

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.



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 ~ This week the children have had a wonderful opportunity to develop their creative and enterprising skills. They have been developing their skills constructing a caterpillar or butterfly from a choice of play dough, stickle bricks, lego or through movement. They have had lots of fun creating their pieces of work. They are continuing to join in with the story and rhymes about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' The class have thoroughly enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow, and watching each stage of the cycle. They have been making a caterpillar using a repeating pattern. In maths we have been looking at shapes and making symmetrical butterflies. The children selected their own colours to create their beautiful symmetrical butterflies.



Year 3 & 4 News ~ Year 3 & 4 have been very busy this week in their garden. Everyone in class has contributed seeds, a flower or a bag of soil and we have been planting them in our flower bed. It is looking very full and we are sure it will look very beautiful when they all flower. We have also planted lots of wild flower seeds and sunflowers and they have started to shoot up. Thank you to all Mums and Dads, Nannas and Grandads for their kind support. In class we have continued our theme of growing and the garden and have written some poems.



Our first set of poems were nonsense poems and we had to use lots of silly words. Mrs Roosmalen read them out and they were really funny. Also we have written more descriptive poems using adjectives, noun and verbs. In science we have just finished our investigation into what a plant needs to survive. We have found out that plants need water, heat, soil and light to grow properly. The plants we put in the drawer and stopped watering have died. In maths we have been studying 2D polygons and 3D shapes. We have been naming them and studying their properties. We have also been using Carroll Diagrams online to help us practise our skills. It was tricky but really good fun and it helped us remember what we had learned.

Year 1 & 2 News ~ In Literacy we have been learning about 'Acrostic Style Poems'. We



read several examples and learnt that the title of the poem was presented vertically down the page and that each word to start the line of the poem began with the initial letter. We then wrote our own acrostic poems using the title 'RAINFOREST' and all our subject knowledge we have learnt over half term helped us. In Numeracy we have been working on our multiplication skills and completing speed dart boards, hundred squares and writing math stories from given picture stories. We have been working on our data handling skills by

collecting our own data from our friends and then creating graphs and also we have been reading math word problems and solving them following the perfect problem solving steps, choosing the correct operation needed. We have also begun our creative learning tasks this week. Using skills we have been taught this term we have had the opportunity to choose our own learning tasks that we complete independently in our style to show case our rainforest and friendship work. Some of us chose to work creatively using HWB, others chose to work creatively using art skills, some chose to design new rainforest animals with written detail, some chose a data subject to collect from their friends etc. We are really enjoying expressing our work preferences and leading our own learning in the way we present of work.



Year 2 & 3 News ~ We have had a very thoughtful week, we are continuing to think about Earth Day and the theme 'Restore our Earth'. People across the world took part in activities to help protect our planet. This year we are thinking and planning natural ways of restoring and protecting our planet. As a school we are learning about the importance of lowering our carbon footprint and help protect habitats and planting as much as we can in our school and encouraging you all to plant for wildlife at home too.

Humans have had a huge impact on our planet and we are learning about why animals are becoming endangered and what should be done to save them. We have learned that deforestation is a huge problem for our planet because we have found out how important trees are as they absorb carbon dioxide. Deforestation is happening all over the



world, some countries are planting more trees. We found out that Australia is the worst country for deforestation! We couldn't believe it. Our favourite country is definitely still New Zealand.

In maths we have been doing lots of precision measuring, measuring accurately with small measures such as mm and cm and also larger measures such as dm and metres and using different tools. It is great fun. We have also been converting measures, mm into cm and dm into metres, this can be tricky so we have worked really carefully. In addition and subtraction we have been thinking about and practising different strategies. In problem solving some of us are writing embellished real life stories whilst some of us are working systematically and then seeing if we can find patterns.

Our sunflowers have germinated and growing well, our borage though does not seem to be doing so well. We have planted wild flower seeds and Sweet William seeds in amongst the daffodils. We are hoping for a great show of flowers for our lovely bees and other pollinators.

Reception News ~ This week in class we have been learning all about bees. We enjoyed the focus book 'Bee my Friend'. We now have a good understanding of how bees are so important to environment. Just like Poppy in the book we want to help the bees and we've been thinking of lots of ideas. One of our ideas was to plant bee friendly flowers in our garden. We had fun planting fuchsias and bidens which the bees will love. We know that bees live in a hive and the Queen bee from the story sent us a challenge via a voice message. She has so many bees in the hive and she's needed our help to find out how many. First we estimated and then counted to check. When we told the Queen bee how many bees there are she said 'That's far too many!'

Next we took part in a problem solving activity. Where we had two hives and we had to share the bees equally between each hive. It was fun sharing

and counting the bees to check. Linked to our creative activity we have been busy creating our 'Super Bugs'. We were encouraged to think of our own bug, its super power and then it was our own choice how to make the bug. Some of us chose new clay, paint, construction toys, pastels or the paint programme on J2e. They are all awesome and next week we are going to evaluate our learning.

Year 5 & 6 News ~ This week we have been learning about algebra. We learnt how to solve basic algebraic equations and how to simplify equations. We have also been working on multi-step function machines, putting a number into the machine and working out what the answer would be when it comes out.





In English, we have been learning about newspaper reports. We looked at what makes a good newspaper report and highlighted these features on a good example. We have worked on the 5W's in the introduction, finding them in real newspaper reports and then using this understanding to write our own introductions. We have learnt the difference between direct and indirect speech, and how to change one into the other.

We started a science investigation this week, looking at what plants need the most in order to grow healthily. We set up five plants, one with no water, one with no air, one with no soil, one with no light and one with everything it could need. We have been measuring the growth of the plants over the week and we will see on Monday, which plant has grown the best.

We had a honey tasting session this week! We were given three types of honey, ranging in price. We tasted each honey to see which one was our favourite. We also spoke about the environmental aspect of the mass production of honey and discussed whether it was better for smaller farms to make the honey or have bigger hives where the bees are often smoked to collect the honey from the hives.

We watched a video at the start of the week about the disappearance of bees. We learnt why bees are so important to our world and what would happen if all the bees were no longer here. We used the information we learnt to write letters to the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, to ask for his help in protecting the bees.

Dates for the Diary

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



Shining Stars ~ Ser Disglair



Miss Wilson/ Miss Randall ~ Nursery	Jenson E ~ for making an excellent caterpillar out of play dough, great independent skills. Lyla H ~ for creating a super butterfly using the construction toys.
Mrs Challenger ~ Reception	Brooke D ~ for her enthusiastic discussion during reading and knowing lots of words on her word ring. Rosie G ~ for her amazing design and drawing of a butterfly using pastels.
Mr Atkins ~ Reception/ Dosbarth 1	Sophia J ~ for her very neat sentence work. Isabella M ~ for her perfect manners in the dinner hall, well done.
Mrs Giles ~ Dosbarth 1 & 2	Morgan P ~ for his super ICT skills, creating a rainforest using JiT. Esmae H ~ for her imaginative, creative ideas when creating a new rainforest animal.

Miss Morgan ~ Dosbarth 2 & 3	Luca N ~ for demonstrating so much enthusiasm for our topic. Anna W ~ for her beautiful handwriting, well done.
Mrs Roosmalen ~ Dosbarth 3 & 4	Hollie B ~ for writing a brilliant nonsense poem. Great work Hollie. Tomos C ~ for his super creative work using dried flowers. Bendigedig Tomos.
Miss Griffiths Dosbarth 4 & 5	Harlee T ~ for his understanding of the importance of Internet Safety when building our Google Legends. Oliwia R ~ for her super work with angles of a triangle in mathematics, gwych!
Miss Peake Dosbarth 5 & 6	Maizie Leigh K ~ for the amazing improvement in the recall of her multiplication tables. Olivia Jayne L ~ for her fantastic work using algebra in maths.
Mrs Smart Dosbarth 6	Christian C ~ for his excellent work in English. Summer M ~ for her excellent work on the properties of number.
Mrs White Whole School	Gethyn S and Brandon S ~ for their excellent work ordering the Sikh creation story. Well done both.