



Newsletter 12

28/03/2024

Dates for your diary!

SPRING TERM 2024

Last day of term - Thu 28th Mar

SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer terms starts Mon 15th Apr

SATs week - 13th-16th May

HALF TERM 27th - 31st May

Yr5/6 Cumulus Residential - 3rd-5th Jul

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year is flying by and having completed two thirds of this academic year already, it is time to take stock of special events and progress as we reach the Easter Holidays. What a bumper issue newsletter!

World Book Day on March 7th

Once again, the school was a vibrant and colourful scene as many children dressed up to link to a book or favourite fictional character.

We also had our 2nd house event of the school year: a poetry recital competition. Padre Matt came in



to judge the children who had already been selected in house semi-finals earlier in the week.

The winning house was Kiwi, so well done to their contributors Glen (Y1) and Lacey (Y6).

Science Fair on March 8th



Cerys (Y3) – Filtration of particles in the respiratory system



Isla(Y3) and Dottie (Y1) – Making babies with science



Jasper (Y3) – 60 second challenges



Josie (Y6) – Home made water timers



Toby and Lola (Y3) – Timed challenges



Knettie (Y5) – Coral Reefs



Hannah (Y5) and Holly (Y3) – Fruit and vegetable powered clock



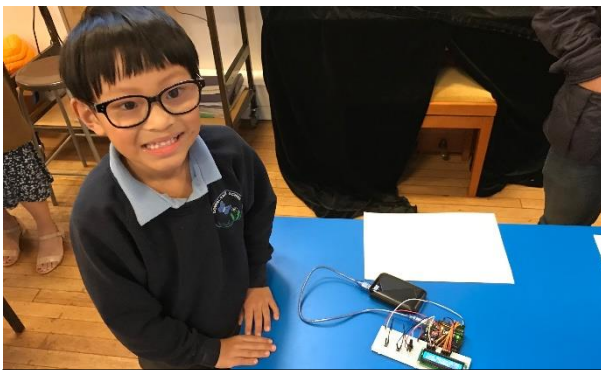
Ethan (Y6) – Earth's movements



Lacey (Y6) – Speed = Distance/Time



Lily-Grace (Y5) – The 5 industrial revolutions



Misam (Y3) – The workings of a digital clock



Emeli (Y6) – What came first – the dragon or the egg?



Oliver Cooper (Y3) – Lava Lamp



Niamh (Y3) – Timed challenges



Ashlesha, Zoya and Aashma (Y6) – Chalk Hill Butterfly Lifecycle



Arabella (Y2) – Explanation of the seasons

Fundraising effort

Well done to Josie (Y6) who showed the initiative to organise a cake sale to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Thanks to the donations of cakes, the support from parents and Josie's leadership, £136 was raised in total.

Amelia and Amelia (Y6) also held a loom band bracelet sale at breaktimes raising £20 for SSAFA. Well done girls.



School Village Choir Concert



Children of all ages across the school performed a range of English folk songs with children from other primaries across Dorset at Blandford Parish Church. They also performed a Nepalese folk song [Resham Firiri]. Thank you to the Nepalese community for providing direction and help.

Learning to cycle safely



This term saw lots of our pupils completing their Get Set Cycle and Bikeability Level 1 courses. Despite the bad weather their commitment and persistence was amazing and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Easter Egg Hunt



On Wednesday this week, we held our annual Easter Egg hunt in the afternoon. Children searched for sugar paper of a certain colour in exchange for chocolate eggs, kindly donated by FODs, Padre Matt and the Thrift Shop.

Easter Service

Thanks to Padre Matt for allowing the whole school to have their end of term assembly in All Saints Church. The children learnt about the Easter Story and sang some of our favourite seasonal songs. A huge thank you to the MT team who got the children safely to and from the church on a wet and windy day.

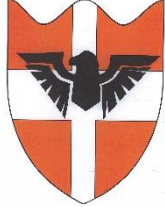


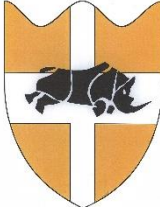


Parents' Coffee Afternoon

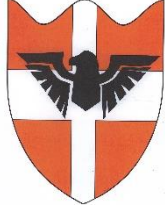


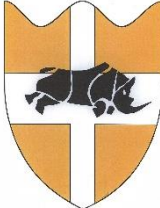
Starting on Friday the 19th April (2 - 3pm) will be a weekly, informal, 'Coffee and Chat' opportunity hosted by Rachel Waters and Julie Palmer. The first week will be open to parents of EYFS and key stage 1 children.



House points for Values Awards

			
205 House points	143 House points	212 House points	171 House points

Attendance

			
96.3%	96.0%	95.4%	95.3%

School Term Dates 24/25

Autumn Term 2024-25

INSET DAY: Tuesday 3rd September

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Term begins: Thursday 5th September (Reception Class to have phased start)

INSET DAY: Friday 20th September

Autumn half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

INSET DAY: Monday 4th November

Term ends: Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2024-25

Term begins: Monday 6th January

Spring half term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

INSET DAY: Monday 24th February

Term ends: Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2024-25

Term begins: Tuesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Summer half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th May

Term ends for all: Wednesday 23rd July

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mr J Rielly
Headteacher



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