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FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No. 21
21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,
Further to my opening piece in last week's Friday Flyer, we are still seeing an increased request for absence during term-time. In a year when the children's education has been badly disrupted, and school staff are working harder than ever to help them to catch up, absences **must** be kept to **unavoidable** matters **only**, please. If the reason is truly unavoidable, you must request the absence, 14 days in advance, using the form on our website here: <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/parents/forms> Absence during term-time can quickly mount up and become a problem, potentially leading to fines and distress which could easily be avoided. Thank you,
Mr Stead



Year 6 had their last Forest School as Milverton pupils this week! To reflect on their experiences over the years, they took the time to write to Mr Wedderkopp to tell him of their highlights and to say thank you. Here are some excerpts from their letters:



I have countless wonderful memories of Forest School mornings led by you. For example, the first ever session when you dressed up as a Viking, or when we all dressed up as witches and wizards in Year 4. I have been taught to light a fire safely, build a den, make art with nature and much more. I am grateful for my survival skills, tool-using ability and the skill of connecting with nature—Verity

My memories at Forest School are priceless as they have been very emotional along the way. Remember the time you had to lift me up so that I could hang my medallion up in the tree and the time I fell in the pond? - Amber

This great experience has helped me create a fantastic bond between me and everyone in my class. In every activity you find a way to make my day, from finding newts in the pond to making our own clay guardians—Freya

I've learnt many things like different types of trees and how to identify them by their leaves and bark. I have learnt about poisonous berries and plants which is very helpful—Tabitha

Altogether, I adore Forest School; everybody does. I have learnt so much about nature and the beauty of it all. I have learnt about creativity, team-work and mindfulness—Lorenzo



**Thank you
Mr Wedderkopp from
Year 6!**



*Some of the best experiences I have had must be: eating a nettle for the first time, making and cooking actual food on the fire and catching a frog in my hands, which was really fun—
Luca*

*Thanks to you, I know how to make a five minute fire, hide from danger and what wild foods are safe to eat and which ones aren't—
Brooke*

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays:

26th May—Class 5
9th June—Class 4
16th June—Class 3
23rd June—Class 2
30th June—Class 1
7th July—Class R
14th July—Class R & 1
21st July—Class 2 & 3

MSA Break the Rules Day
Friday 28th May

Half Term Break
31st May to 4th June

Monday 14th June
Science Fair entry deadline

Tuesday 15th June
Class R group photo

Wednesday 7th July
Year 6 secondary transition day

Monday 19th & Tues 20th July
Year 6 day trips to Kilve Court

Wednesday 21st July
Year 5 trip to Kilve Court

Friday 23rd July
Inset Day

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	178	715
Cork Oak	299	860
Blue Cedar	305	1086
Horse Chestnut	296	903

*I have definitely enjoyed my favourite game in Forest School—1,2,3—where are you? This game is always enjoyable to play and I have learnt possibly every hiding place on the field. Not only has this game been fun, but also at times calm and peaceful. I have had more of a chance to connect with nature and see things I have never seen in the wild. For example, I have seen a wild rabbit up close, I have found some leaves so unique they are connected to each other in different ways, I have even had a robin land on my resting hand!
Bea*

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-School

Robin for his problem solving while making a model and doing fantastic number work.
Hudson and Albie for achieving their 25 miles in the Golden Mile.
Rafa and Henry for achieving their 10 miles in the Golden Mile.

Class R

Phoebe for her excellent descriptive writing about Sparklehorn the Unicorn!

Class 1

Marnie for consistently working hard in all her learning and for her kind and caring nature towards others.

Class 2

Owen for his fantastic efforts with his handwriting.

Class 3

Hannah for her careful diligence with every piece of her work. Hannah has applied her learning and produced fantastic, thoughtful work in every subject—well done, Hannah!

Class 4

Pixie and Warren for speaking out in class more often and sharing some great thoughts and answers. Well done, both of you; it's great to hear your wonderful ideas.

Class 5

Ollie for the effort he is making everyday in his learning.

Class 6

Sophie and Lorenzo for always being, conscientious, hardworking and aspiring to achieve their very best in all areas of their learning. Well done!



After lockdown, Harmonie from Class 4 very kindly brought in some 'Seeds of Hope' for all the children in the class. Each child carefully planted and nurtured their seeds with great success and they are all now blooming. The children are going to take their seedlings home and hopefully watch them flourish into Dwarf Sunflowers. Thank you Harmonie, for your kindness.

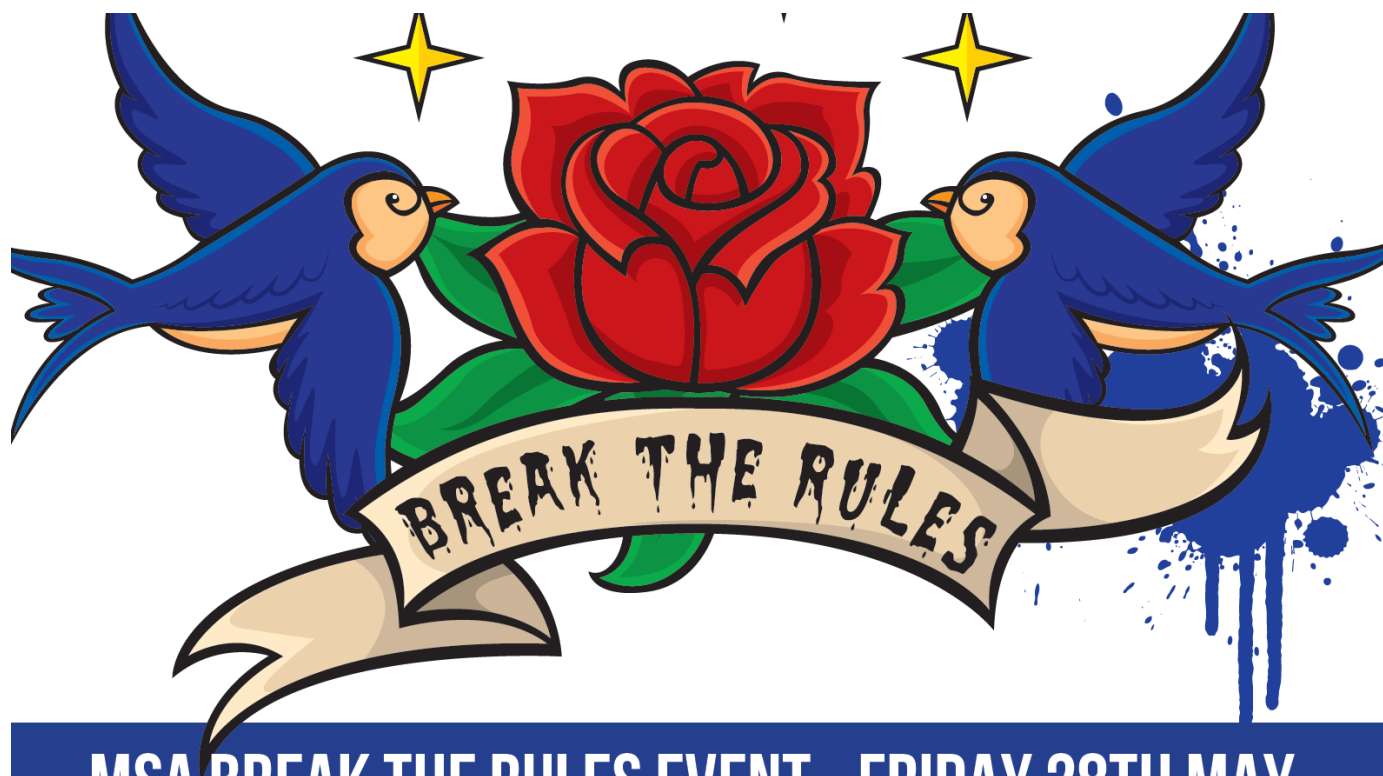
Mrs Nicholls



Class R have been busy planting out their own magic beanstalks into our outdoor area this week. We have watched them grow from tiny beans and have learnt all about their life cycle and what they need to grow. They have been given special names: Dennis, Rooty, Lily, Grayson, Sharalanda and Charlie, after our very special gardening helper! Many thanks to Charlie, Miss Chiplin's Dad, who has nurtured the seedlings until they were hardy enough for us to plant outside. We hope that we will be able to pick and eat them when they are ready for harvesting!

Mrs Smith





MSA BREAK THE RULES EVENT - FRIDAY 28TH MAY

For 1 day only, Mr. Stead and the teachers are letting you break the rules!!

Pay a 50p fine for every rule broken

(into the MSA bank account 602305 65599802 or bring your 50p's into school)

RULES TO CHOOSE FROM

Swap one piece of uniform for own clothing

Crazy socks or tights

Wear different shoes to school

Wear a big hair accessory or hat

Wear your uniform inside out

Wear face paint

Temporarily colour your hair or wear a wig

Paint your nails

Have temporary tattoos

Bring a toy to school -

(small teddy only, no electronic gadgets please)

