



Dear Parents and Carers,
Our assembly theme this week has been "Doing Your Best", and that's certainly what Class 6 have been doing. Their behaviour and focus have been remarkable this week; we couldn't have asked any more of them. Mrs Calnon has been awarding prizes for entries into our Science Competition too. Once again, children across the school produced some creative pieces that demonstrated deep thinking about their observations. We know that it takes a team effort to help our children have the best education, so thank you very much for your ongoing support at home, too.

Mr R Stead

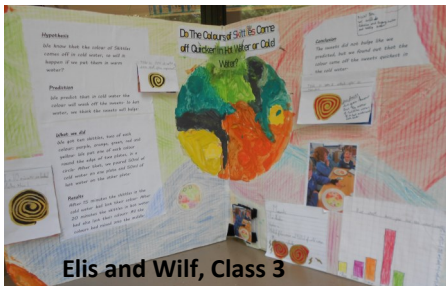


Science Fair

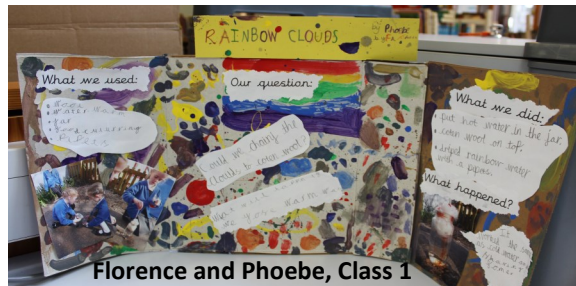
I am pleased to be able to announce the winners of our recent Science Fair in school. The children worked individually, in

pairs and small groups. All the children worked extremely hard during their investigations and created amazing displays to show their experiments and what they discovered. This made judging very difficult for all the staff! The winners will go on to be judged in the finals of the Exmoor Ogden Trust Partnership competition and the results will be published after half term. Well done to all the children – it was fantastic to see such enthusiastic scientists in school. Here is the winners' work below.

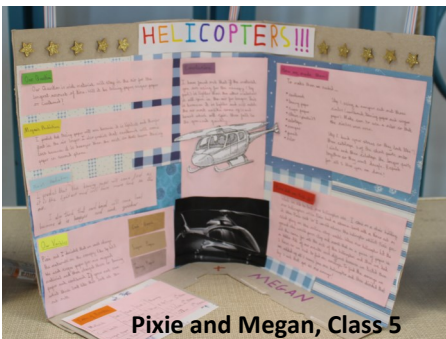
Mrs Calnon (Science Coordinator) and all the staff at school.



Elis and Wilf, Class 3



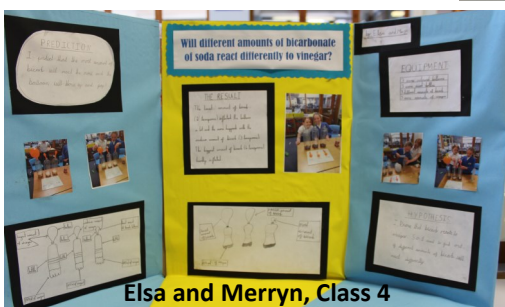
Florence and Phoebe, Class 1



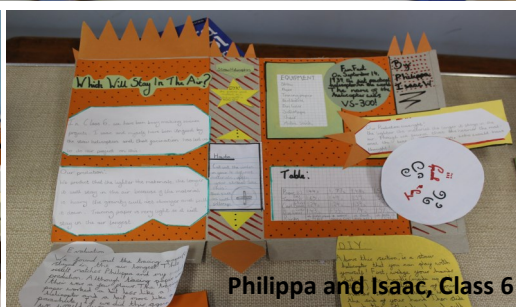
Pixie and Megan, Class 5



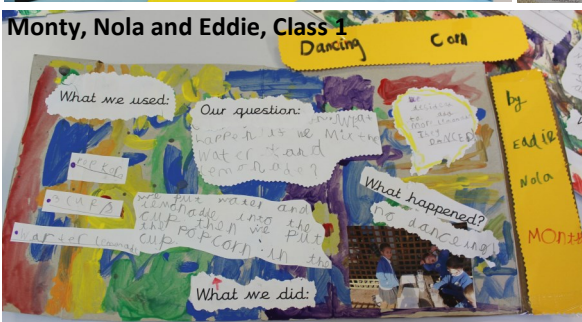
Rufus and Alfred, Class 2



Elsa and Merrylyn, Class 4



Philippa and Isaac, Class 6



Monty, Nola and Eddie, Class 1

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	301	542
Cork Oak	297	525
Blue Cedar	344	595
Horse Chestnut	279	533

Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

18th May Class R

25th May Pre-school

8th June Class 6

15th June Class 5

22nd June Class 4

29th June Class 3

Monday 4th June Class 1

Tuesday 5th June Class R

6th July Class 6

Year 4 Multi-skills

Festival at Kingsmead

Thursday 26th May

Whole School Jubilee

Party Lunch

Friday 27th May

Please provide your child with a party lunch on this day.

Half Term Break

Monday 30th May to

Friday 3rd June

Year 6 Photos

Tuesday 7th June

Year 3 & 4 Trip to

Taunton Museum

Friday 10th June

Vision Screening—Year R

Tuesday 14th June

MSA Break the Rules Day

Friday 17th June

School Games Day

Monday 20th June

(no parents)

MSA Summer Fete

Saturday 2nd July

School Open Afternoon

Thursday 7th July

Parents are invited to come in to school to view their children's work and meet next year's teachers.

Year 6 Play at 6.30pm

Thursday 14th July

Sports Day

Monday 18th July

(Weather reserve day Weds 20th July) Parents welcome

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd July

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool	Toby and Bodhi for achieving 50 miles and Maddie for achieving 10 miles in the Golden Mile. Otterly for excellent number work this week.
Class R	Alby for his excellent listening and sitting beautifully in Singing Assembly, and having a great time!
Class 1	Harry for showing his creative talents through collage at home and in school.
Class 2	Henry for his wonderful singing and musical knowledge during our music lesson this week.
Class 3	Harry J for answering so many questions during discussions and for being super-helpful in the classroom this week.
Class 4	George and Jacob for their outstanding ideas, enthusiasm, patience, resilience and perseverance during our animation learning this week.
Class 5	Eleanor for consistently working hard and producing some great work in both French and RE this week. Isla VH for sharing her passion for books and love of reading with the class! Well done to you both!
Class 6	The whole of Class 6 for their fantastic efforts in the SATs this week.

This week I was lucky enough to host Class 1 at our Forest School, working on our reimagined Blue Cedar area, making nettle soup and playing happily in the rain! After our usual catch-up and discussions about the weather, we began, as ever, with 1,2,3, Where Are You. The children think that this is all about hiding in devilishly tricky places and stifling giggles as I stumble blindly past, but in fact (don't tell them) it's a cunning plan to get them to merge quietly with nature and have a moment or two of gentle solitude and observation alone in the woods, followed by joyous shouts of "I've found youuu!" Many of us felt a great sense of loss when last year, amidst all else that was happening in the world, our cherished house tree, the Blue Cedar, died unexpectedly. But from the cedar's death comes opportunity for new life as the cleared space is now open to sunlight and the opportunity for a crafting plantation and creative zone. The children of Class 1 have chosen a habitat to hang on the monolithic stump of the Blue Cedar - who knows what life may move in to it! We went on to trample down as many nettles as we could, following professional advice that this will help prepare the ground for our sapling planting. Following a quick training session on dock leaf poultices we went on to pick juicy nettle heads and add them to a base soup of secret ingredients that only Class 1 and I know. As the soup simmered we drank hot chocolate, sampled vegan marshmallows (very nice) and played creatively until lunchtime. Thank you to Class 1, Mrs Bray and Mrs Cutler for a morning so marvellous we barely noticed that it was raining. What a fantastically kind and thoughtful bunch of people they are. And as for how good the soup was... well, you'll have to ask them!



Mr Wedderkopp

MSA NEWS

The Committee had their penultimate meeting of this academic year this week! A few reminders here and lots to look forward to.

Firstly though, **THANK YOU** - to those that have signed up to our **school lottery** and for those who supported **Colour Run**. The lottery continues to bring in a small, steady income. Anyone can sign up anytime. The Colour Run raised a fantastic **£578** - we still have **Gift Aid** to add to that. If anyone has any forms to hand in please do so so we can claim it. Anyone can still add any outstanding sponsor money to the MSA account direct too!

TEA TOWELS - last week to get these ordered via ParentMail. They make perfect presents for friends and families! **Last orders 20th May.**

LOST PROPERTY - the cupboard is overflowing again! Only two pieces of uniform in there are named. **Monday 23rd May** the MSA will be outside main gate, before and after school, with lost property uniform table - donation pot optional.

LAST HALF TERM OF EVENTS.... more information to follow but here is what is coming up....

17.06.22 - (back by popular demand), Break The Rules day!

02.07.22 - Summer Fete

FINALLY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE msa-somerset@outlook.com. Thank you for your continued support. **MSA**



The Toasties After School club crew have been busy making funny faces using modelling clay.

Year 6 SATs by Isaac G

As you might have noticed, Class 6 have been doing their SATs this week. We have been working extremely hard to complete a set of tests called SATs, for the people who don't know. The tests we started with were Grammar and then over the next few days we did Reading and Maths. After 4 days of hard tests, we had finely finished. We were so tired at the end. To celebrate we are going to Pizza Hut.

Well done Pre-school for winning the Golden Mile Cup for the first time! You have to look closely to spot it, but the Golden Mile Cup is awarded to the class who has run the most miles during week. Well done all those little legs, you ran an amazing 33 miles between you!



On Thursday Class 1 went to a Sports Festival at Kingsmead School. It was brilliant. First of all we got onto a coach, which was very exciting. When we arrived there were lots of other Year 1 children from other schools. Soon, we were all in groups doing lots of activities such as throwing balls into hoops, relay races and jumping into the sand pit. It was a super morning full of different sports and lots of fun!

Mrs Nicholls



On Thursday 12th of May, some Year 6s and Year 5s went to a friendly Rounders' tournament at Bridgwater and Taunton College. The players were: Ollie, Archie, Henry, Adri, Brodie, Redvers, George, Bobbi, Sophie L, Faith, Isabel and Mathilda. The first game was against Cheddon Fitzpaine. We won with 27 points. Then we played St Andrews, we won 16-9. Next we were up against Blackbrook with an end score of 20-7. Finally, we played West Buckland. Sadly, we lost 15-28. Overall we came joint first with Wiveliscombe, who we didn't play. Thank you to Mrs Mc Donagh for organising this and to our parents for taking us.

Henry, Class 6

Class 5 took to the golf range for PE this week to try something new. They learnt the correct stance and used the putters at the driving range to hit the targets. They then used the irons to strike the balls for distance and get some height. This got very competitive between all the teams as they all made progress moving their team cone further and further away. To finish they got to make their own golf courses and compete against each other with the winner having the least amount of strikes. William and Pixie both got awarded the wristband for perseverance, their striking of the ball and their progress from start to finish.

Miss Storey

