## FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very busy, taking advantage of the great weather, as you can see.

It is important to emphasize that punctuality to school and pre-school is really essential. Being on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. It is important that children understand the importance of time keeping and being organised. The staff would be very grateful if you could ensure your child is in school by 9am every day. This also means that your child is not missing out on valuable time in class. Five minutes late every day means around 3.5 days of education a year are missed. Thank you.

Mr Stead

Class 3 and 4 visited Nettlecombe Court to explore their quest learning further. The children took part in different map activities, orienteering and a river investigation, all in the sunny outdoors. In Class 3, they learnt about the rivers, seas and mountains of the UK and I was very proud as they got almost every single one right! They were given compasses and learnt how to navigate using them by changing their bearings before getting to explore the grounds by orienteering in groups. In the afternoon, they completed a very successful river investigation where they measured the width, depth and speed of the river using rulers and propellers. They also investigated the species in the river, with one group finding a species that Nettlecombe staff didn't know lived on their grounds! Not only was it lovely to cool off in the water, but no one in Class 3 fell in either!

Miss Downer



"My favourite bit was when we went pond dipping. We found a water slug and freshwater shrimps. The orienteering we did showed us how to use compasses." Isla, Class 3

"The trip was amazing! I loved going in the river because it was so fun. Although it was very hot, we did a lot of learning. The best bit was when we found a stone-fly nymph!" Bluebelle, Class 3

We discovered a strange species; it looked like a wriggly white slug with purple on its back and green eyes - we named it White Weird Slug because it hadn't been seen in the area before and our guide didn't know how to identify it either! We think it might have been dragonfly larvae, but we cannot be sure. We used a pipette to collect it so we could investigate the species more before releasing it back to its home.

by Jesse, James, Rory & Freddie, Class 3

"We investigated quite a few species that live in the river. Their natural habitats are to live under rocks in the river. To find them, we had to carefully disturb the rocks to collect the animals in our nets."

Henry, Class 3



We had a Geography lesson and then we explored the wildlife in the river. Both lessons were

really, really fun in their own way. We collected river life and put it in our bucket and investigated the width, depth and speed of the river. Charlie fell in—splosh! We met up with Class 3 and had lunch and played football. After that, we put our orienteering skills into practice. Thank you to our teachers for organising this trip and to the parents that came along and helped.

by Kit, Charlie and Clarabel, Class 4



Forest School Wednesdays

Class 3 \*Monday\* 19th June

Class 4 21st June

Class 2 \*Monday\* 3rd July

Class 1 12th July

Class R 19th July

**School Games Day** Friday 23rd June

**Waste Workshops** Friday 30th June

Year 6 Court Fields School Induction Days

Tues 4th and Weds 5th July

**Year 6 Kingsmead School Induction Days**Weds 5th and Thursday 6th July

**MSA Non-uniform day** Wednesday 5th July Bring a filled bottle for the fair!

MSA Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July If you can help, please contact msa-somerset@outlook.com

**Year 6 Play** Thursday 13th July at 6.30pm

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th July Parents are invited in to school from 9am

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly** Thursday 20th July at 9am

**Last Day of Term for Pupils** Thursday 20th July

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	238	407
Cork Oak	234	420
Blue Cedar	214	433
Horse Chestnut	164	319









### **OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK**







Preschool Cora for your kindness towards the younger children.

Class R Ottilie for great progress in your handwriting and reading.

Class 1 Edie and Alby for your fantastic independent effort in writing.

Class 2 **Nola** for being reflective on your learning and finding ways to improve your writing.

All of Class 3 for your amazing listening and participation on our trip to Nettlecombe Court. We Class 3 are very proud of all of you for being so responsible and enthusiastic.

Gypsy for working hard in English when writing simple, compound and complex sentences. Class 4

Class 5 Harriet for working consistently hard this week, showing maturity and understanding in all

aspects of her learning. Well done.

Class 6 **Henry** for his focus and hard work in Science this week.





The Colour Run was fantastic! Every single year group gave it their all, especially in the heat! Well done to everyone that took part. We hope you are all busily collecting sponsorship money! Just a reminder, we will be collecting sponsorship money on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. There will be buckets located at the school entrance gate. You can also pay directly into

the MSA account if you would prefer (Please quote your child's surname as reference if making payments online). There will be a prize for the child that raises the most money!

Thank you for all your support.

The MSA Team

**Account name: Milverton School Association** 

Sort Code: 60-23-05 Account number: 65599802





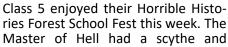


This week, 11 pupils from Class 5 took part in Bikeability. We learnt how to safely and what different road signs mean. It was hot and tiring! On the first day, we practised in the playground learning how to indicate and not fall off. We later went out

on to the roads by the school and practised u-turns. by Mason Nick and Amy came to teach us. They gave us high-vis jackets to wear and told us to wear bright colours when cycling. When I took my bike to the playground, Nick checked my bike, fortunately, it passed! He told me how often I should check over my lovely flowery bike. Amy taught me how to use my gears, how to signal and how to cycle next to someone. We had to cycle slowly through yellow cones. We cycled down Huntash Lane and then we went around the roundabout. When I got back to school I needed a drink. I think it was 30 degrees! by Charlotte











talked in a deep voice. We were led to Hell and sat around the fire. The Master of Hell (Mr Wedderkopp) walked around us, glaring at us with his scythe. Suddenly, when he had gone around the whole class, he started singing 'Stup

Suddenly, when he had gone around the whole class, he started singing 'Stupid Deaths' from Horrible Histories. Lots of us dressed up, there was a Cave Woman, Joan of Arc, Nancy Roman, Jane Seymour, Cleopatra, 2 Queen Elizabeths and many Victorians, like a paper boy. We lined ourselves up in chronological order, ready to speak about our lives. We were split into history and pre-history. The Master of Hell set us some decoding tasks and we used a map, pencil, decoding sheet and Rosetta Stone sheet. If was a race to finish the decoding first, so we could get some imaginary garlic. The task was to use the Rosetta Stone (not the real one!) to unearth the mystery described in hieroglyphs. Once we solved this riddle, we used our maps of Egypt to find Nefertiti's tomb. After break time, we had multiple choice. We could make clay shabtis, damper bread on the fire, make tools or re-enact stupid deaths! by Elsie S





#### Spreading Awareness About Our Eco-System

Last Friday, a few of us from the Eco Committee (Elsie G, Izzy and me) went to the car park to litter pick with Ms Boullin who cares about the environment a lot. She said "Today, we will go litter picking in the car park". We got together the equipment we needed such as gloves, litter pickers, bin bags and hi-vis vests. Then we went to the car park—would there be much litter? When we got there, Ms Boullin put out some cones so nobody could get in. We started by picking up the bits of litter - these can kill animals.

Unfortunately, if you put recyclable litter in a non-recycled bin bag it will cause more waste! You will see on the back of crisp packets, cereal boxes, chocolate wrappers they can be recycled by putting in your recycling boxes at home or at recycling centres. We found a surprising amount of waste, so please make sure you do not leave litter in our car park and recycle as much as you can. Please try to spread awareness!

by Elliott



# Inter-school Netball Match - Parkfield Primary School v Milverton Community Primary School

Milverton pupils travelled to Parkfield Primary School this week for a Year 5/6 Netball match in the extreme heat. It was a thrilling match with end to end action and there was a lot of talent on show. Captain Megan showed great leadership skills sorting her team out with their initial positions. After the first quarter, Milverton took with a 4-2 lead with some great shooting from Archie. After the second quarter, with a change of positions, Milverton won 3-0. During the third quarter, Parkfield fought back well and only just lost this quarter with a 2-1 win to Milverton. There was great team defending in the D by Iris and Jessica during this period. Parkfield maintained their attack in the final quarter and just led this period with a 3-2 Both teams did extremely well in the heat and showed great sportsmanship throughout. The final score displayed an 11-6 win for Milverton. Miss Storey

# JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> Bee alert, bee walk NO NATURE, NO FUTURE

Show your support for wildlife, discover beautiful local footpaths Children especially welcome, activities at stop-offs

Wiveliscombe 10.30am for 11.00am start >>>> Wellington Fox's Field At Nuttycombe brewery car park

#### join in or leave at:

Milverton 12.30 – 1.30

At the cricket club

Langford Budville 3.30 – 3.45

At the village "Triangle"

Free event, tickets optional. Full details at: <a href="www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a> Just search for 'Bee Walk'

Any dogs that wish to support the event must be on a lead at all times





