

Dear Families

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Attached to this week's newsletter is a copy of the results from this summer's parent/carer questionnaire. Initially we only had 25% of parents who completed the form so an extension was in place for the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who completed this, the results now reflect 50% of families at Naunton Park. This will be shared at our governors meeting and then a summary report will be written and shared with you.

Lots more exciting events for our children this week, with Y1 going in search of Dinosaurs at Birdland, Y3 travelling to Bristol Museum in search of stone age and iron age artefacts and our fabulous Avon Class hosting the first Friday Family Assembly. As you will see in the report, Y1 loved the double decker bus!!

Works have been finalised for October half term to extend our EYFS provision for better opportunities for early years play. The perimeter fence is moving 3m out and extending to the back wall (where we keep the wellies) and down to Y1 entrance. This is the first step and following that we will then need to invest in more balancing equipment, 2 sandpits and planting for a mini forest school area. More information will follow about this but it is very exciting to see improvement to our environment happening!

Healthy Lunches and Snacks

All schools must promote healthy eating and we are keen to ensure we do this. Can you please make sure lunch boxes have a balanced meal. We do see some packed lunches with lots of crisps, chocolates and sugary drinks. Likewise, can you ensure your child's snack is a healthy one like fruit. We do not allow crisps, chocolate bars or sweets at snack time. I know the school once had a thing called Wicked Wednesday but I don't think is healthy that we call any food wicked, but rather we talk about everything in moderation or a balanced diet across a week or longer.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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School News



Milly and Olivier – Windrush Reporters

The Y1s went to Birdland this week on a school trip. We went and interviewed them and this is what they said.

“I enjoyed this and saw flamingos, penguins, snowy owls and pelicans. We also got to sit on top of the bus and got a great view. Lunch was good.”

Molly Y1

“We enjoyed it. We saw dinosaurs and penguins and pelicans. We went on a coach and we had a little snooze! We got to chat with our friends.”

Mae and Bella Y1

“We enjoyed this. We saw penguins and the coach was good.”

Katie, Lola and Edith Y1

“It was good fun. I saw a pelican. We learnt about Diplodocus dinosaurs and I saw a real life owl!”

Flora Y1

“We all enjoyed it and we saw a pelican, birds and dinosaurs. The coach was good too!”

Jago, Benjamin and Zak Y1

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PTA

NPPTA Update

Tickets for the **Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz** are now on sale!

<https://buytickets.at/nauntonparkprimaryschoolpta/1021418>

Friday 20th October, in the school hall, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Teams of up to 6 (can be less). The bar will be open and food from the Norwood Fish Bar served at half time.

If you can't make it but would still like to donate, please purchase a 'non attending' ticket via the above link.

Year 5 rep needed...

We are still looking for a year 5 parent to share NPPTA messages on the Whatsapp group. This is now the only year group without a rep! Please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk if interested. No expectation to attend meetings - simply pass on messages via the year whatsapp group.

Winter Fair - help needed...

As no one has yet come forward to express interest in any of the committee positions, the current committee are starting to consider the feasibility of how to run a Winter Fair this year - we simply do not have capacity to do this as it stands.

One option is to create a Winter Fair sub-committee with volunteers taking responsibility for different aspects of the fair. With roughly 8 weeks to go we need volunteers to come forward as soon as possible to make this work. To get things started, we need someone to fully lead on the...

Grotto - this is a really popular part of the fair but will not happen this year without a volunteer to coordinate it. Source gifts within a budget, recruit volunteer elves, ticketing, set-up and running on the evening, clearing up afterwards.

Raffle - updating and distributing letters by email and in-person, recruiting volunteers to help request and collect donations, spotlight donations on the Facebook page, draw the raffle and distribute prizes.

We will be contacting our regular helpers about the bar and bbq shortly.

Without help, the fair in its traditional form will simply not happen this year.

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If you could take on either of the above roles (Grotto and/or Raffle), PLEASE get in touch as soon as possible. Winter fair planning ideally needs to start before half term.

Committee vacancies

If you are interested in taking on a committee role this year, please see [NPPTA: Behind the Scenes](#) and email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk. We'd love to hear from you!

Bag2School

The next Bag2School collection will be on Tuesday 21st November. Donations to be dropped off at school between 0800-0930. Collection point will be set up for those dropping off at breakfast club. A reminder and full details will be sent out nearer the time. We cannot accept donations prior to this. Check out www.bag2school.com for what is and isn't accepted.

Coming up this term...

- The Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz - Friday 20th October
- Bag2School - Tuesday 21st November
- NPPTA AGM - date tbc
- Winter Fair - tbc

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Class News

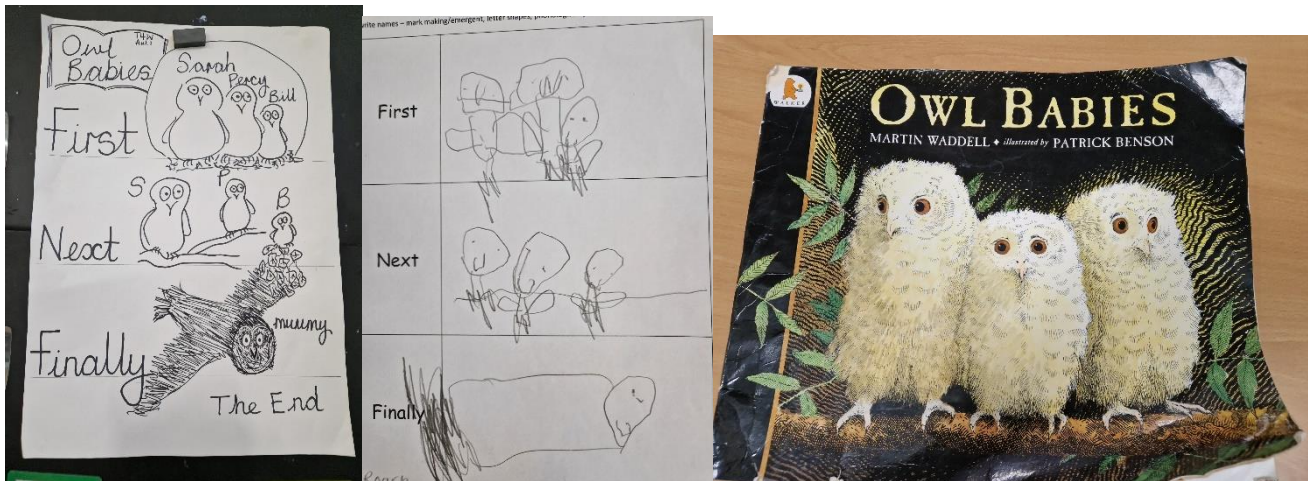
Eco-Warriors unite!

Here are the 23-24 Eco-Warriors for Naunton Park Primary School! They have already been out and about litter picking and composting and we have sowing seeds in Naunton Park to come soon with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Our team are: Joe Harris, Rowyn Price, Milly Human, Daniel Chambers, Raffy Betts, Toby Fraine, Emily Kirk, Madeleine Eckford and Keziah Maclannan. We can't wait to see their super powers!

Mrs Windsor



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This week in EYFS we have continued our Talk 4 Writing journey with the text Owl Babies. The accompanying pictures will show this journey. The story was read to the whole class by their teacher.

Then we talked about the front and back of the book. The front cover contains the title, author and illustrators name(s), and the back cover contains the blurb (we quite like that word!!) We learnt that the blurb tells enough of the story to give an idea what the story is about.

We then used our Talk 4 Write actions to help use retell the story. Our teachers created a simple 3-part map of the story to help use remember. Can your child retell the story to you using the actions?

Then we drew our own story map. Wow. Great work everyone.



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Year 5 are now well into their hockey lessons and many have caught the bug!

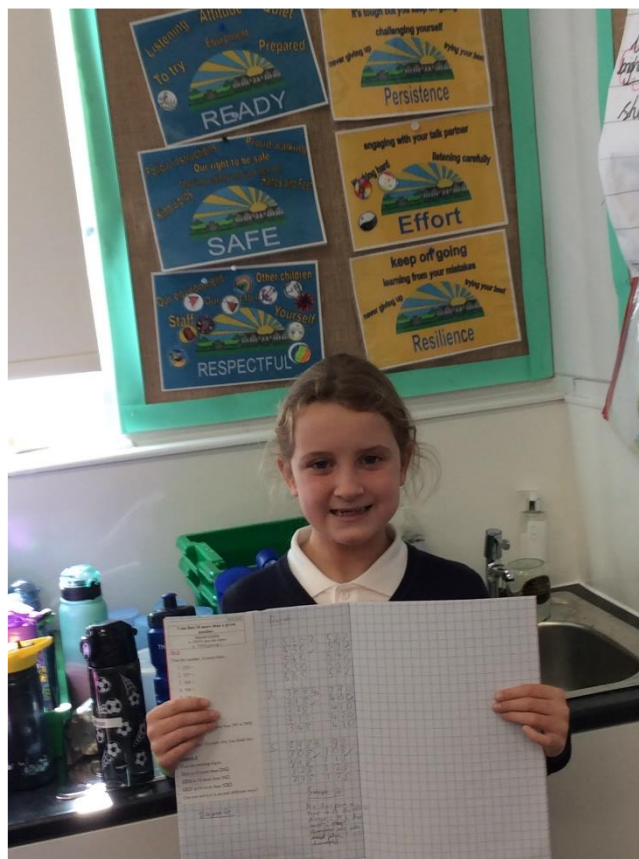
In the first few weeks Frome has been learning how to hold the hockey stick, which is surprisingly difficult, making sure we bend our knees and stick our bottoms out as far as we can so that we don't get backache! We have also been learning how to hold the stick as we race up and down the pitch – pretending they are suitcases.

Once we knew how to hold the stick, we moved on to stopping the ball (very difficult on a sloping playground). We then progressed to passing the ball to each other using push passes and short-distance hits. We are loving the new skills we are learning – even though some of us seem to think that we are playing golf!

Let's hope the weather stays bright each Tuesday and we might even move on to dribbling and tackling – lots more skills to learn before we can venture to have a proper game.

'This week in Year 4 we have been exploring the beliefs of the ancient Maya. The children have been doing research into the different gods and goddesses and have produced some fantastic fact files filled with information.'

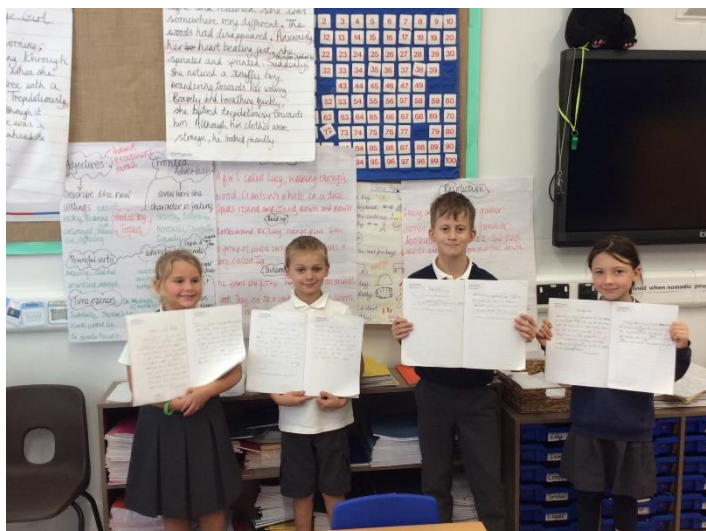
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In Cherwell we have been working hard on our place value, using three digit numbers. We have been counting up and down in hundreds and up and down in tens. We are also working hard at setting out our work and showing our reasoning. Great work this week Cherwell!

We have also begun our innovated version of Stone Age Boy. So far, we have written a great opening paragraph, choosing ambitious adjectives, and a build-up paragraph where our character finds that they have travelled back in time to the Stone Age. The children have been choosing a great range of vocabulary, and magpie-ing ideas, including adverbs such as Trepidatiously! We are a class of super story tellers!



We went on our first Year 1 trip on Monday to Birdland to see the dinosaurs. We had great time searching for the dinosaurs, trying out dinosaur footprints for size and being paleontologists. We also impressed our zookeeper with all the dinosaur facts we have been learning at school!

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Safeguarding

How do children learn about safeguarding in school?

It's absolutely vital that our children in school understand what it is to safeguard ourselves and one another.

The first Safeguarding Assembly of the term was all about keeping safe at playtimes. Children learned and/or reminded about...

- ✓ Only using the Trim Track during school time (NOT before and after school) when it's supervised by staff;
- ✓ Only using the Trim Track when it's your turn and when it's dry;
- ✓ Taking it in turns (using the rota) to use the football/basketball court;
- ✓ Only using balls from school as they are slightly softer;
- ✓ Stacking no more than three tyres on top of one another OR, for our younger children, not above waist height;
- ✓ Making dens if tarpaulin/cloth is tied securely up and not in the bush by the lower gates;
- ✓ Wearing a helmet when using a scooter or trike;
- ✓ Areas that are out-of-bounds without permission, e.g. Forest School;
- ✓ Wearing wellies in the sandpit and on the grass through Autumn and Winter;
- ✓ When we hear the whistle, we stop, tidy up and line up.



We also ensure that children understand why we have our three rules in school...



These rules are essential in keeping everyone safe because:

- ✓ We feel important and happy;
- ✓ We are not hurting others and we know that we won't be hurt;
- ✓ We are helping others and know we'll be helped if we need it;
- ✓ We are listening and following instructions;
- ✓ We are speaking up for ourselves and know we're being listened to;
- ✓ We say sorry if we've made a mistake and we learn from our mistakes;
- ✓ We keep our belongings safe and tidy, our corridors clear and our cloakrooms organised;
- ✓ We are ready to learn – everyone here is entitled to learn!

Children are also taught how to safely walk around school with...

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We walk calmly, respectful, slowly.

We keep our hands together so we don't risk catching someone or something on the way past.

We walk quietly so we can hear instructions from an adult.

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Diary Dates

✓ Monday 9 th October	Y1, 2 and 4 Literature Festival visits
✓ Monday 9 th October	NO Y4 swimming
✓ Tuesday 10 th October	Y3 Literature Festival visit
✓ Wednesday 11 th October	Y5 and Y6 Literature Festival visit
✓ Wednesday 11 th October	6pm Headteacher Curriculum Meeting for parents
✓ Wednesday 11 th October	Y6 Forest School – to be rearranged
✓ Wednesday 11 th October	Nasal flu vaccines
✓ Thursday 12 th October	Nasal flu vaccines
✓ Friday 13 th October	Nasal flu vaccines
✓ Friday 13 th October	Y6 Forest School
✓ Monday 16 th October	Y4 swimming
✓ Tuesday 17 th October	Y6 Evacuation trip to Winchcombe
✓ Tuesday 17 th October	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
✓ Wednesday 18 th October	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
✓ Friday 20 th October	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
✓ Friday 20 th October	Frome Class Assembly
✓ Monday 23 rd October	Y4 swimming
✓ Wednesday 25 th October	Y6 Forest School
✓ Thursday 26 th October	KS1 Harvest Festival
✓ Friday 27 th October	KS2 Harvest Festival
✓ Friday 27 th October	Y6 Forest School
✓ Monday 30 th -Friday 3 rd November	Half term
✓ Monday 6 th November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
✓ Tuesday 7 th November	Y6 Bikeability (for two weeks)
✓ Tuesday 7 th November	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
✓ Wednesday 8 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
✓ Thursday 9 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
✓ Friday 10 th November	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
✓ Friday 10 th November	YR Forest School (Red)
✓ Monday 13 th November	Y4 swimming
✓ Tuesday 14 th November	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
✓ Wednesday 15 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
✓ Thursday 16 th November	Life Education with GHLL (Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning)
✓ Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
✓ Friday 17 th November	YR Forest School (Green)
✓ Friday 17 th November	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
✓ Friday 17 th November	Severn Class Assembly
✓ Monday 20 th November	Y4 swimming
✓ Tuesday 21 st November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
✓ Thursday 23 rd November	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
✓ Friday 24 th November	YR Forest School (Red)
✓ Friday 24 th November	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
✓ Monday 27 th November	Y4 swimming
✓ Tuesday 28 th November	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
✓ Thursday 30 th November	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
✓ Friday 1 st December	YR Forest School (Green)
✓ Friday 1 st December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
✓ Friday 1 st December	Windrush Class Assembly

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Recognition

This week certificates were handed out in class due to the family assembly. Y3 were on a trip and there was a supply in Y2 as Mr Bloys had to attend the trip to cover a sickness absence.

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Oscar Clarke Jacob Woolfry	Benjamin Te Huna Albert Mundy-Turrell
Y1	Jack Million Beatrice Walkins	Arlo Watkinson Finnian Hopley
Y2	Celine Vidler Gazely	Arthur Hume
Y4	Rosie Bolus Mabel Ward	Maisie Haywood Reuben Smith
Y5	Natazsa Naulls Zeke Jabbor	Ahad Kasif Ivy Davis
Y6	Margot Holland Opie Smith	Will Hucker Amber Philcox

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