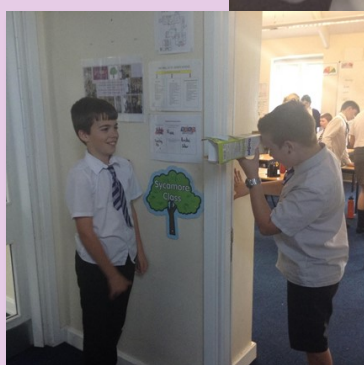
In other eco-news, a few members of the school council have recently spent some time with Anne, our kitchen manager, exploring energy consumption in our school kitchen. The children discovered that our kitchen staff take sustainability very seriously. For example, they only use the lights when absolutely necessary and they always make sure that appliances are switched off as soon as they are no longer needed. The children also discovered, however, that our fridge-freezers are quite old. We are therefore going to look into buying an energy monitor to determine whether these appliances are consuming excessive amounts of energy.



Year 6 Science Update

Last week in the year 6 learning section, we told you about our investigations into light. This week we'd like to share with you some pictures from our most recent investigation, in which we considered how we could carefully position mirrors at an angle of 45° to take advantage of light reflection in order to see around corners! We used milk cartons and two mirrors to create our very own DIY periscopes, which enabled us to see our friends above tables and lurking in the corridors.

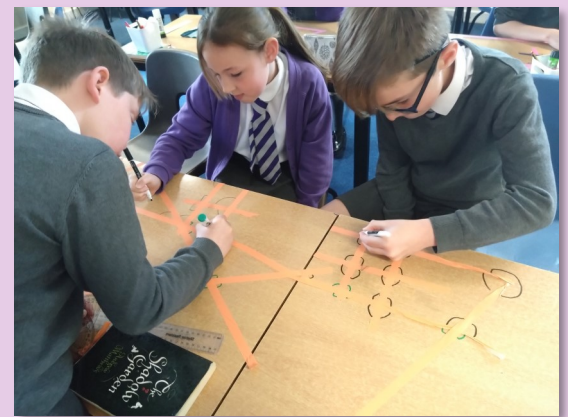
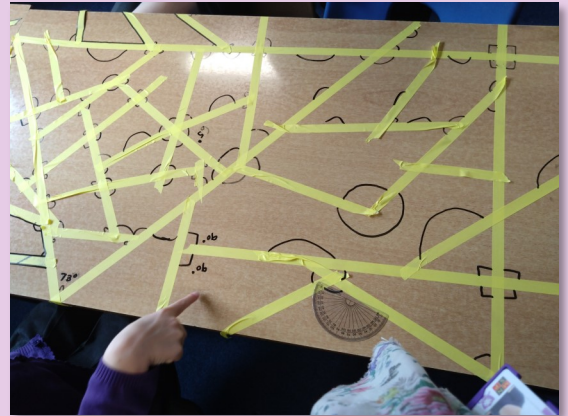
This was a great way to learn about light reflection and provided some well-deserved respite from SATs exams!



Learning in Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils have been extending their mathematical understanding of angles and shape within their recent lessons. We have been amazed by the children's accuracy and resilience whilst using complex equipment such as protractors to measure angles within pairs and groups. Many of the children have also enjoyed creating their own angles with colourful tape to reflect those that they see everyday around them in the school - for example, the extension of classroom doors and the degrees measured between an hour and minute hand on a clock! Towards the end of the week, we have begun to explore coordinates in greater depth and the children have thoroughly enjoyed discussing professionals who may use coordinates on a daily basis including pilot, astronauts, architects, engineers and graphic designers.

Miss Drew has also been incredibly impressed with both classes' dedication and enthusiasm towards their current writing unit. The Year 5 children have worked immensely hard over the past few weeks to develop their own narratives around a focus text 'Rose Blanche'. In doing so, they have produced some truly heartfelt pieces that reflect the solemn message of our focus text and the difficult times experienced during World War II. Over the next week, we look forward to seeing how the children independently innovate these narratives further!



Citizenship and Character Award

For those of you thinking of working towards your Citizenship and Character Award this weekend, here are a few science-themed ideas for you:

- Conduct a science investigation (Developing Me) - Last week in the learning section, the year 6 children told you about their investigations into light refraction. Why not use the internet to find out what this means and set up your own investigation. All you will need is a glass, some water, some vegetable oil and a pencil. Watch how light refraction plays tricks on your eyes!
- Have a digital-free day (Developing Me) - Next Friday, we are trialling our very first 'power-down' afternoon at St. John's. Why not try this yourselves at home by having a day without electrical appliances (so no TV, no computers and no tablets). It will be good for your health and will help to lower your grown-ups' energy bills!
- Create something from your recycling (Global Me) - Have you got any milk cartons in your recycling box? If so, why not make your own DIY periscope! This week's issue of the Purple Pages includes some pictures of our year 6s doing exactly this! The periscopes are really easy to make (there are instructions on the internet) and they'll enable you to see around corners! You can practise being a spy!

REFRACTION OF LIGHT





Help Needed - PTA Summer Fete

Our Summer fete on the 7th July is fast approaching but we desperately need parent volunteers to help it run.

The fete runs from 3pm-6pm, so if you can help even just an hour please contact the PTA to make this the success it has always been: stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Parent & Carer Reminders

Dogs on Site

Please can we remind anyone dropping off or collecting from school, that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school grounds. We have children with anxiety who should be able to feel safe and comfortable in their school.

Absence Reporting

Any absences can be reported to the office via ParentMail or email - this includes medical appointments. If you mention to a teacher or member of staff that your child will be attending an appointment, please also put this into writing to inform the office.

Your support is very much appreciated!

Thank you!

MIDSOMER NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Entitled Sons

Gavin Lazarus "Cool Britannia"

Gavin Osborn

Original Barn Finds

Norton Hill School bands

Bath City College bands

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

1.00-7.30PM

Town Park nr. SOMER CENTRE

MUSIC PERFORMANCE ART

Outfield bar

Art tent

Bouncy castles

Workshops Exhibitions

Food village

Spray paint demo

mnct.co.uk



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 15 May



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 16 May

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 May

Art in the Library - Immaterial by Alison Harper
Mon - Sat During opening hours 3 - 26 May

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 16 May
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 18 May

Mermaid Storytime, Family Fun
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 20 May

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 15 May

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 17 May

**Recycle an
Ex Library
Book
Competition**

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an
entry form
from
Keynsham,
Bath or
Midsomer
Norton library

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

