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### **Science Week Special Edition**

Science week has been absolutely amazing and the children have loved every part of it.

The week started with 'Rocket' from 'Fizz Pop Science'. He was able to wow the children with some spectacular science experiments that literally made the children's hair stand on end!

Throughout the week, each class has been partaking in various science activities, from making wormeries to creating bags.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us today for the grand finale. The children have loved working in their houses and moving around the classrooms with parents. The whole week has been an absolute blast and a real buzz around the school.

#### Well done to our Scientists of the Week

Kingfishers - Caden Starlings - Emily Goldfinches - Dexter Swallows - Lottie

"The best part of our week was when we did an experiment with milk. We had to use fairy liquid and food colouring on an earbud. When we put it back into the milk, it made a hole in the milk and turned back to white." Maisie & Amelia, Kingfisher Class

"The best part of Science week for me was doing the ice test with the pebbles. We had to make glaciers and watch them melt." - Imogen, Starling Class

"My favourite part was yesterday when we made bags out of old t-shirts. It was really fun!" - Lettie, Goldfinch Class

"My favourite experiment was looking at what materials disintegrate in water. We put things into a bottle of water

and shook it for two minutes.
I learnt that a wet wipe
doesn't break down in water,
but toilet tissue does." Dexter,
Goldfinch Class

"Yesterday we went to Forest School. We had to collect worms for our wormery. We found 30 worms and we chose names for them. Mine is called Jim Bob." Jaxson, Swallow Class

"My best part of the week was doing experiments with Rocket. I loved the pie eating ghost. He ate all the pies and then moved the pie cases using forces off of the table." Evan & Evie, Swallow Class



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#### **Diary Dates**

March

Wednesday 19th Starling Class Golf Festival at Selwood School

Friday 21st Red Nose Day - Wear mufti & something red. Donations via Parent Pay.

Monday 24th Robins - Drop in to meet with new Preschool leader, Amy Bollin - 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 26th Reception and Year 6 - Weight & Height Checks with the School Nurse

Wednesday 26th Parents consultations - Sign up sheets in Reception
Thursday 27th Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip to Strode Theatre
Friday 28th FOLS Yoga Session - 7 - 8.30pm Memorial Hall

Monday 31st Dragonfly Gymnastics Sessions - Kingfishers, Goldfinches, Swallows

<u>April</u>

Tuesday 1st Swallow Class PGL Residential Meeting for parents - 3.30pm

Wednesday 2nd Coffee Morning with our SENCO
Thursday 3rd Starling Classes final swimming lesson

Friday 4th FOLS Easter Egg Hunt - See poster in reception

Friday 4th End of Term 4
Tuesday 22nd Start of Term 5

Wednesday 23rd Swallows & Goldfinch Class Trip - Field to Food

Monday 28th Whole Class & Year 6 School Photos

FOLS 100 Club

Our 100 club winners for this month:

1st Place (£30) - Number 61 - Alan Abhaya 2nd Place (£20) - Number 92 - Mrs Ball 3rd Place (£10) - Number 35 - Rosie Leschallas

If you would like to be included in the next 100 club draw, please contact the school office or a member of

FOLS.

#### <u>Notices</u>

- Starling Class Please provide your consent for your child to attend IG Sports Golf Festival. This can be given on Parent Pay.
- PGL Residential A reminder that the final payment for the PGL residential trip is due on the 31st March.
- Red Nose Day Next Friday (21st March) is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to come to school in mufti and to wear something red! Donations to Comic Relief can be made on Parent Pay using the QR code below:



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#### **News from the Classrooms**



In Robins this week we have been talking about Spring and growing. We have been making spring flowers. We have also been looking at our frogspawn as they turn into tadpoles.





Lots of fun activities filled our Science week.

We made balloon rockets, planted seeds in see-through bags so we can watch them germinate, created magic swirls with milk and food colouring and finally made wildflower seed bombs. We still had time to start our new topic of plants and we finished our puppets in DT.





We have had so much fun in Starling Class this week with all our experimenting so it has been really hard to choose which picture to put in the newsletter but I had to go for Should we flush it away?! The children predicted which items they thought they should flush away and what happened to them when they mixed with water and were shaken about as if they were going down a drain. We then recorded our results and discussed whether our predictions were correct or not and maybe why.





Science week has been a BLAST and Goldfinch class has had endless fun completing different scientific activities. One of their favourites was definitely making 'weetabix breakfast cookies.' What fun we all had! We gave them a try on Thursday morning and the reviews were mixed. We hope that you all got to try some of your child's culinary skills!





In Swallows, we have been finding out about properties of materials. One property we tested was thermal insulators. We chose 3 materials, wrapped them around a cup and poured warm water into the cup. We then measured the temperature of the water at 5 minute intervals. We used this data to create a line graph to see which material kept the water warm.



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# Coffee Morning with our school SENCO





This is a great opportunity to meet with our SENCO, Mrs Gemma Smith. You will be able to find out about SEN provision in our school and the procedures that we use to support our children with additional needs.

Wednesday 2nd April at 9am
In the School Hall