

Headlines

You may have seen from some of the photos and talking to the children that we have made the most of being outdoors this week. It has been lovely to have some fine weather and the children really benefit from the getting active and taking their learning outside. As an example, Year 5 enjoyed a great trip to the Ecology Centre yesterday as part of their science studies. They were looking at habitats and pond dipping and even discovered a newt!

This half term, we are showing our 'curiosity' and developing our critical thinking with Charlie the Chimp. I have talked about this in assemblies and encouraged the children to ask questions about the world and weigh up the evidence. We have been also developing our reasoning and debating ability as well across all age groups and our 'question of the week' is discussed (see next week's below). This is all part of our whole school drive to build the pupils' higher order thinking skills.

One very special event yesterday was a taster morning for next year's Reception children. The theme was based around 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and our future Reception teacher, Mrs Da Silva, working with Miss Pirrie and Miss Magrico, had a lovely time with the new starters and several of our current nursery children. They carried out lots of fun activities about caterpillars and butterflies and took away a goodie bag too!

On Monday, we have individual pupil photographs being taken across the nursery and school, so please ensure that the children are in full, smart uniform. This is a traditional school event and would normally take place in the Autumn Term. Photographic companies have been visiting schools again in the new year, following pandemic restrictions, so it is great to be getting this arranged for this term.

I think we will be treated to more lovely weather over the coming days, so do enjoy the weekend together...

Mr Leigh Hardie, Head

Stars of the Week



Squirrels – Ryan

Woodpeckers – Ethan

Owls – Ollie

Ash – Julia

Maple – Serenity

Birch – James

Oak – Rafael

Drama – Luca

Sport – Terran

French – Alayna, Saanvi, Ted



House winners
Wellington



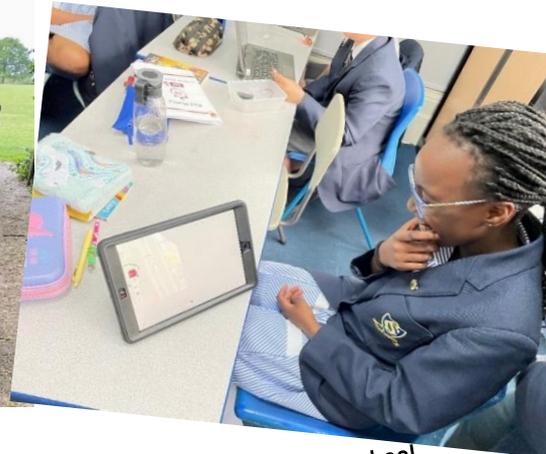
Well done on music exam grades



Bug hunt in the woods



iPad animations in Yr 5



Explore the woodlands in PE



Sketching our school



Ukuleles in Yr 4



Animation videos in Yr 2



Seedlings emerging in Yr 3



Learning with Nursery in class and the woods





Fun in the sun



Nurturing our plants



Yr 5 explore the Ecology Centre



A taster day for Reception 22



Thought of the Week

Should food be cheaper for poor people?

Each week, in our class 'Brain Time', we discuss a tricky theme or question to develop our higher order thinking skills.

Do share at home too...

Star badges this week...

20 stars to:

Amelie, Luna, Ethan

30 stars to:

Leo O, Jessica, Raffaele, Charlie, Aryaman

Dates for diaries *(new dates or changes in red)*

9 th May	School photos – individual portraits
17 th May	Parents Staff Association (PSA) planning meeting (6pm)
13 th May	Year 4 class assembly (8.50am)
23 rd May	Year 6 residential trip – Southwold
27 th May	Year 2 class assembly (8.50am)
7 th June	Bags to School
10 th June	Year 4 class assembly (8.50am)
10 th June	Jubilee Garden Party
11 th June	KS2 Sleepover
17 th June	Year 5 class assembly (8.50am)
16 th June	Fathers' Day gift making (PSA) - TBC
17 th June	Year 3 and 4 trip to RHS Wisley
23 rd and 24 th June	KS2 Drama production 'Mary Poppins'
24 th June	Year 4 class assembly (8.50am)
28 th June	Step up Afternoon – children with next teacher
29 th June	Sports Day
1 st July	Year 1 class assembly (8.50am)
5 th July	Summer Concert
8 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly (8.50am)
9 th July	Summer Fair
13 th July	Prize Giving and final school day