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 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It's always nice to be recognised for something you've done well. This week we received the attached letter from the Secretary of State for Education in praise of our results in the SATs reading test last year. As you will see, the children's results put our school in the top 1% in England: a fantastic achievement by all the staff, parents and, of course, those pupils!
Mr R Stead



Class 5 and 6 went on a coach to The Big Pit, which is the National Coal Museum in Wales. When we arrived, we split into groups and went to the original waiting room. We were collected by a Welsh collier who took us to the lamp area. Here we were helped to put on a helmet, a lamp and a belt with a heavy battery and safety breathing apparatus. Then we went down into the mine using the original cage the colliers used before it was shut down. We were shown around the mine and on our way we learnt that in the mine there was a poisonous gas called methane and they used canary birds to detect it, so that the colliers didn't die. If they sang there was no gas and if they stopped and fell off the perch, there was methane gas around and everyone had to get out of the mine as quickly as possible. After the underground visit, we had lunch and then went to a simulation/video tour to see how they managed the mines. Finally, we looked round the museum to learn more about the history of mining and how to developed through the decades and then headed back to the coach for the journey home. We had a wonderful time and hope to go back one day.

by Albert (Y5) and Florence (Y6)

On Monday, Class 5 and 6 were visited by Sam from the Somerset Heritage Centre, to teach us about Somerset in World War 2. We all did three activities: researching an evacuee's suitcase, rationing and artefacts, and codes used in the war. We also had a chance to feel what it was like for the Home Guards; we tried on their clothes and helmets and then used a stirrup pump to put out a deactivated incendiary bomb! All the children used a variety of resources to learn from, one of which was a gas mask (a modern one because the originals are now unsafe). When the air raid siren went off (up and down sound), we had to get under the desks until we heard the 'All Clear' siren (one long clear note). This was great fun but made us think about how it might have been like in the war during The Blitz.

by Grace (Year 6) and Martha (Year 5)

Diary Dates

Half Term Break
 Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

Monday 4th March
 Reception Class Parents' Evening

Tuesday 5th March
 Class 2 to 6 Parents' Evening 3.30—6pm

Thursday 7th March
 Class 1 to 6 Parents' Evening. 5—7.30pm.

Friday 15th March to Monday 18th March
 Year 6 Residential Trip to Isle of Wight

Easter Holidays
 Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April.
 Back to school 23rd April.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Kilve Court
 Weds 24th April to Friday 26th April.

FOREST SCHOOL
WEDS 13TH FEB
CLASS 1

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| London Plane | 490 | 1401 |
| Cork Oak | 357 | 1128 |
| Blue Cedar | 636 | 1528 |
| Horse Chestnut | 447 | 1149 |

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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| Pre-school | <i>Isla</i> for her enthusiasm in our Science activities this week. |  |
| Class R | <i>Isla</i> for her happy smiley face all week. |  |
| Class 1 | <i>Millie</i> for her enthusiasm and excellent work learning about verbs. <i>Rose</i> for her excellent work in phonics and for setting such a good example to the rest of the class. | |
| Class 2 | <i>Brodie</i> for his super quick mental arithmetic. <i>Henry</i> for his excellent knowledge of shapes. | |
| Class 3 | <i>Sophia</i> for her wonderfully descriptive 'Defeating the Monster' tale. | |
| Class 4 | <i>Alfie</i> and <i>Jessica</i> for their delightful explanation text work. They impressed us with their stunning presentation and use of unusual vocabulary. | |
| Class 5 | <i>Robin</i> for his excellent Maths and story writing this week. |  |
| Class 6 | <i>Georgina</i> for her creative evacuee diary writing this week. | |

The Milverton Parish Council mini survey about the future of the disused surgery building will close at midday on Sun 10 Feb. If your family lives in the parish, please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3BCTF8B>. Most importantly, we need a body of volunteers for any initiative to proceed, so please provide your details at the end of the survey if you are willing and able. Thanks in anticipation.
James Wade, Parish Councillor

After the snow, Class 2 were treated kindly with a lovely, almost Spring-like morning for Forest School this week.



We used our observational skills to find fairies hidden in the grounds.



With help, Isla lit the fire for us.



Throughout the morning we all made and tried some delicious damper



Of course, a Forest School session wouldn't be complete with hot chocolate to finish!



On Friday 25th January, Year 6 boys took part in a football county competition which was held at Strode College. This team included: Sam, Will, Benny, Isaac, Harvey, James, Joe, Reuben, Sid and Aidan. There were 12 teams from all around Somerset who participated at the event. Our first game we won 1-0 against North Petherton. In the second we drew 1-1 against St Georges. Unfortunately, in our third game we lost 1-0 against Peasedown St John. In our fourth game though, we triumphed in a 2-1 win against St Pauls. Luckily, in our fifth game we only just won 2-0 against Red Star. Sadly, we did not get through to the semi-finals as we were knocked out on goal difference. Well done to the whole team for working very, very, very hard and a big thank you to the best coach ever, Mr Stead!
by William and Sam



At Milverton School we pride ourselves on caring about each other and about people in the wider community. Last weekend, Jasmine selflessly had 10 inches of her hair cut off and donated it to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that uses donated hair to make real hair wigs for children who have sadly lost their hair to illness. We are so proud of you, Jasmine.
Miss Gauntlett

On Monday, Dan Tremain from SASP/Zing Somerset came in to run a Full of Beans Workshop for the Pre-School. The aim of these workshops are to help support healthy lifestyles for families. We had a great turn out and had the most families attend than they have ever had before in any of their workshops!



Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed it. The next session is being run on Monday 11th March. We hope to see you there!
Charlotte