



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to all who came into school on Wednesday morning to join me for coffee and conversation. It was lovely to meet so many parents and hear about your experiences of the school; what is working well and what would make the school even better. I have passed on many positive messages to teachers and support staff. Next coffee morning: Wednesday 16th October at 9am.

I have enjoyed visiting classrooms across the school this week to see teaching and learning in action. It has been positive to see all children engaged with their learning. This school offers such a wide and engaging curriculum. Highlights include seeing Forest School in action, playing with stickle bricks in Reception, use of technology to support learning in KS2 and storytelling and writing in KS1.

Keeping children safe

- Please can all drivers be mindful of children walking into school when using the turning circle.
- To help the bus be able to pull up safely, drivers should only stop and drop children quickly on the turning circle.
- Please do not park up and leave your car on the turning circle. **Mrs Stoddart**



Class 5 and 6 went to The Big Pit in Wales. When we got there we went into the mine. We had to wear helmets, battery packs and a flashlight on our helmets. We went down in a cage and we were all squished together. Inside the mine, it was really wet and the miner showed us where the miners went to the toilet but also where the pit ponies used to be. We could see the names of the pit ponies that

used to live there like Star, King, Shadow and Socks. Some of us could walk through the mines really easily but some of us had to duck to avoid banging our heads. Miss Downer banged her head on the ceiling when she closed the door behind us. We experienced total darkness after Miss Downer remembered to turn her torch off and then we went back up in the cage where we got to see the daylight creeping in as we came back to the surface. Some children got to take the coal home that they found on the floor. Later on in the day, we experienced a virtual video and exhibition and also looked through the museum. Both classes had a great day!

by Ethan, Elvie, Bluebelle, Cas & Nellie P



When we were on the coach, Mr Coupe kept telling us about the bridge that crosses over from England to Wales. When we got to the bridge, Charlie shouted, "We're in Wales!". After that, everyone started cheering and when we got there we were beaming. We went into groups and got ready to go down the mine. We were given battery packs and safety helmets. We went down in the old mine elevator - it was really frightening and dark - luckily we had torches on our helmets. Then we followed the instructor (an ex-miner) through a tunnel and at one point we had to duck our heads. We saw the stables where the ponies were kept. Unfortunately, they had to stay underground for most of their lives. Only one day during the holidays they would go outside but only at night time because the light would damage the horses' eyes. We were told how the miners were signalled to come back up to the surface—they used two metal wires that they were put together and it would make a spark that would make a noise. That was very risky because it made a spark and if any gas was around it would blow up! We saw a couple of canaries, a type of bird that are really cute. They were used to detect whether there was gas in the mine—if they stopped singing there was gas present! We watched a film and looked at the museum.

by Jacob L

Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 1 16th October
Class R 23rd October

Vision Screening for Year 1

Tuesday 15th October

Parent Coffee Morning at 9am in the hall

Wednesday 16th October

Class 2 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Thursday 17th October

South West Heritage Workshop Classes 1 & 2

Friday 18th October

MSA Halloween Disco

Friday 18th October
See below for more info!

Tempest Individual Photos

Thursday 24th October

Harvest Festival

St Michaels' Church at 2pm
Friday 25th October

Half Term Break

Monday 28th October to
Friday 1st November

Inset Day

Monday 4th November—
school closed to pupils.

Reception Class trip to Bear Town

Monday 18th November

Year 6 First Aid training

Monday 25th and Weds 27th
November

PCSO visit to Reception Class

Tuesday 26th November



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Preschool
- Class R
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4
- Class 5
- Class 6

Angus for being a great role model and being very helpful.

Tilly-Ann for always being supportive and caring to many children in the class.

Juno for working so hard on your Phonics. Well done.

Aria for showing our school value of care by helping others.

Darwin for giving your best in everything you do; listening well, contributing to the class and aspiring to be the best you can be. Well done, Darwin.

Brodie for your fantastic Maths with this week, keep it up!

Bluebelle for your generous and kind attitude toward peers and volunteering your time to help others.

Jacob L for your amazing art work this week.

Sidney for the care and attention given to your festive card.



Classes 3 and 4 had a workshop on Tuesday. We started with an introduction to rocks and fossils and then there were three activities. Rock bingo—where we found out about the uses of different types of rock, fossil rubbings—learning about the different types of fossils. There was also a rock activity where the class looked closely at rocks and talked about their properties and classified. Thank you to Sam from the Museum Service for coming in - children were really enthusiastic and enjoyed their learning.

Mrs Laphorn

"The rocks were my favourite, I got to touch gold and coal." Jayden, Class 3

"I liked making an imprint of a fossil" Eddie, Class 4

"It felt like we went back to the time of Mary Anning" Sammy, Class 4

"The fossils were my favourite, they were all different shapes" Darcie, Class 3



On a very wet Monday, me and several other pupils went to Bridgewater and Taunton College to play 'Invasion Games' against quite a few other schools. The first game we played was called handball. Olivia and I were set aside to be subs, but then another



small school came along so we got to play against them because they gave us one of their players, so it was a 3 v 3 match. Olivia, the other girl and I won the match 6-0. Next, we played ultimate frisbee which was really fun and we had to pass the frisbee over the line to earn a point. We played two games of this and I really enjoyed it. The next game we played was called Endgame. I played with Wilf and Jacob L against Willow, Harry R and Olivia. To finish, Milverton School played football and we won once (2:0) and drew one (0:0). The football was probably my favourite because I tackled quite a few people and almost scored a goal!



On Thursday, a sunny day, We played a friendly football match. We played St. George's School and the score was 5-1 to them but we had an amazing time. It was a home match, and the team players were Sophia, Olivia, Boo, Amelie, Willow, Tilly, Ocean and Isla. Olivia was captain and Boo scored an incredible goal!! An ex-pupil came to help referee. Olivia and Ocean played in goal they were brilliant at it.

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by Elis, Class 6

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by Sophia, Class 6

JOIN US IF YOU DARE FOR
 Milverton's
**Halloween
 DISCO**

Friday 18th October

SPOOKY TREATS, DRINKS & GAMES

Pre-school & KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm
 KS2 4.45pm - 5.45pm

£4 per child.
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