



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Congratulations to all the children in Year 6 who have been working so hard to prepare for their end of key stage statutory tests. All the staff are very proud of you all. The children's attitudes towards their learning have been really focussed during the revision period and they have really applied themselves by coming into school when given the opportunity to take part in a range of booster sessions. Well done; there is no need to be anxious and good luck next week! We look forward to seeing you Year 6 at the special Breakfast Club starting at 8am daily next week. Hedgehog Class have also begun to take some of their 'quizzes' at the end of key stage 1- they have worked hard today to complete their Arithmetic quiz.

Please be aware that one of the INSET **dates for next year has been changed.** This is to enable staff to take part in a valuable training session at Collis Primary School, Richmond. The INSET will be led by Shirley Clarke who is a well respected expert in formative assessment strategies used in class. Eg: 1-1 in the moment feedback, teacher modelling of purposeful and co-operative peer improvement, involving pupils in planning their learning, mindset discussions, and co-construction of success criteria (WILF!) The Inset planned for 25th October 2019 will now take place on **15th November.** Thankyou for your support. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: We have continued to explore the story of 'Stanley's Stick' this week and the children have been thinking of different ways to use the sticks we have collected. Some of the ideas they came up with included a walking stick, a magic wand, a drawing stick and using the sticks to build a bridge. As you can see, some of the children decided to make a pretend campfire!



Butterfly Class: This week in Butterfly Class we have been enjoying using our new 'Maths shed' in our outdoor area. We have been enjoying using the number skittles and seeing how many we can knock down and recording it on a whiteboard. We have also been enjoying the rain! We have been mixing chalk in the puddles to see how many different colours we can make.



Squirrel Class: As well as practising our speaking and singing skills for our class assembly, Squirrel class has been busy finding out about plants. We have learnt the different names of the parts of a plant and explored the school grounds to see what wild flowers we could see. We have also been carefully watching how the tomato plants in our class are growing and are carefully recording what we observe in plant diaries.



Hedgehog Class: What a fun week we have had! This week we have started making our clay peppers. We used a variety of modelling techniques which included: rolling ball shapes, rolling sausage shapes, squeezing, pulling, pinching, smoothing out the clay and joining. We have also been comparing two stories by the same author. We read the story 'The Tunnel' by Antony Browne and compared it to 'Into the Forest'.



Fox Class: We had a great trip to Hook Library this week and had a session with the librarian who told us about the library, read us a story and let us all borrow a book. We have been learning about fractions in maths and have been using bar models to calculate a fraction of a number. In English we have started our new Power of Reading text- "The Pebble in my Pocket."

Otter Class: This week Otter Class has been writing Cornish legends. They have approached their task with enthusiasm and the results are fantastic. In Maths we have started learning to tell the time in analogue and digital and convert between the two - this was challenging for some! In Art we painted our version of Hokusai's Giant Wave off Kanagawa using water colours.

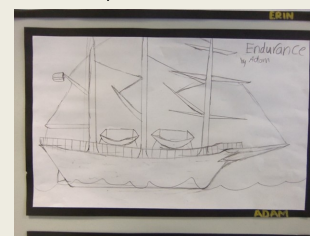


Owl Class: In Owl Class this week, we have been learning to use description, action and dialogue to write a section of a story. We have been looking at multiplication facts and facts associated to each one e.g.. We know that $3 \times 7 = 21$, so therefore $0.3 \times 7 = 2.1$ and $3 \times 700 = 2100$. In art, we began our papier mache masks linked to our topic of the Mayans- we got very messy but had great fun!



Falcon and Hawk Classes:

Y6 have been enjoying reading our class book: Shackleton's Journey. We have drawn our interpretation of Shackleton's ship, The Endurance - here is an example! In addition, we have been designing in clay some of the equipment our characters would have used during the expedition, such as: a compass, spanner and even the wildlife the explorers would have seen, for example penguins.



Stars of Week!

Squirrel Class: All of Squirrel class, for your wonderful teamwork during our class assembly.

Hedgehog Class: Daisy, for working hard on her handwriting and using conjunctions in her story. Elliot, making a big effort with his presentation and handwriting.

Fox Class: Leah F, for super perseverance in maths and a good attitude to learning. Matei, for showing excellent effort in reading and making good progress with this.

Otter Class: Alfie, for working really hard to improve his writing. Lilly-May, for always trying her hardest. You are an all round superstar!

Owl Class: Jake, for a fantastic attitude to his learning this week. Grace E, for working hard to upskill a piece of writing this week.

Hawk Class: Leah and Lucy, for a positive attitude towards their revision this week, especially in booster groups!

Falcon Class: Ada, for having a superb attitude towards revision sessions. Freya, for her fantastic contribution to class revision.

Apologies to the following stars from last week:

Amelia in Squirrel class, for wonderful progress in your phonics and reading.

Chloe in Hedgehog class, for being a good friend and working hard in phonics.

Avah in Fox class, for writing a fabulous re-telling of The Iron Man.

A huge St Mary's congratulations to all of our stars this week!

Family and Friends PTA

Up and coming events:

14th June Pamper Evening (more info to come shortly) pta4stmarys@gmail.com

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 96 % well done! The class with the best attendance this week is Fox class with 100%.

Office news:

Free School Meals Taster for Reception, Y1 & Y2 Thursday 16th May.

We would like to encourage all children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 to try the hot meals on Thursday 16th. You can choose and order your meal at www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk but Margherita pizza will be available for all infant children to try. Please feel free to provide a packed lunch as well if you wish.

Diary Dates: * = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

May

Thursday 2nd Owl Class Y5 assembly 9-9.30
Friday 3rd Muffi Day (bottles)
*Monday 6th to 10th Penny Wars
Thursday 9th Squirrel Class Assembly
Monday 13th SATs Week KS2 Y6
Wednesday 15th Butterfly Class Cake Sale
*W/c Mon 20th Healthy Mind, Body & Planet
Week Bikeability for Year 5
Monday 27th until Friday 31st May **Half Term**

June

Monday 3rd **INSET**
Monday 3rd to 5th Y6 Residential Downe Scout
Adventure Centre
Monday 10th Phonics Screening Week
*Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 12th Caterpillar Class Cake Sale
Thursday 13th Fox Class Assembly
*Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley
Pamper Evening
*Friday 14th *Book Fair Week
Wc 17th June Otter Class Assembly
Thursday 20th *EYFS trip to Godstone Farm
Friday 26th Hedgehog Class Assembly
Thursday 27th Muffi Day—Packet Sweets
Friday 28th

July

Wednesday 3rd *EYFS Sports Day
Thursday 4th *Sports Day KS1&2 & picnic lunch
Friday 5th School Disco
Thursday 11th *Summer Concert (details to
come)
Saturday 13th Summer Fair
Wednesday 17th Transition to New Classes
Wednesday 17th Celebration Evening
Thursday 18th *Bishop Andrew taking Assembly
Tuesday 23rd Yr6 Leavers events

Last day of Term 1.15pm