



Dear Parents and Carers,

The wonderful weather this week has allowed us to get out and about and make full use of the grounds. Whether in conducting fun (and messy) science experiments, seeing the nature we have on-site first hand, or enjoying the Golden Mile (more than 200 miles run last week collectively) the sun has made everything feel better and has reminded us all why we live in a lovely part of the World. The children have loved the extra freedom of being on the school field at lunchtimes, and we are looking forward to more dry weather at the beginning of next week too. Milverton School is a wonderful place in which to learn!

Mr R Stead

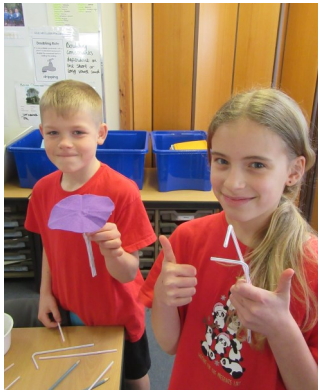
Science experiments

Wow! What a week! Class 1 was visited by some rather enthusiastic scientists this week to introduce our science experiments. Professor Pop led the charge and we were shown three exciting experiments linked to our studies of Mexico; an exploding volcano, some dancing corn and a raincloud in a jar. After persuading these scientists to let us onto their teams we conducted our own experiments for the rest of the week and investigated different questions linked to each one. We had so much fun - particularly making lots of mess - and are really looking forward to presenting our findings at the science fair next week.

Mrs Atterton



Classes 5 and 6 have started their science investigations in preparation for the Ogden Trust competition. With the focus on forces, the children were given the chance to plan and carry out their own investigation. The children applied their previous learning of scientific investigations ensuring that they considered the variables. Both classes were enthusiastic in their work and enjoyed the practical element of testing. The children have now started to create their display boards thinking about scientific enquiry as well as aesthetics. *Mr Penny and Miss Brown*



Over the past week the children have all been busy carrying out investigations and presenting their work in preparation for our forthcoming Science Fair in school. In classes 3 and 4, we carried out experiments exploring changing states of matter. These included finding the answer to questions such as 'What type of vinegar creates the most gas when mixed with bicarbonate of soda?' and 'Do all fizzy liquids react with Mentoes?'. We all enjoyed discovering some very interesting (and explosive!) results- which will be shared across the school during the fair next week, when each entry will be judged.



Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

30th March Class 5
6th April Class 4
27th April Class 3
4th May Class 2
11th May Class 1
18th May Class R

Thursday 31st March

Class 3 Multi-skills
Festival at Kingsmead

Friday 1st April

Inset Day

Bikeability

Monday 4th & Tuesday
5th April

MSA Colour Run

Friday 8th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April to
Friday 22nd April

Year 5 Kilve Court Residential

Weds 27th to Friday 29th
April

Heights & Weights Year R & 6

Thursday 28th April

Year 6 Group & Portrait Photos

Wednesday 4th May



Mrs Calnon and Mrs Nicholls

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Pre-School** *Ottlie* for doing fantastic in Dough disco this week.
- Class R** *River* for incredible work in Maths this week, especially with number bonds to 10.
- Class 1** *Evelyn* for her amazing progress already in Class 1. She has such a bright and sunny attitude towards her learning and is always helpful and kind to others.
- Class 2** *Marnie* for being a delight in class. Not only has she worked hard and been explaining her thinking really well this week, but she has seen jobs that need doing and done them without any fuss.
- Class 3** *Niamh* for always settling down to work quickly and quietly, for being kind, polite and always working hard.
- Class 4** *Milo* for consistently working hard and producing excellent work. In addition to that, Milo is always supportive, kind, cheerful and a great member of the class.
- Class 5** *Maia* for her great care and thought given to her Science project and for showing good verbal reasoning in Maths.
Megan for working extremely hard on all areas of her scientific enquiry, especially presenting her findings and drawing conclusions. Well done to you both!
- Class 6** *Philippa* for her fantastic suspense writing this week.



We have discovered some birds nesting in our Pre-school tree town forest garden. We have been watching the blue tit make its home taking twigs in and making the hole bigger by pecking at it. We have then been looking at our books to learn all about them and the different sounds they make. We have also placed pictures in the garden for us to see so we can learn to recognise what they are when we spot them! *Charlotte*

Class 6 had Forest School in the sunshine this week. We started by doing an Egyptian activity that involved attempting to work out hieroglyphic letting to solve the mystery messages. After that we made our 5-minute fires and roasted marshmallows. We all tried vegan marshmallows in comparison with normal ones. The normal one was most popular.
by Henry

Our afternoon Forest School group has been working really hard to improve the school grounds this year, from litter picking to restoring the planters outside classrooms. This week they rebuilt the fire hearth in forest school because the wood in our original was finally rotting. Working with Mr Wedderkopp and Miss Davy, Isla, Daniel, Noah, Isla, Eva, Oscar, Tom and Brodie sawed, dug, hammered, raked and stamped our snazzy new hearth into existence. It took a whole afternoon of kindness, care and teamwork, and it's beautiful.



Mr Wedderkopp



There will be a Maypole set up for the Milverton Street Fair 2nd May and also the Queen's Jubilee celebration 2nd-5th June. The organisers are looking for participants (children and parents) who would like to dance on the day(s) but also to have a few lessons prior to the events. If you are interested in taking part, keep an eye out for further details.

Mrs Calnon



House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	265	1334
Cork Oak	180	1105
Blue Cedar	165	1178
Horse Chestnut	189	1120



Do you have unwanted electrical and tech items at home that you don't know what to do with?

This year the Pod has partnered with Currys, Microsoft and Recycle Your Electricals to bring us a Waste Week dedicated to electrical and tech waste. As part of the campaign the Pod are launching an exciting new competition called *The Hidden Treasure Hunt* and our school has the chance of winning £5,000 of Microsoft tech!

Taking part in The Hidden Treasure Hunt!

Everyone is invited to take part in *The Hidden Treasure Hunt* competition and to seek out any broken or unwanted electrical appliances / tech at home... Basically anything with a plug, battery or cable! Simply take these items into your nearest Currys store (17 March-14 April 2022 closing at midnight) to receive a 'Cash for Trash' £5 discount voucher and our school will have the chance to win £5,000 of Microsoft tech vouchers!

- Individuals/ families that donate any items at the Returns Counter during the competition, will receive a 'Cash for Trash' £5 voucher (that can be redeemed when you spend more than £25).
- Then go to hiddentreasurehunt.org to register your donation and nominate our school by entering our unique code (tech59) your email address, and store location.
- You can only donate once (with your email address) and each donation is worth one nomination for our school, regardless of the number of items donated.
- The school with the most nominations will win the top prize of £5,000 worth of Microsoft tech, plus prizes will be given for schools in second, third and fourth place. Our school unique code is: tech59. Happy treasure hunting!



LTA **YOUTH START**



YOUR INTRO TO TENNIS

Six group coaching sessions for 4-11 year olds including a racket, t-shirt and more for only **£29.99** (+£5 P&P)

Date 11th-13th April 11am-1pm
Location Wiveliscombe Tennis Club

Sign up now at lta.org.uk/youth/start

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheels:

Congratulations to getting to the end of the first week of the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge. As it stands, Milverton School are placed **465th** out of **2,420** registered schools. Our daily average score is **29.31%**. It would be great if we could climb up that board and get over 30% of children walking, scooting or riding a bike to school, especially if this wonderful weather continues. **Come on Milverton, let's give it a go!**



Mrs McDonagh

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/uk-wide/schools/sustrans-big-walk-and-wheel/>

~MSA NEWS~

Thank you to everyone who supported Easter Bingo this week.

We raised over £300!!

Congratulations to Boo in Year 3, who was the lucky winner of the chocolate hamper! We really appreciate your support.

