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School - 8.45am - 3.15pm  
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Morning club - 8.15am  
Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

## FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No. 13  
11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope by now that you have already seen the communication I sent out yesterday. It is very important that we continue to keep our families separate and continue to observe the rules around 'bubbling' to restrict the spread of Covid-19. We all, staff, parents and children, deserve the opportunity to enjoy a restful and celebratory Christmas holiday as we aim to recharge before the start of the new year. To support this further, I hope you will have seen the letter that was also sent out yesterday to inform you that all the Tone Valley Partnership schools will be shut to pupils on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: this will now be an Inset day. To achieve this, we are moving an Inset day we had previously set on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021, and this day will now be a normal school day for pupils and staff. Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

Looking ahead to January, I am delighted to welcome another new member of our staff team as we complete our office re-structuring. Sian Blake will be joining us in the role of Office Apprentice. Sian will be answering the phone and will increasingly deal with parental queries as she gains experience. I hope you will join with me in welcoming her warmly to our school community. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Mr R Stead**



Over the past two weeks, Classes 5 and 6 have been actively creating unique sculptures of animals using willow and tissue paper. To achieve these creations, we worked in pairs helping each other to glue the paper and then cover our sculptures. The willow was used to make the framework for the different species of animal. The willow had to be soaked in water for a day or two to make it flexible. We could then bend it to the position we wanted and secure it with masking tape. In order to achieve a terrific finish we then used our teamwork skills, glue and paper. We then hung them up to dry and now they look absolutely fabulous. What do you think?

*by Lani (Y6) and Mia M (Y5)*

In Class 1 we have been learning about film making and how cameras have changed over the last 100 years; in particular how wildlife documentaries have evolved in that time. This week we had great fun making zoetropes and exploring how still images can be used inside a rotating cylinder to create continuous motion. The finished articles were incredible and, aside from the history knowledge acquired, we were wowed by the children's perseverance and team work throughout the task. Well done Class 1.

*Mrs Atterton*



### Diary Dates

#### Forest School Wednesdays:

Class 1—16th December  
*Please can children wear wellies and bring in their school shoes to change into.*

#### Monday 14th December

Christmas jumper day (not for charity)

#### Wednesday 16th December

Kingsmead Christmas Lunch for KS1 only

#### Thursday 17th December

Class Christmas Party Lunch  
**LAST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS**

#### Friday 18th December

Inset Day to replace July 23<sup>rd</sup> inset day.

#### Monday 4th January, 2021

Inset Day

#### Tuesday 5th January, 2021

School opens to pupils

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	329	1870
Cork Oak	432	2486
Blue Cedar	404	2415
Horse Chestnut	471	2504





Pre-School	<i>Orea, Patrick and Hudson</i> for achieving their 10 miles in The Golden Mile. <i>Alfie</i> for fantastic number work.
Class R	<i>Rory</i> for his amazing perseverance and determination to learn to put his coat on and do his zip up all by himself!
Class 1	<i>Nellie P</i> for her wonderful effort and enthusiasm in all of her work. She is a wonderful role model.
Class 2	<i>Ben</i> for working so well in class this week.
Class 3	<i>Jasmine</i> for working so hard at improving her handwriting – well done!
Class 4	<i>Eleanor</i> for all her wonderful work in French this term. Très bien, Eleanor!
Class 5	<i>Bobbi</i> for the outstanding contribution she has made to the class this week.
Class 6	<i>Seb BH</i> for consistently contributing to class discussions. It is great to hear you sharing your ideas and explaining your thinking (particularly in Maths). <i>William</i> for careful planning of your 'Just So' story. You had a fantastic idea, well done.



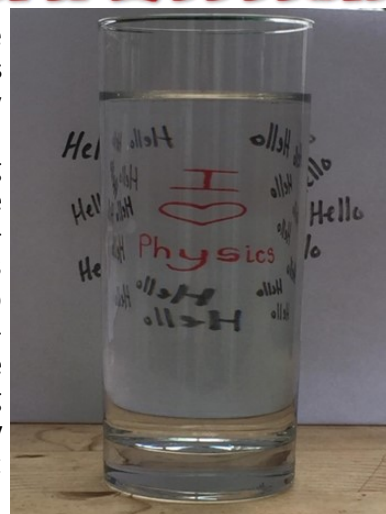
promoting physics

## SCIENCE PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

We have an exciting opportunity for your child to be involved in! We are holding a 'Science Photograph Competition.' The theme for the photos is Physics. So, for example, your child could think of an interesting way they might show: sound, light, something electrical (be safe), a force, magnetism, reflection. These are just examples. Your child can take a photo of anything interesting they can think of from the world of Physics. For some examples, see the 'Love Physics' part of the Ogden Trust website or there are lots of ideas on Google Images. Photographs will be judged by staff at the school and there will be some small prizes up for grabs for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The real prize, though, is that the winning 3 photographs will go on to compete against the other winning photographs from 9 other schools in our Science Partnership of Schools and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place from this will receive some really good 'science themed' prizes. So, if you would like to enter, please make sure that your photograph, along with a simple caption, is emailed to Mrs Calnon at [class3.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:class3.sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk) by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Photographs will be judged that week and then winners will be sent off for external judging. If you have any questions please email to the above address.

Happy photographing!

Mrs Calnon, Science Coordinator



### Christmas Eve, Carols "not" in the cowshed

Join the Nativity Trail between 4pm and 6pm, 24th December, starting at Houndsmoor Farm. Your "bubble" is invited to collect a story sheet and follow the nativity trail around Milverton to relive the story of that first Christmas. You will need, suitable bright clothing including a bit of sparkle, a torch (elf and safety!), bells for the big ring for Father Christmas at 6pm at the church tower, a mobile phone, singing is optional, and your cash (remember that stuff lurking at the bottom of your pre-Covid bags and pockets?) for Open Door, charity for the homeless.

Rev Helene Stainer

Class 2 had a fantastic morning of Forest School this week. We started the day with some fun team building activities. After that, the children created Christmas decorations using weaving skills to make star designs. The morning finished with some lovely hot chocolate around the fire. Thank you, Mr Wedderkopp!

Mr Penny





## Milverton Tournament 3



**megabusyman**

Points 4  
Tie Break 12.5  
Performance 1447



**BadBishopDMC**

Points 6  
Tie Break 18  
Performance 1748



**Finneywin**

Points 4  
Tie Break 9  
Performance 1382

### The Bad Bishops

The online chess club is now up to 14 members with 10 players regularly taking part in the weekly chess tournament. If anyone wants to join please email me at [jbeviss@hotmail.com](mailto:jbeviss@hotmail.com) with your child's Lichess username. Search for 'The Bad Bishops' team and request to join. You might want to have your child with you as you must solve a simple checkmate puzzle! Please note, I will only add children to the club once I have the parental permission. We also have a parents' WhatsApp

group which you can join. You can join even if you have never been part of chess club before, you just need to be able to play! The recent tournament saw Dan stomp into 1st with an unbeaten score, Adri excelled in 2nd and Finley fought well for 3rd place. Well done boys!

**Exciting News** - We have agreed with Taunton Prep School to create a weekly tournament that only Milverton and TPS players can enter. It will be organised by the TP School Headmaster Andrew Edwards and myself. This will give the children a more varied pool of players to play against and will allow us to create distinct tournaments based on age range and ability (to make them more competitive/fairer). We will also be able to arrange 'Team Battles' more easily (and hopefully beat TPS again!). Basically, it will be loads of fun and terribly exciting! It's also free and after setup your child only needs to login with a laptop/tablet have a spare hour and I will take care of the rest.

Please email me if you have any questions.

*Jamie Beviss*



On Tuesday, Mr Bullock from SASP kindly came into school and worked with Class 6. He brought in rowing machines and introduced us to a competition that SASP are challenging primary schools to compete in. We were really excited to use the rowing machines and Mr Bullock taught us a good technique on how to increase our speed and ability. Class 6 had 4 teams and we had to support each other so that our teams could succeed. We had some time to practise rowing and were challenged to keep the chain moving whilst changing the person rowing. This was difficult and needed good technique and great communication! Next, was competition time! In our teams, we competed against our opponents to see which team could row the furthest distance. We all cheered each other on and kept persevering. It was very tiring, but very enjoyable and the winning team rowed 3,018 metres altogether in just 16 minutes! Thank you very much to Mr Bullock for lending us the rowing machines and giving us tips and tricks to improve our technique. We all had a wonderful afternoon.

*by Brooke & Sophie*