Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 37 - 12th July 2024



We have had a fantastic Arts Week in school with so much going on. The children have taken part in a variety of activities, some photos of which are further down in the newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the organisation of the week, including school staff, Jen and Lizzy, visitors who were leading the sessions and of course the children themselves who have participated really well in all the different workshops.

We are busy finalising staffing arrangements for next year; I will update you with the details before the end of term. As you know this is in many ways a sad time, with many existing members of staff leaving, as well as our fantastic Year 6 children. But we also have an exciting start in September with new children coming into our school, new staff beginning and others changing roles. To that effect, I would like to let you know that we held office manager interviews this week, with many applicants. I am pleased to let you know that we appointed Katie Payne (our current office assistant) to the role. She will be based in the office every day from September and is really looking forward to this new position. In September we will also be looking at appointing someone to join her for a day a week to take on some specific tasks such as ParentPay and attendance.

School reports have been sent home today and I can honestly say from reading through them all, how proud I am of all our children for what they have achieved this year. Pupils in Year 6 and Year 1 will also be receiving results from their Key Stage 2 SATs and Year 1 Phonics screening check. If having read the reports you have any questions, then please contact your child's teacher or come in on the weekly session on Wednesday after school when you can view your child's work, to speak to them then. Much of your child's work from the year will also be sent home before the end of term.

Our last week of school includes a singing festival on Monday for Swallow Class, before the Goldfinches play their violins for a final time this year as a mini-concert to the staff who are leaving us. Mrs Ball has arranged a day of tennis on Wednesday for all classes including Robins. Please can children come to school in PE kit for the day. On Thursday our younger children are all off to Noah's Ark Farm for their last trip of the year before our final day on Friday including the celebration assembly at 11:00am. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mr Turull

JulyMonday 15th
Wednesday 17th
Thursday 18th
Friday 19thAM Swallow Class at Singing Festival at Cheese and Grain, Frome
Tennis coaching in school - everyone to wear their PE kits
Kingfisher Class and Starling Class Day Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
11am Celebration Assembly in Memorial Hall. Parents welcome to attend
FOLS End of Year party in the afternoon
Last Day of Term

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We have had a brilliant week in school and the children have all enjoyed partaking in various activities for Arts Week 2024.

Creating Clay Creatures

We were very lucky to have Jen Mullier and Lizzy Lewis come and spend time with each class creating a variety of clay creatures. The children enjoyed using their imagination and creativity to produce some brilliant creations.



Violin Concert

Goldfinch class, along with some Swallow class children, produced an excellent violin performance on Monday afternoon. They were able to demonstrate the skills that they have learnt during their class Violin lessons this year. Well done to all our budding musicians.

Whole School Nature Walk

Every class, including Robins, went on an exciting nature walk to collect items to use for an art project back at school. All the children were able to use their items to create their own tree.



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Drama with Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

We were very lucky to have a professional from the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School visit us to carry out theatre workshops with every class. The children were encouraged to engage in practical exercises to inspire and develop their stage skills.



Zangi Music Man

On Thursday, the hall was filled with music whilst the children took part in workshops held by Zangi the Music Man. The children enjoyed using pitch and tempo to create different rhythms and sounds to produce songs.





Black Rock Outdoors Centre

In addition to an amazing Arts Week, the Year 5 & 6 children visited Black Rock Outdoors Centre. They were able to show off their bravery by taking part in activities such as the high ropes and kayaking!

