



St Mary's CofE Primary School

"I can do all things"

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 11th October 2024

Newsletter 03

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Jeans for Genes



At our school, we had a **Jeans for Genes** day to celebrate differences. Everyone is unique in their own way so it's important we accept that. Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help some of the most vulnerable people in the UK. Together, we can transform the lives of families affected by a genetic condition. We celebrate Jeans for Genes by wearing jeans to school once every year. Thank you to all the parents who donated to support the charity.

Overall we raised a total of £81!

NEWS TEAM

Willow, Stanley, Pippie, Joey, Emily R



Equalities Team News



October marks Black History Month. The Equalities Team took assembly on Monday to talk through their role at school. They reminded us to celebrate differences in people and not to discriminate against someone because of their age, religion or beliefs, race, gender, sexuality or disability.

They were joined by Ducklings Class who sang together, 'Stargazing' by Myles Smith. We think the lyrics help us to remember that we are not alone in our community and that there is always someone to share our thoughts.

The children have watched the 'I have a dream Speech' by Dr Martin Luther King and listened to 'What a wonderful world' by Louis Armstrong. Every child in the school is going to create their own unique fist picture. We look forward to seeing them as a whole school, together as one. It is a time to celebrate that we are all Unique, Precious, Different and Special.

Mrs Gillard and the Equalities Team.

House Points Winners



Well done to our House Point Winners last week **Rubies** and this week champions were **Emerald, Rubies & Sapphires**.

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Rabbits** Class for having 100% attendance last week. This week's champions are **Eagles** Class with another 100% attendance - well done

Christian Values Awards



We have had eight children recognised over the last two weeks for demonstrating our Christian Values in their everyday activities. So congratulations to:

- Compassion** Mila H, Daisy-Rae V
- Courage** Theo H
- Service** Dawson C

A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or any of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Newman or Mrs Purnell.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award - keep up the great work!

Ducklings	Sid, Sarah
Rabbits	Violet, Phoebe
Badgers	Ben, Juliette
Foxes	Merryn & Evie, Violet & Dexter
Lions	Aidan, Agnes
Eagles	Felix, Edith



Outside Achievements



What a fabulous couple of weeks - we have....

A best dancer award—well done, Harrison!

Swimming awards. good work, Jacob, Esme, Raya, and Beatrix.

Ophelia received a Tap Dance Trophy

Ben has a Blue Peter Badge

Football stars, Noah, Freddie, Leo & Albie!

Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have enjoyed an Autumnal couple of weeks in Hedgehogs. Last week, we went on a walk around the school, noticing the signs of Autumn and collecting leaves and sticks. Some of us then made magic wands. The children cut up all the leaves and stuck them to a star, which they put on the end of their sticks.

This week, our focus book is 'Elmer' by David McKee. Elmer is a colorful elephant who looks different from his friends, which has led to conversations with the older children about how we are all different but all wonderful! This has also encouraged lots of colour-matching activities for the younger children.

We have celebrated **World Mental Health Day**. It is vital that children begin to learn simple tools and techniques to improve their well-being from a young age, and we make sure we do this regularly in Hedgehogs. Most weeks, we practice Yoga, learn breathing techniques, and enjoy relaxation time. This week, we also enjoyed some Mindful moments, noticing what we can hear, what we can feel, and even what we can taste!

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

It's been a wonderful fortnight in Ducklings Class. We have been exploring patterns and shapes and creating our own repeated patterns. We especially loved the action and music patterns!

In Literacy, we have been reading 'Owl Babies'. We have spoken about how it feels to leave our parents to come to school and the different emotions we feel, just like the owl babies. We have reordered the story in Literacy and have written about what owls would hear in the woods.

The Ducklings stood in front of the school to support **Black History Month** (October). The children love singing the song 'Stargazing'. It reminds us to feel supported by the friends around us.

We have begun using our learned phonemes in our writing, which is super exciting. Please ask your children to show/tell you s,a,t,p,i,n,g,o,c,k,ck,m,d

,e,u,r. Remember not to put the 'ugh' sound on the end of the phoneme. This will really help when they are blending to read.

We have been preparing for the 'Exhibition of Excellence' next Friday by using Autumn produce and leaves to print with. We are basing our creation on an animated version of Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World.' We hope you can visit this during the school event.

We have visited Forest School and loved exploring the area together.

Hello Yellow helps us remember to look after ourselves and take time to relax. We have enjoyed yoga and mindfulness sessions and loved celebrating with the whole school with free play time on Friday afternoon.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

The last two weeks in Rabbit Class have been filled with exciting learning and events.

Last week, we were lucky enough to visit the **Bath Children's Literature Festival**, where we met Philip Reeves and Sarah McIntyre. We listened to Philip Reeves' fantastic storytelling, and Sarah McIntyre taught us how to draw the main characters.

In English, we have started writing our instructions on how to build a bridge for a troll. We have started by writing a question and a list, making sure to include question marks and bullet points. Next week, we will start writing the steps in our instructions.

In Maths, we learned about addition within 10. We have explored the part-whole model, number sentences and addition

fact families. We have used lots of resources such as counters, dice and ten frames to help us with our learning.

We also had our parent workshop this week, during which we created some fantastic artwork with our parents. Thank you to all the parents who joined us. We look forward to sharing our artwork with everyone at the art exhibition.

Finally, we had a great time celebrating **Hello Yellow**. We all came in wearing yellow clothes and non-uniform. We participated in many activities to support our mental health, such as coloring, free play, and spending time in the Book Burrow.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers

Class News:



We have had another fantastic couple of weeks in Badgers!

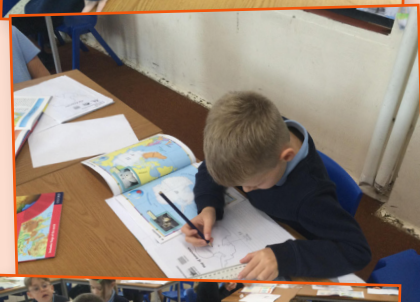
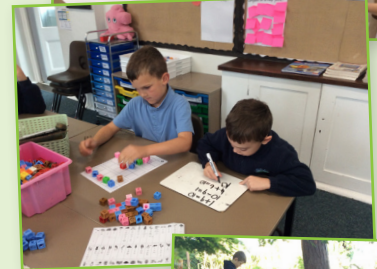
Last Tuesday, we had a brilliant afternoon visiting the **Bath Literature Festival** with Rabbits Class. We were fortunate enough to hear Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre discuss their new book, *Adventuremice*, with us. The children were guided through drawing a character from the book, creating their own board game, and listening to an extract of the book performed by the author. All of the Badgers were impeccably behaved and excited to read their copy of the book!

In DT, we have been putting the finishing touches on our Baby Bear Chairs, and making sure they are strong enough to withstand the use of our teddies. Badger's worked well as a team, and helped to support each other by giving advice and help with their final designs.

In English, Badgers have begun writing their own version of *'Billy the Brave Knight'*, a not so brave knight with four rather unhelpful ideas. Badgers are rewriting things with their own twist!

In Maths, we have moved onto our new topic *Addition and Subtraction*. Badgers have been working practically with cubes to record whole fact families in both addition and subtraction.

Miss Heath



Foxes

Class News:



It's been another couple of fun-filled weeks in Foxes. In Maths, we have been working on rounding numbers and have learned a handy rhyme to help us remember whether we need to round up or down.

In Computing, we have continued learning about Computing Systems and Networks and have been looking at how to create content for the Internet. The Foxes had to try creating music using Chrome Music Lab and came up with some very creative sounds.

In Geography, we have been learning about Antarctica and the children have become very skilled at locating information in an atlas. We have identified many different physical features that can be found in this unique environment.

Did you know that Antarctica has an active volcano? Ask the Foxes for some other physical features that can be found there.

Finally, in PSHE, we have been thinking about how our actions can impact those around us and how to work best as a team. We had to work together to freeze-frame some situations where things were not as they should be and then discuss what we could do to change and improve the situation.

Finally, we enjoyed supporting **Hello Yellow** and thinking about our own mental health and wellbeing. We spent time in the Book Burrow, enjoyed some mindfulness activities and talked about how it is important to look after our own mental health.

Mrs Brown

Lions



Class News:

We had a brilliant time at Downside School last week. We were invited to attend their **Classics Day**, which involved our class engaging in fun activities based on the Greek language. We have established a relationship with their school's Classics Department and look forward to enjoying working with them across the year on projects linked to our learning of Latin. The Y5 Lions had a great time learning the Greek alphabet and showing off their excellent knowledge of Greek Gods and Goddesses from their History topic last year. The day also included sports activities and a tour of their very impressive abbey.

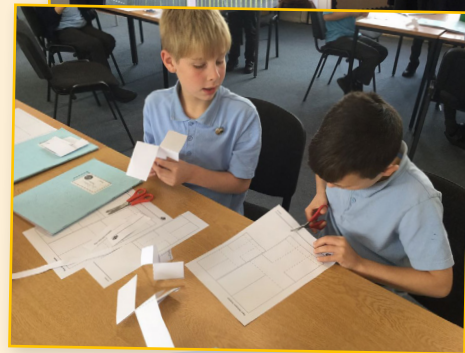
Science was great fun this week. We have been investigating air resistance and finding which spinners with shorter or longer

wingspans reached the ground first when dropped under Fair Test conditions.

In Art, we have been continuing our poetry self-portrait project and getting our exhibition pieces ready to display next week for you all to enjoy. It should look spectacular!

Finally, this week ended with our **Hello Yellow** celebrations. We always enjoy taking part in this special day, which supports the wonderful Young Minds charity. Children's positive mental health is very important to us at St Mary's, and this is demonstrated through our positive, purposeful, and relaxed Year 5 learning environment.

Mr Daniels



Eagles



Class News:

We've had another fun-filled couple of weeks in Eagle Class!

Last Tuesday, we were lucky enough to be invited to Downside School for a **Classics Day**. We learnt the Greek alphabet and practised writing our names, which was quite challenging as some letters don't exist in the Greek alphabet! We also took part in sports activities, had a tour of the Abbey, and enjoyed a spectacular lunch!

In Art, we made our paper in the style of the *Ancient Egyptians*. We then added our designs to them to create our scrolls. We wanted our scrolls to represent us but also look traditionally Egyptian, so we had to think carefully about how we could adapt typical symbols to represent modern hobbies and interests.

We are looking forward to showing them to you at our upcoming exhibition!

In PE, we have continued our Yoga work. We are getting much better at holding poses and transitioning between them more seamlessly. We have begun adapting a taught routine

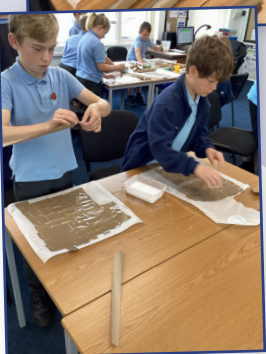
to include new poses, and we have had to think carefully about where in the routine each pose would best fit.

On Wednesday, we held our Class Assembly on PGL. We enjoyed writing the script and adding humour to our performance. We worked hard on articulating ourselves and ensuring we projected our voices. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed it!

Finally, we are making fantastic progress in Maths. We have been working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and learning methods to help us solve more challenging questions. We are being more thoughtful about working mentally though and consider this before instantly reverting to written methods. Our arithmetic speed and confidence is growing which is brilliant so early in the year.

Well done Eagles!

Mrs Newman



Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 1 & 2

Date	Event
17/10/2024	Parent Workshop - Year 3 and 4 - 2.00 pm
18/10/2024	Excellence Exhibition - come and see your children's wonderful art work, the Exhibition will be open before school and straight after school - Reception to Yr 6
23/10/2024	Harvest Performance at Church - Lions
24/10/2024	Wear Red - Racism
25/10/2024	INSET DAY
04/11/2024	Start of Term 2
05/11/2024	Parent / Teacher Meetings: 3 pm-6 pm
06/11/2024	Parent / Teacher Meetings: 3 pm-6 pm
12/11/2024	Roman Baths visit- Foxes Class
15/11/2024	Children in Need
22/11/2024	Anti-Bullying Day
28/11/2024	Great Timsbury Bake Off!

Wellies

Please ensure that all children have a pair of named wellies in school at all times. We have lots of storage to keep them safe and this means that the children can use our fabulous grounds year round without ruining their lovely new school shoes!

If you have any unwanted wellies that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate donations for spares.



St Mary's Girls Football Team

We played an outstanding football match this week in the **B&NES Girls Football Cup**. We hosted another local school, Midsomer Norton Primary. Due to a quirk in the school sports fixture list, some of our young athletes were playing back-to-back school matches (after representing the school in the netball tournament the day before!)

A second-half strike from Edith led us to a glorious 1-0 victory. All of the team played exceptionally well and worked hard throughout the match. Special mention must go to Matilda, Pippi and Tilly, who all played after competing in a netball tournament the day before! Olivia, Tavie, Evie, Bella, Emily, Violet and Merryn completed the team. Every player helped lead 'Team Timsbury' to a memorable victory!



St Mary's Netball Team

This week, we had a great time at the Small Schools Netball Tournament with exceptional individual and team performances. After a loss in the first game, the team returned stronger and went on to win two games and draw one against the other schools in the competition. Special mention must go to Tilly and Indigo, who have only just started the game and yet both played brilliantly. Pippi was excellent in the centre position and Matilda proved her strength in defence. Phoebe and Willow were a dynamic partnership, showing great accuracy and scoring many goals for the final two winning games. Well done Team Timsbury!





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the noise in my
head to stop”**

Are you worried about a young person in your life?

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Or visit www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline to speak to us online.

We're supporting Hello Yellow on 10 October to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

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