



St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 30

14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time seems to have simply flown by this week at St Mary's and it is hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of the first half of the Summer term. Children have all been busy within their classes and it is great to begin to see the children's work being celebrated on our walls again. Below is our Key Stage Two Art display focusing on landscape paintings. The inspiration for our final pieces were the beautiful Thorncombe bluebells and our thanks extend to our acting Chair of Governors Miss Davis who put together a wonderful and informative presentation about the lovely flower. Children have written excellent bluebell acrostic poems alongside their artwork and these poems were based on 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane.



Class News

In other news, KS2 pupils have shown great enthusiasm towards their Science themes this week. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed investigating different types of soil, exploring which were the best soakers and drainers. The children had also undertaken a 'rock hunt' for their homework and so it was great to hear about some findings. Year 5 and 6 explored the phases of the moon and enjoyed making their own simulations using globes, torches and balls. Miss C even seized the moment to show the children the last eclipse and this was fascinating for everyone.

This week in Pippin, Years 1 and 2 have been developing their sewing skills in their DT lessons. They have been evaluating finger puppets and have designed their own finger puppets to make, linking to their 'Let's Get Growing' topic. They have been developing their sewing skills this week, using needles and thread. Reception's focus book this week has been "Supertato" and they have created their very own potato with super powers. They have then written about their potatoes as part of their guided writing lessons and their super potatoes have even made an appearance in phonics lessons.



Year 6 Transition Days

We have received communications from secondary schools about upcoming Year 6 Transition Days. If you have not yet had any information from the school your Y6 child will be going to, please let the office know.

Bikeability – Years 5 and 6

Thank you to those parents who have returned their Bikeability forms, which were emailed out last week. If you didn't receive these, or would like printed copies, please let the office know!

Walk to School Week

Next week we are taking part in 'Walk to School Week'. This five-day walking challenge is an annual celebration of the walk to school initiative. Throughout the week, children will discover the many benefits of walking for individuals, communities and the planet and children will be introduced to the Walking Superpowers.

Please visit the following website for more information about this year's theme and for more information:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsw>

The more people that get involved, the more successful the challenge will be! Children will be given opportunities at play time if they wish to take part but are unable to but it would be great to see as many people as possible walking to school or perhaps walking the last part of the journey.

Golden Apples

Congratulations to Ingrid, Eva, Elsie and Jobey who were awarded Golden Apples this week as part of our Positive Relationships and Behaviour code in school.



Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School