

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Live Well, Laugh Together, Learn Forever'

Our right of the month for May is **Article 24** - The right to good food and water and to see a doctor if you are ill. Our work this month will focus on people who help us to keep safe and healthy. We will also be looking at nutritious food and drinks that help us grow.



Reception & Year 1 News ~ This week in Reception & Year 1 we have been busy researching jungle animals. We have been finding out what they look like, what they eat, what their young are called and also an interesting fact about them (did you know an anaconda can swallow a jaguar whole??). We then took all this information and created a fact file for our favourite animal. In maths we have been using number lines to help us count on to 20 and then used a number line to help us with our addition sums. We have also been outside planting some

seeds so we can grow some flowers to display in our garden and hopefully they can attract some insects. We have also learned about 'Stephen Lawrence Day' in school. We discussed how we are the same and how we are also different and how it is ok to be different. The children compared eye colour, hair colour, likes, dislikes etc. We then talked about what we thought we were good at, drew a picture and wrote a sentence to go with it. In PE we have started to develop our tennis skills. We got the rackets and balls out and practised using them. We did some balancing, some bouncing and some hitting. We will be carrying this on next week.

Mrs White's News ~ Year 3 & 4 have been working hard on their new topic 'Japan'. The class have been researching the country and they created informative fact files. The facts included in the fact files were very good and some were very funny. Over the past two weeks, they have been using atlases to locate places and they drew their own maps, which were very detailed. Well done to all children as they have been working so hard on this lovely on topic.





Year 4 & 5 News ~ In Year 4 & 5 we have been researching and learning about bees and flowers as part of our Bee Beautiful topic. We have been working with area and perimeter in maths and used our knowledge and understanding to design and create a well-being garden with a partner. We were also given a budget and had to work to ensure we did not exceed the £1,000 budget. We have also been busy plating seeds and flowers in our

outdoor area. In literacy we have been working towards writing newspaper reports. We particularly enjoyed learning about puns and using them for newspaper headlines. Our class reading book, *The Huge Bag of Worries* is about learning to share our thoughts and concerns with those around us to help and support us. In the book each worry is represented by a monster. We have watched a literacy writing workshop by author Jack Meggitt-Phillips in which you get to create your own monster. We used descriptive language to explain all about our monsters to the reader. This was great fun!



Year 6 News ~ In Year 6, we have been continuing with our 'Be Kind' topic. In English, we have been thinking about how we can be kind to our community. We have written letters to the residents of Baglan Lodge. The residents of Baglan Lodge have had a difficult time during the past year as they have not been able to see members of their family and friends. We wrote them some letters to let them know that we are thinking of them. We have also been thinking about how we can be kind to our environment. We read the book 'The

Mermaid and the Cow' which is all about sea and river pollution. We researched the impact of pollution on our planet. In maths, we have been learning all about probability. We played the '12 Pointed Star Game' to explore the probability of rolling different numbers on a dice. We have also investigated number properties including square numbers, triangular numbers, odds and evens, prime numbers and factors. In music, we have been learning a variety of Leavers Songs. We hope to share these with you virtually before the end of term.

PTA News ~ Father's day is on the 20th June this year, what better way to say Happy Father's day than with a sweet treat box! The PTA are selling the boxes at £4 each with a variety of tasty treats! Please pay for your order via parent pay! All money raised will go towards the school council rainbow benches!



Nursery News ~ We have continued with the mini beast topic this week and have been learning all about caterpillars. The week started with a surprise delivery of live caterpillars. Each day we have been checking them and they have been eating the food and are getting quite big already. We are excited to see what changes happen next! We enjoyed listening to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and joined in with



the repeating parts of the book. We explored the lifecycle of a caterpillar and for our focused task we sequenced the cycle correctly. We have also been ordering the days of the week from the story. Our favourite day is Friday! In the creative area we have been using red and green colours to create a repeating pattern caterpillar. For maths we played a dice game and had to colour the correct numbered fruit each time. We even had a try at adding two dice together. Da iawn! The afternoon children have enjoyed singing the song 'A tiny caterpillar on a leaf'. We also created a tiny caterpillar, by winding a pipe cleaner around our fingers and placing them gently on the leaf. What a busy but fun week we have had in Nursery.

Dates for the Diary	
03.05.2021	Bank Holiday Monday
09.06.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils
16.06.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils
16.07.2021	Whole School INSET; School closed to pupils



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Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Jorge E ~ for being an excellent role model to the new children in our class. William D ~ for his excellent number recognition to 5.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Archie S ~ for his great addition skills when adding our caterpillars, da iawn. Luana P ~ for her great listening skills when playing a game, da iawn.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Oliver H ~ for writing lots of words containing the sound of the week. Alfie G ~ for working really hard to keep his writing on the line, fantastic!
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Ted H ~ for his super counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Aston J ~ for working so hard on his reading, bendigedig.
Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Miles F and Emily P ~ for their excellent maths fact, ardderchog! Finley W ~ for his fantastic enthusiasm for our topic.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Noah E ~ for his beautiful design ideas when designing a flower and vegetable box. Bendigedig Noah. Harry BW ~ for his great progress in reading and developing into a mature and fluent reader. Dal ati Harry.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Aaron W ~ for his great work with 2D shapes in mathematics. Gwych! Sophie W ~ for creating an excellent descriptive monster as part of our class reading book. Da iawn.
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Leo N ~ for his great work on sequencing of numbers in maths. William T ~ for his excellent play script using insects as the main characters.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Connor M ~ for working incredibly hard on his spelling, well done. Lily May J ~ for have a very positive attitude towards her school work. Morgan P ~ for working really hard in maths, keep it up!
Mrs White Whole School	Ollie Giles and Abigail Smith - for drawing a detailed map of Japan.