

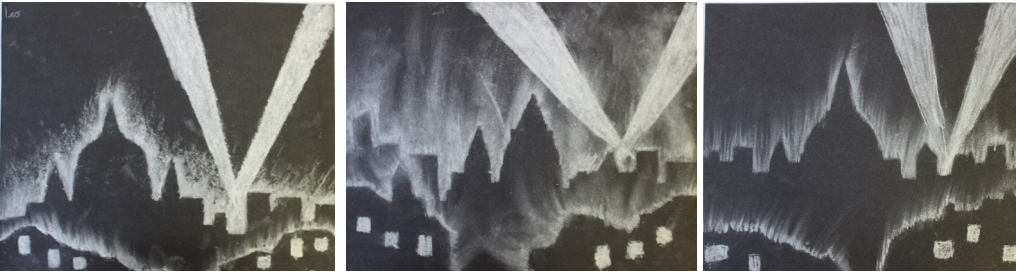


Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now over half way through the academic year and, although dealing with Covid has been hard going at times, I am pleased that we have been able to stay open throughout. That feels like an achievement worth celebrating! The teaching staff are still busy in the background working on curriculum improvements. Recent monitoring by the school governors demonstrated that our work is having a positive effect and that both pupils and staff are enjoying their learning and teaching. I hope you have seen that in the pictures we share with you every week, too.

With best wishes for a relaxing and pleasurable half-term week,

Mr R Stead



### The Blitz

The darkest war of time,  
Bombs cover London like a blanket,  
Houses, strips of fire,  
Roads, rivers of ash,  
Humans as blue as sea,  
Fire crackles through the houses,  
devouring everything in its way,  
Hope breaks down to rubble,  
Sirens squealing,  
Bombs whistling,  
Eerie sounds fill the sky,  
The darkest war of time,  
London a wreck,  
Chimneys coughed out smoke,  
while dying onto rubble,  
Faces of determination  
London an ocean of destruction,  
The darkest war of time,  
Clouds build up fear,  
As nazi planes disappear,  
St Pauls still standing to  
live another day...  
England shall never surrender.

by Missy

### The Blitz

Continuous sirens blaring,  
German planes roaring in the night sky,  
Buildings devoured by destruction,  
A blanket of devastation and horror,  
A cloud of suffocation,  
Whistling bombs,  
A mass of darkness and desperation,  
Dancing flames claiming entire cities,  
Harsh gunshot,  
Shattering glass by the tonne,  
Cackling engines overhead,  
Young souls concealing themselves in shelters,  
hiding from the terror of the city.

by Ava

Class 5 have been learning about the Blitz and have considered what life would have been like during the intense 8 months of continual enemy attack. In Geography, they have identified and located targeted cities and through their History work have gained an understanding of the particular significance of these places. Photographs and video footage have enabled the children to picture some of the scenes. A combination of all of their learning has led to some brilliant free-verse poetry, capturing the imagery, emotions and feelings of people during the Blitz. The children have also produced some great pieces of art with the medium of chalk based on 'St Pauls Survives'; a famous photograph by Herbert Mason depicting St Pauls Cathedral on 114<sup>th</sup> night of the Blitz. A super effort, Class 5 – well done! Miss Brown

### The Blitz

Screaming planes of hell,  
A coat of dark death and destruction,  
Bombs of devastation,  
Sadness,  
Houses reduced to debris,  
Shattered glass everywhere,  
Sirens crying for help,  
Overhead guns horrifying innocent people,  
Bullets taking away a life with every shot,  
Fire seeping through cracks,  
Lighting planes soaring above our heads ready to  
strike at any minute,  
Destruction getting bigger and better,  
No one what was to happen,  
Fear bubbling up inside,  
Buildings that once stood... now fallen,  
Lost children looking for mothers,  
No mercy for the Nazis as....  
we are England.

By, Rufus

### Diary Dates

#### Forest School

#### Wednesdays

2nd March Class 1  
9th March Class R  
16th March Pre-school  
23rd March Class 6  
30th March Class 5

#### Half Term

Monday 21st February to  
Friday 25th February

#### Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 1st March to  
Friday 4th March

#### Monday 7th March

#### Milverton's Book Day

As Year 6 will be away for  
World Book day, we are  
holding our own on this day.  
Children are invited to dress up  
as their favourite book  
character

#### Parents' Evenings

#### Thursday 10th March

5pm to 7.30pm

#### Wednesday 16th March

3.40pm to 6pm

#### Friday 18th March

#### Red Nose Day

Wear something red!

Please donate directly to  
charity.

#### Friday 1st April

#### Inset Day

#### Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April to  
Friday 22nd April

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	215	2209
Cork Oak	177	1787
Blue Cedar	209	2134
Horse Chestnut	192	1908



## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Sadie, Joshua, Keir and Oliver QP</b> for achieving their 10 miles, <b>Rafael</b> for achieving his 25 miles and <b>Albie</b> for achieving his 50 miles in <i>The Golden Mile!</i> <b>Reuben</b> for joining in with yoga this week.
<b>Class R</b>	<b>Alby</b> for excellent work on his phonics, especially with his blending.
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Connie</b> for her confident contributions to class discussions, particularly in Maths this week.
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>The whole of Class 2</b> for a fantastic half term and an excellent time at Forest School.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Harry J</b> for answering lots of questions in class this week – well done Harry, for being such an engaged and enthusiastic learner!
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Jasmine</b> for getting her times tables 100% correct each week this term. Well done Jasmine, keep up the excellent work.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Henry</b> for his super work ethic in his writing this week. Henry has produced an emotive poem, with many poetic devices, inspired by the Blitz. Well done, Henry!
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Mathilda</b> for her fantastic focus, hard work and for always offering answers in class discussions.



Class 2 had a wonderful time at Forest School this week. Not only did they do the usual activities, but they enjoyed looking for signs of Spring around the school grounds and using their scientific knowledge to gather data for the weather. Some children had a go at building dens from the donated Christmas trees and other natural materials around. They did a fantastic job and worked brilliantly together. Others had a go at making nests and bug homes or just sitting calmly and quietly watching nature through binoculars. A lovely morning was had by all.

*Mrs McDonagh*



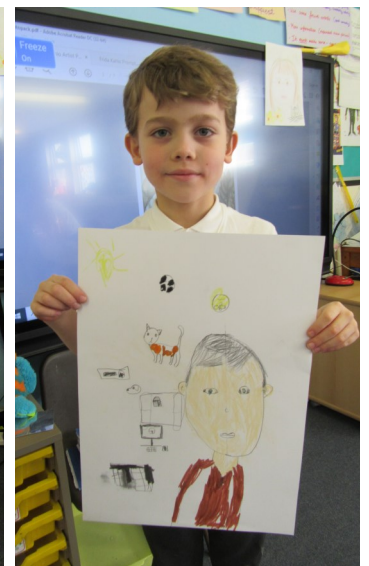
In Class 6 we have created some pots in the style of Clarice Cliff. The children used clay and created small pots with their fingers. They added handles and then painted a design in the style of Clarice Cliff to finish. We think you'll agree, they have done a great job!

*Mr Penny*



This week was Class 2s turn at drawing their self-portraits. First they used a template to learn about proportion and location of facial features, which they drew using pencils. Then they drew their self-portrait freehand in the style of Frida Kahlo, adding images related to themselves. They could choose the size of paper they used. Several decided to go large! They added colour using a variety of drawing and colouring materials. They did a fantastic job.

*Mrs McDonagh*





It was Year 5's turn this week for curling and it became very competitive! They were determined to knock each other's stones out of the way to stop the others winning. They split into teams and curled down towards the house/target to get closest to the button. The wristband went to William for great perseverance and improvement from start to finish; the last shot of the game he knocked all three of the opponent stones out of the house and his stopped dead centre of the target to win for his team!

*Miss Storey*



## EAST QUAY February half term family activities

Monday 21 Feb  
10-12noon  
FREE drop-in

**THE SEE WALL:  
Peekaboo Collage**

Suitable for all ages

Tuesday 22 Feb  
10-12noon  
FREE drop-in

**Self portrait  
shadow boxes**

Suitable for ages 4+

All activities are free, but a suggested donation to Contains Art CIO of £3 per person is welcomed!

Weds 23 Feb  
2-4pm  
FREE drop-in

**Denim Delights  
using recycled denim**

Suitable for 9+

Thursday 24 Feb  
2-4pm  
FREE - meet at the  
Visitor Centre

**Hole Hunting: A walk  
around Watchet**

Suitable for all ages

Friday 25 Feb  
10-12noon  
FREE drop-in

**Crazy glasses:  
make your own artist  
glasses**

Suitable for all ages

Find out more at [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk)

Key Stage 2 Art Club became fashion designers this week designing new outfits for different occasions. There were some pretty cool looks! *Mrs Calnon*



## Wellington Football Club

Wellington AFC are looking for boys, who next September will be in years 2 or 3, who are interested in playing football. If you enjoy kicking a ball about or would like to know more about football why not give us a call or come along to a coaching session.

WELLINGTON AFC IS A CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY CLUB,  
WHO HAVE 4 ADULT TEAMS (INCLUDING 1 ADULT FEMALE TEAM),  
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