### Newsletter 5 - October 4th 2024



We had a lovely start to the week with the English/Ukrainian Voice and Guitar duo 'Juno Duo' who are currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music Conservatoire. They performed for everyone on Monday morning followed by an assembly in the afternoon led by Jeff, a local beekeeper who brought along over 2000 bees (all safely contained!) to show us and talk about how honey is made and how we can identify the queen bee.







Our final treat of the week happened this morning. We were lucky enough to receive a visit from the M&M Theatre Company who put on a performance of The Secret Garden in our school hall. It was a fabulous production and it was great to see so many enthusiastic and engaged children from Reception through to our Year 6.







## Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull



Our wonderful Eco Team is organising a uniform swap shop. They haven't decided on a date yet, but parents and carers will be able to come and browse the rails and select what they need for their children for free. If you have any outgrown or unwanted uniform that you would like to donate to this cause then please drop it into school for the attention of the Eco Team.

They are also on the lookout for hangers and rails for their shop, so any donations of these would also be very welcome. Thank you.





## **HARVEST**

We will be having a collection for Harvest on Tuesday 9th October again this year and invite you to bring in any of the items listed for donation to the Food bank.

Tinned tomatoes
Chocolate bars
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Long life juice
Shower gel/soap
Deodorant

## **CLUTTON AUTUMN SHOW**

# THIS SUNDAY 6th October CLASSES TO ENTER for children 14 years and under, age must be stated.

- Miniature garden
- Model made from Lego bricks (own design)
- Vase of garden flowers
- Tallest sunflower
- Decorated egg
- Collection of six tree leaves, mounted and named
- Picture, any medium, 8 and under
- Picture, any medium, 9 and over
- Creature made from a vegetable and/or fruit

Entries to be brought to village hall between 8am and 11am.

Admission to the show in the afternoon from 2pm is £1 for adults, accompanied children free.

Teas and cakes available.

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### **Certificates of the week**

### **Head Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Head Teacher Award this week:

Rio, Tom, Reuben, Charlie, Max and Albie.



Well done to everyone who completed their Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables this week.



The children with the most stars in their class this week are:

**Doodle Maths -** Ellis, Albie, Phoebe, Sammy, Aaron, Imogen, Dillon and Joshua.

Doodle Tables - Emily, Oli, Alfie



### **Other Achievements**



Harrison showed his gold and bronze medals awarded in his first taekwondo competition, Martha, her netball certificate for leadership, Nancy showed her brownie birthday badge, Eddie shared his star award and Lottie had not one but two certificates for swimming.





### **Notices**

- Long hair For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **Coats** Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. Unless it is torrential rain, children will still go outside at break, lunchtime and PE sessions.
- Medications in school We are unable to administer non-prescription medications in school. If
  your child needs medication, your Dr should prescribe it and the medication can be signed into
  school in the normal way. If you feel your child needs non-prescribed medication during the
  school day, you will need to come into school to administer it.
- School day Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this
  time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school. Children arriving after 8:50am are
  marked as late in the register.
- **School lunches** Paid school lunches cost £2.80 due to the rise in food prices and need to be booked by the Thursday of the previous week.
- **School pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

#### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 8th October Harvest Festival - 9.15am (R &KS1) -Reception parents only

- 10.15 (KS2) - Year 6 parents only

Wednesday 9th October Netball tournament @ Downside 3.45pm

Thursday 10th October 2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition to parents

Tuesday 15th October Open Morning (9:30am - 11:30am)

Thursday 17th October Year 6 Lifeskills - am

Tuesday 22nd OCtober Netball match @ Chew Stoke Primary 4pm

Wednesday 23rd October 3.30pm - 7pm PARENTS EVENING Thursday 24th October 3.30pm - 5pm PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 24th October School Photos

Thursday 24th October Year 6 Tuck Shop after school

Friday 25th October INSET DAY

Monday 4th November Term 2 starts

Wednesday 6th November Open Morning (9:30am - 11:30am)

Wednesday 27th November INSET DAY

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## **Become a School Governor**



Are you passionate about education? Do you want to help shape the future of young minds?
Becoming a school governor is an incredible opportunity to use your skills, time, and passion to ensure students receive the best education and support. Whether you're a parent, professional, or community member, your voice can make a real impact in the direction and success of our schools.

#### Make a Lasting Impact in Five Key Ways:

- Attend termly Governing Body meetings, reviewing data and ensuring the best outcomes for students.
- Get tailored, ongoing training to build your skills and understand your role (induction, safeguarding, and more).
- Act as a link governor, focusing on an area of your interest or expertise, and reporting on school progress.
- Represent the school positively in the community become a proud ambassador!
- Take part in important panels (interviews, exclusions, and more), shaping the school's future.

#### Who Can Be a School Governor?

No prior experience is needed! All that's required is a commitment to the role and a willingness to learn. We need governors from all walks of life:

- Parent Governors: Provide insights from the parent community.
- Community Governors: Bring your skills and experience, even without a direct connection to the school.
- Foundation Governors: Preserve the school's religious character.
- Staff Governors: Offer the unique perspective of school staff.

#### What Do You Get Out of It?

Being a school governor is incredibly rewarding! You'll develop valuable skills, make a positive impact in your community, and help prepare students for success in further education and beyond. It's a role that's challenging but never dull, giving you the chance to contribute to something truly meaningful.







For more information, contact Emily Walker (Governance Professional): ewalker@msnpartnership.com
Find a list of local governing bodies on the MNSP website.







