



Dear Parents and Carers,

Cases of Covid-19 have been rising to record levels in Taunton Deane and Wellington during this month, and we have seen the impact of this in our school too, so we still need to remain cautious in order to keep our school open for the children. Added to this, there have been many reports recently of multiple positive Lateral Flow tests (LFD) that don't translate into positive PCR tests amongst our school community. This has hit the national news and has been a problem across Somerset; the government is investigating. Until we have a definitive answer, Public Health England have issued the following advice:

"If a pupil or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed Covid-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting, for 10 days."

This month has been a difficult one for us here, not least in terms of staffing, and we would be extremely grateful if you could follow this advice to help us keep our school community as healthy as possible. As a result of this we have taken the decision to hold next month's Parents' Evenings remotely again. More details will follow soon. Thank you.

Mr R Stead

Class 1 had the perfect Autumnal morning for Forest School this week, what luck! We were all excited to get out and get stuck into some forest school activities with Mr Wedderkopp. We had plenty of time to play their old favourite games and chat around the fire pit at the end with our hot chocolate. This week's session also provided us with rich learning opportunities which introduced our new science topic perfectly as well as linking into our Gruffalo work in English. Our Science is focusing on habitats

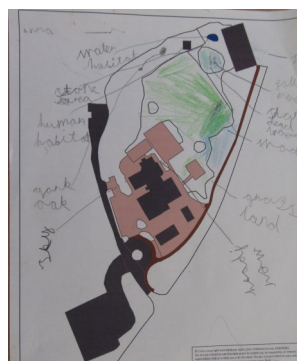
and this was the perfect opportunity to search for microhabitats around the school grounds, it's amazing what can be found amongst leaf litter and at the bottom of a tree. This inspired some of the children to make a bug hotel in the hope that some small creatures such as woodlice might make this their new home, whilst other children wanted to collect animal footprints on paper to see which animals were visiting the forest school area. In the classroom we were able to talk about why these places made had the perfect conditions for these creatures and we introduced new vocabulary such as 'predators' and 'camouflage'. We also collected and photographed objects to categorise them into: alive; dead and never alive. This sparked some interesting discussions amongst the children. We love the curiosity and energy Class 1! We can't wait to do it all again next term!



Mrs MacCormick

Yesterday Class 2 had a visit from Anne, Alfred's mum, to talk about her work with the Somerset Wildlife Trust. She shared information about what she does to support wildlife in Somerset and helped us identify all the variety of habitats and microhabitats we have around our school grounds. We used a map of the school grounds to mark off information we found. The children were really engaged and interested and asked lots of fantastic questions about wildlife. Thank you to Anne for giving up her time to come in. This has really supported our Quest work on Living things and their Habitats.

Mrs McDonagh



## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

Class R—20th October  
Pre-school—3rd November  
Class 6—10th November  
Class 5—17th November  
Class 4—24th November  
Class 3—1st December  
Class 2—8th December  
Class 1—15th December

**Monday 18th October**  
Tempest portrait photos

**Friday 22nd October**  
Inset Day

**Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**  
Half Term Break

**Parents' Evenings**  
**Thursday 18th November**  
**15:40—18:10**  
**Monday 22nd November**  
**17:00-19:30**

We have made the decision to hold parents' evenings remotely instead of face to face. More information to follow.

**Wednesday 20th October & Friday 5th November at 11am**

Reception 2022 Parents' Tour—external.  
To book a place please contact the school office.

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	195	1053
Cork Oak	188	1061
Blue Cedar	205	1167
Horse Chestnut	162	1108

## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Aria</b> for teaching all her friends about insects and organising a bug finding game.
<b>Class R</b>	<b>Macie</b> for perseverance when learning to ride a pedal bike and doing it for the first time! Well done, Macie!
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Seren</b> is never phased by a new challenge and always gives her best in everything she is asked to do. She is also a very thoughtful and caring member of the class. Well done, Seren!
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Freddie</b> for his determination to succeed and his enthusiasm for everything we do in class.
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Toby</b> for his amazing learning in science. Toby was able to name and describe the different types of skeletons in detail. Well done!
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Charlotte</b> for a super week in her learning. Charlotte has shown great progress with her maths and reading. Well done Charlotte for all your hard work, all the time.
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Seren</b> for her work on multiplication this week.
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Charlie W</b> for his fantastic focus and hard work in class this week.

Year 4 had an extra session of PE this week taking part in foil fencing. All children grasped the concept of the footwork and loved finger fencing each other. Once the basics were taught, they then all kitted up with masks and foils to play some bouts and referee. They even got to try out the tactic of a disengage which many used to try and beat their opponent. To finish Jessica played Lena and Milo played Ezra to see who made the final. Jessica represented the girls and Milo the boys for a final bout of the day. Jessica took the win for the girls this week.

Miss Storey



Below are some pictures of autumn leaves made by Art Club. These were painted with water-colour paints and using wax relief.

# APPLE DAY

## COMMUNITY APPLE DAY

**SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 10AM - 4PM**  
**RUNNINGTON FARMHOUSE, TA21 0QW**

BRING YOUR CLEAN APPLES & BOTTLES (SCREW TOP WINE BOTTLES ARE PERFECT) TO RUNNINGTON FARMHOUSE AND HELP TO TURN THE PARISH'S FRUIT INTO JUICE! EXPECT TO HAVE YOUR APPLES MIXED UP WITH THOSE OF OTHERS AND FOR YOU TO GET AROUND HALF A LITRE OF JUICE OUT OF EACH KILO OF FRUIT.

A DONATION TO COVER EQUIPMENT HIRE OF AROUND 50P PER BOTTLE WOULD BE WELCOMED.

PLEASE EMAIL [GREENER.LB.INFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GREENER.LB.INFO@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU INTEND TO COME, IF YOU HAVE SURPLUS APPLES THAT YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE, OR IF YOU'D LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION.

**MORE DETAILS AT:**

**[WWW.GREENERLANGFORDBUDVILLE.COM](http://WWW.GREENERLANGFORDBUDVILLE.COM)**



### School Council News

This week the school council carried out a cloakroom inspection. Every class started with 10 points, but points were deducted for loose items on the floor. The school council were very impressed with Class 1 who were first with full marks! In second place were Class R and third place was Class 3. The school council may well do another inspection in the next few weeks, so do your bit to keep your cloakroom tidy and get on the podium!

Mrs Nicholls