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 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No 4
 4th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see, the children have really been enjoying their learning quest, titled 'Explorers'. It is through our quests that we teach the curriculum subjects, carefully ensuring that the aspects of geography, history, art etc that fit well with within the quest are delivered within a package that the children can identify with. This is all managed within the context of our core values: Care, Aspire, Belong. It is our pleasure to see them enjoying their learning and making great progress.

Mr R Stead



On Thursday Classes R, 1 and 2 went on an exploration to Contains Art in Watchet. Whilst there we learnt about Yankee Jack who was a sailor that explored the seas and was famous for his shanti singing. We went on an art trail around the town and saw some fantastic art work of miners who explored underground. The artwork took 4 months to make and was made from 20,000 nails! We also visited the boat museum and learnt how to make rope. Finally we all worked on a collaborative piece of artwork which will be coming to Milverton School once it's dry. It was a great day exploring the explorers from another town and the artwork there. Staff would

like to sat a massive thank you to the parents who gave up their time to come and help, and to Cat and John at Contains Art for hosting us.

Mrs Nicholls



On Wednesday Class 3 had Forest School. First we played '1, 2, 3 Where Are You?' We love playing this because we love hiding in the nature around the school and we never know what might happen. We made new medallions using a saw and a hand-drill, before decorating them with felt-tip pens and wool. Some of us found a garden toad when we were making a den. We removed some wood and found his hiding place. Mrs Calnon picked it up to move him to a safe new home, but let us stroke him first. He felt cold because he's an amphibian. We finished with some yummy delicious hot chocolate. We had a lot of fun.

by Craig, Archie and Lettie



Diary Dates

Thursday 10th October

HelloYellow Day
 Children can wear yellow clothes or item of clothing on World Mental Health Day.

Monday 14th and Tues 15th Oct

Eco Days. Children to wear clothes that can get dirty.

Wednesday 16th October

Year 6 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Friday 18th October

Individual photos
 MSA Halloween Disco after school

Monday 21st October 9.30am

Prospective Parents School Tour (for children starting school Sept 2020)

PARENTS' EVENINGS Year 1—6

Tuesday 22nd October

3.30pm to 6pm
NO KS1 MULTIGAMES OR GOAL CLUB ON THIS DAY

Thursday 24th October

5pm to 7.30pm
NO KS1 SCIENCE/ART CLUB

Friday 25th October

Inset Day. School closed to pupils.

Monday 28th October to Friday

1st November
 Half Term Break

Wednesday 6th Nov 9.30am

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FOREST SCHOOL WEDS 9TH OCT CLASS 2

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	388	781
Cork Oak	346	802
Blue Cedar	338	815
Horse Chestnut	350	821

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school

Alfie for settling in so well.

Class R

All of Class R for their excellent behaviour on their first school trip!

Class 1

Matilda for always trying her hardest and setting a great example for the rest of the class.

Class 2

Lewis for such focused work all week, especially with his writing. Well done, Lewis, excellent effort.

Class 3

Pixie for her growing confidence with place value in Maths this week.

Class 4

Dexter for his fantastic descriptive writing and creative ideas.
Anya, Archie and **Sophia** for demonstrating our school values; care, aspire and belong, so well.

Class 5

Woody for his contributions that extend mathematical learning in our class.

Class 6

Freddie for his fantastic focus and hard work in our Maths sessions this week.



On Wednesday 2nd October, a Year 5 & 6 girls' team to King's College to take part in a friendly football tournament. The girls involved were Kitty, Sophie, Lani, Tabitha and Gwyneth, Martha, Evie, Tilly and Amarra. We drew our first two matches with Danesfield and Trull and lost our last one (0-3) to a very talented school in Minehead. We enjoyed it very much and can't wait to play again.

by Gwyneth

A reminder that all Christmas Card orders need to be back in school by **Monday 7th October** please. There is a purple collection box by the school entrance. If anyone is having trouble with online orders please message the MSA via our email please msa-somerset@outlook.com

MSA

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Big Breakfast. We raised a total of £197.05!!



Successful Summer

Finley, Adri, Philippa and Archie all competed at the Gigafinals and did incredibly well. Philippa, Adri and Finley all qualified for the Terrafinals challenger tournament. Unfortunately, Adri and Finley could not make the event but Philippa attended the U8 girls section in London scoring 4 out of 6 and gaining joint 3rd place overall! An incredible achievement, well done Philippa!

BREAKING NEWS - Grading

Somerset Junior Chess have agreed to grade all their Grand Prix events this year (super exciting!). This means all children will have chess grades by January, as long as they play at least 5 graded games (1 full Grand Prix). I know how keen all the children are to get their first grade, so please do try and attend as many as you can. To facilitate this, all children need to have membership with the ECF (English Chess Federation). Its free for the 1st year then there is a £5 yearly charge. I can register the children, but I will need a parent's email address to do so. If you would like me to register your children on your behalf, please see me after chess club or email me at jbeviss@hotmail.com. Details for the first event of the year can be found using this link; <http://www.somersetjuniorchessgrandprix.co.uk/tournaments/>. Well done to the following children who have achieved chess grades! Adri—70E, Amarra—34D, Finley—56A, Archie—61F, Philippa—26F. As a brief explanation, the number is an indication of playing strength from 0 to 225ish (Grand Master). The letter at the end ranges from A to F and is an indication of the accuracy of the grade, as it is based on the number of games played. An 'A' is based on 30+ games an 'F', 5-8 games.

New Training Aid

We are now fortunate enough to be using a DGT electronic chess board to record the children's games and then analyse them as a class. This is the sort of resource that Grand Masters regularly use and will help us to polish our gameplay!

Upcoming SJCA Grand Prix – For the diary!

13th October 2019: Grand Prix #1 at Prior Park School, Bath

10th November 2019: Grand Prix #2 at Bristol Grammar School, Bristol

8th December 2019: Grand Prix #3 at High Ham Primary School, near Langport

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or stop me in the playground for a chat.

Jamie Bev

Annual Consent Forms

We have sent out the annual consents to you via Parentmail. We ask that you complete the forms as soon as possible, please, to ensure that we have the correct information for you and your child.

GROM SQUAD
channel adventure

October half-term holiday club £35 per child

Activities can include Kayaking, Stand up paddleboarding, Mega SUP, Inflatable rafting, Tree climbing, Bushcraft, Axe throwing and more...

Available at our Taunton centre from October 28th for the week until November 1st, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Ages 8 - 16
Call to book on 01643 708715 or book online at channeladventure.co.uk

Fencing Club at Castle School, Taunton

A new Fencing club has just started, based at Castle School in the gym 5.30-7.00pm for age 7 and above. Full details can be found on the club [website](#). Anybody who hasn't tried fencing before is entitled to a free session to see if they enjoy it and after that they will be running beginner courses.