



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the support given to the Platinum Jubilee Fayre. The Friends raised **£1427.89** which is just fantastic! The Stars of the Week spoke after Celebration Assembly about their favourite stalls and it was very clear that they had lots of fun! Thank you to the Year 6 children for their innovative and entertaining stalls.

We now look to the Swimathon next Friday and our Jubilee Celebrations during the day. Please do feel free to accessorise your child's sports kit on a red, white and blue theme.

Can I also take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Hannah Rewbury on achieving her Forest School Leader Award. We are so lucky to have Forest School and such a super group of staff. I will be accompanying Reception there on Mondays after half term and can't wait!

With best wishes

Vics Richardson



NURSERY

This week the nursery have been learning about the hungry caterpillar. We used our numeracy skills counting the pieces of fruit and we talked about healthy and unhealthy foods.



On Thursday we made orangeade in our cooking session. We squeezed oranges and measured the sugar and water. We then discussed the sugar dissolving in the water once it was heated in the saucepan.



We also had a visit from Mrs Purbrick and her beautiful lambs. We had lots of cuddles and learnt how to care for them.



Today the theme for the session at Forest School was 'bees' as 20th May is World Bee Day, so far this term we've looked for ants, caterpillars and butterflies and today it was bees. The children have been playing buzzing games as well as sampling a delicious honey snack.



RECEPTION

The reception class continued with their RSPB challenge at Forest School. They planted a butterfly garden and created a bug home in a bucket buried in the ground. Mrs Price shared lots of butterfly facts and the children hunted for them in the woods. Lily brought cakes for a birthday snack, but the Hungry Caterpillars had a nibble.



YEAR 1

History came to life for Year 1 when Forest School was transformed into a Motte and Bailey castle. The children had to try and climb the 'motte' and make it to the fire-pit without being spotted. Mr Wardell was on the look-out for intruders and, if the attackers were noticed, they were sent to the dungeon to be guarded by Mrs Price. Entertainment was provided by various court jesters who were dancing and telling jokes. There was also a magical moment when the children were befriended by a butterfly.



Year 1 would like to say a big thank you to Kira's mummy for bringing two lambs to visit us. The children loved finding out how to keep the lambs healthy, mixing milk and feeding them. There was also plenty of time for cuddles!



YEAR 2

Exmoor Zoo came for the morning, with some special friends, to visit and educate Year 1 and 2 about some amazing animals. We learnt so many interesting and fascinating facts about animals native to Africa, linking in with our topic this term. The children were so curious and impeccably behaved, taking care to be respectful and gentle with the animals. We all had a wonderful 'in-school' zoo experience.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about levers. They initially made moving projects with only 1 lever with teacher and support from friends to measure and attach with accuracy. The simple activity built the children's confidence and independently they have begun to make more complicated levers with 4 pivots.

The next stage will be creating a design criteria and planning a picture to educate younger children about plants, finally making and evaluating their own pictures.

We have really enjoyed Mrs Garrett teaching 3B Science and had a little party with ice lolly rockets to celebrate her time with us.



YEAR 4

Whether you love it or loathe it, everyone has something to say about maths. For National Numeracy Day on 18th May, Year 4 took part in activities to support positive attitudes towards maths and we also participated in a world record attempt for a maths times tables live stream. We joined Primary Schools from all over the country and succeeded in breaking the Guinness World Record with over 5000 Schools participating at once! Well done Year 4!



In design and technology this term, Year 4 are making bug hotels. This week, we visited Forest school to collect items for these. We collected leaves, sticks, moss, feathers and more, which can all be used to make fabulous homes for the bugs.



YEAR 5

In their Drama lessons, Year 5 have been following a script of their choice to produce mini showcases.



YEAR 6

Here are a few more photographs from the Year 6 trip to Lundy.



After an action-packed week on residential, Year 6 have got straight back into the swing of things at school with Ye-Ha rehearsals, running the Summer Fair stalls and maths lessons full of algebra to be getting on with! We also had a fascinating visit from Nick Reeve, a Graphic Designer who designs shoes for shoe mega-brand Clarks. After an introduction all about design and branding, the children had to pick a shoe from a mystery bag, consider who the shoe was designed for and then come up with a name and logo in their groups.



Clarks



SPORT

All of our year 5 and 6 boys enjoyed an excellent afternoon of cricket against Taunton Prep School. Although it was a tough afternoon for some of our teams, the U11A team put on an excellent display of teamwork to secure a well earned win.

The U11A team restricted Taunton to 109 from 20 overs with very few extras, which is a massive improvement from the last match. Sam Turner, Freddie Thompson and Tom Page Turner doing most of the damage with the ball. Our batting was much improved. The partnership between Jacob Greenlee and Seb Fasham at the end saw the team home. They played very smart cricket and ran extremely well. A great all round team performance.



Our Stage schoolers enjoyed sessions in the Great Hall this week, choreography was finalised for their first dance and our Early Years group were able to start a new piece based on the song Pressure from Encanto! A very popular choice. There will be no formal stage school showcase this term but there will be an opportunity to see the work that has been taking place. Our Year 3, 4 and 6 students continue to work hard on their productions. There will be a letter released to year 3 and 4 parents within the next week to detail costume requirements.





DISCO FEVER

Friday 10th June

PREP SCHOOL HALL

3pm - 3.45pm: Reception, Yrs. 1 & 2

4pm—4.45pm: Yrs. 3 & 4

5.15pm - 6pm: Yrs. 5 & 6

Raising funds for our current school charities:

- *Cots for Tots*
- *The Wedding Wishing Well Foundation*
- *Operation Smile*

Further details will be sent by Parent Portal closer to the event.





FRIENDS OF WELLINGTON SCHOOL

A HUGE thank you to all the pupils, parents, staff and Friends volunteers for making the Jubilee Fayre such a success on Tuesday afternoon, despite the weather. There were so many fantastic stalls: from face painting and penalty shoot-out, to hook a duck and a wonderfully stocked book stall (thank you for all your donations!). We are always very grateful for your support in not only raising funds for the school, but also in bringing the school community together.



Our next event is Pedalathon, on Saturday 28th May, led by our cycling guru Mr Renyard! We will be meeting in the Prep School car park and be cycling along the Tiverton Canal, then stopping for a packed lunch, play and rest at Sampford Peverell play park, before cycling back to the parking area at Burlescombe. All ages and abilities welcome - this is not a race, but a leisurely start to the May half term. School will be sending out an email shortly for you to sign up to this free event, but here is a reminder from the event back in 2019. Do come along if you're free!





STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception— Acer Nicholson

1P— Sophie Garrett and Benjamin Woodford

2W— Ethan Attache

3B— Cara Cavaciuti

3C— Benjamin Ford-Fennah

4N— Barnaby Govier

4S— Rowan Huntley

5L— Clementine Lyon Taylor

5W— Oliver Burnell

6M— Holly Adams

6L— Lindelwe Sibanda

6H— Devon Thomas



Drama Star of the Week: Charlie Burgess

Sports Star of the Week: Harry Gillam

Music Star of the Week: Charlotte Adams



HOUSE POINTS

PIONEER APOLLO VIKING GALILEO

726

502

722

730



PREP DIARY FROM 23RD MAY

Monday 23 rd	Year 5 - Viking Day
	Reception - Forest School
	Cricket Boys-U8 vs Queen's College, Taunton (A)*
	Cricket Boys-U9 vs Queen's College, Taunton (A)*
	Cricket Girls-U8 vs Queen's College, Taunton (A)*
	Cricket Girls-U9 vs Queen's College, Taunton (A)*
Tuesday 24 th	Contemporary Faculty Evening: Bands/Drummers/Guitarists*
Wednesday 25 th	Year 1 - Forest School
	Cricket Girls-U10 & U11 Hardball vs Taunton School (H)*
	Cricket Girls- U10 & U11 Softball 1 vs Taunton School (H)*
	Cricket Girls- U10 & U11 Softball 2 vs Taunton School (A)*
	Cricket Girls- U10 & U11 Softball 3 vs Taunton School (A)*
Thursday 26 th	Reception - Swimming
	Little Wellies*
	Year 2 - Forest School
	Governors: Operations Committee
Friday 27 th	WPS Swimathon*
	Nursery - Forest School
	Years 1 and 2 Swimming
Saturday 28 th	Friends - Pedalthon*
Sunday 29 th	Chapel: Sequence of music and readings for the end of Easter*

* Parents welcome.

HOCKEY CAMP

There is a half term hockey camp being held at Wellington School on the 30th and 31st May which is run by Inspire Hockey Ltd. The camp promises to offer a fun couple of days delivering technical and game play coaching. The camp is proudly sponsored by Welly Fox's Hockey Club, if you are interested in more information please use the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BPSS>

