



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we hosted the first Lyme Cluster Schools Cross-Country event here at St Mary's. It was brilliant to see so many of our children take part in the event, showcasing their impressive running abilities and was really great to see so many determined attitudes. Thank you to Mrs Deem for organising the event, as well as to the PFA for refreshments and to Cooking Club for working hard to make iced biscuits which were offered to all the runners. Finally, thank you to all parents and families who came and supported us – and to all our guests, who we hope enjoyed the afternoon!

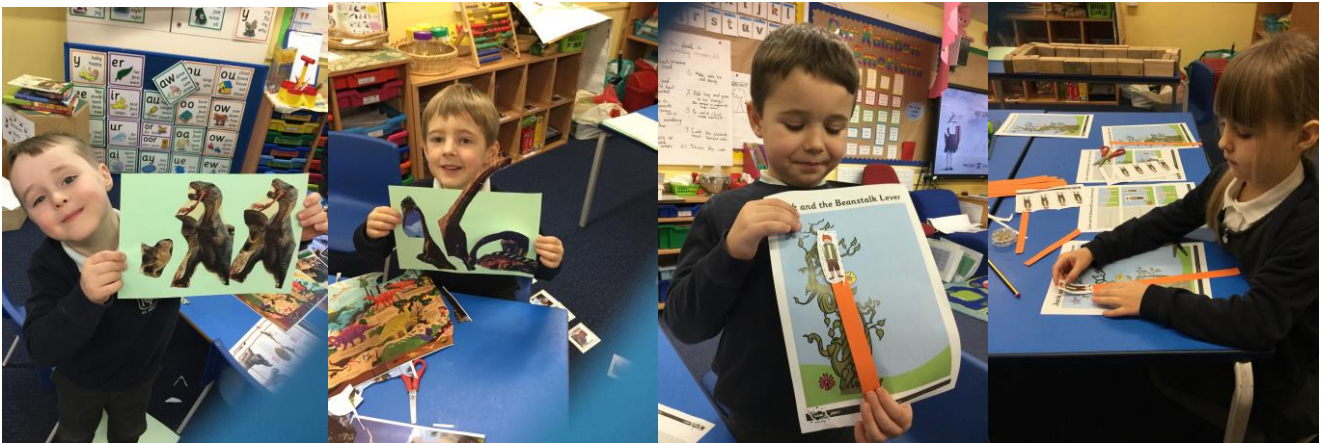


Next week we will be taking a team to Chardstock for the Acorn MAT Year 3 and 4 Catch ball Tournament. If your child is in the team, you will have received a letter with further details – please let the office have your consent form and transport arrangements (by email is fine). Good luck Team Thorncombe!

Impressive Learning

In Key Stage Two history, children enjoyed an Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Friesians invasion game which involved recreating events that took place in the 5th, 6th and 7th centuries AD. They used a laminated map of East Anglia to record the change in control of land taken from Celts and each other.

Year One and Two children continued work on their DT topic, "Moving Pictures", making a lever-and-pivot mechanism to transport a story character (Jack) up the beanstalk! Reception children have been practicing their cutting skills by making dinosaur collages, alongside discussions about all the facts they now know by heart about dinosaurs. Pippin class have thoroughly enjoyed "The Day Louis Got Eaten" and Year One and Two enjoyed making their own zig-zag books following the structure of the story which they read aloud with great expression to the rest of the class.



After School Club

We were lucky enough to welcome Laura and Laurence Blaber and their Autograss Class 9 racing car, as well as their impressive collection of trophies as visitors for this week's Q&A session! The children were enthralled with the car, which they all had a chance to sit in, and were then asked to design their own.



We have exhausted our contacts book for now and so this is the last Q&A session we have planned (though we may come back to it in the future). Mrs Diamond and I are working hard on putting together a new schedule of After School Club activities for the next half term, which we will send out shortly. Do let us know if you wish to book your child into any sessions. Thank you – Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Diamond.

Important Dates

Monday 3 rd February	1.30-3.30pm Y3/4 Netball Tournament at Chardstock
Monday 10 th February	Pippin Class trip to Charmouth Heritage Centre
Thursday 13 th February	2-4pm RI Maths Masterclass at Thorncombe St Marys
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind Regards

Miss Smith