



Dear Families

Dear Families,

This term has flown by and so much has been achieved by our children. We talk about achieving great things in a great way and there is plenty of evidence of this. All children have had some great experiences, be that visitors coming into school for Mayan and Roman days, exciting visits to museums and railway stations, meeting and working with esteemed authors at the Literature festival and much more.

We have completed lesson observations and book looks across the school and we are really pleased with the standard of teaching and learning. Our children are attentive and engaged in their learning, and they work hard on challenging tasks and activities. There is a lot of work in our children's books – focusing on fewer things in greater depth is allowing children to answer complex questions. In addition to this, through pupil voice, children are able to tell us about their learning which is not necessarily in a work book. For example, I took the Y2 class last week and spent half an hour talking with them about Windrush and Floella Benjamin; their knowledge and understanding was great, recalling fact and stating opinions about their leading question.

We have had several concerning messages from parents about dangerous parking. I have witnessed cars parking up in the middle of roads and being left. This message is relayed to us constantly and although, at school, we can do very little about it we must make people aware that this is such a danger to our children. I feel this is an accident waiting to happen – we are all parents and no-one wants our child to be in an accident on the road. Can people please be more mindful of what they are doing. No-one is more important than anyone else, we are all busy people and we all want our children kept safe. The Church carpark is always available - please use this. Thank you to those people who always park safely or park away and walk in.

Thank you everyone for your contributions for Harvest Festival, these will be donated to a local foodbank. Mrs Hudson commented on how lovely the KS1 assembly was and Harvest at Church was a super event too. We have been so impressed with the Creative Homework, we can see that you as parents and your children have thoroughly enjoyed this! We finished this term and today with a Y5 family assembly and Y1 Dinosaur Museum in school – both attended very well and lots of positive comments from parents.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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PTA

NPPTA Update

A huge thank-you to everyone who joined in with the quiz last Friday evening! What an eventful day and what a fantastic evening. It was certainly worth the effort and a heartfelt thank-you for all the lovely messages afterwards.

A massive shout out to Chris and Emily for hosting the evening. What a team!

Thank-you to the Norwood Fish Bar for great fish and chips as always and to the Wheatsheaf for allowing us to use their function room at such short notice.

Winter Fair 2023

We can now confirm that this year's Winter Fair will be taking place on the evening of **Friday 24th November**. We are super excited and have set wheels in motion for the raffle, Santa's grotto, games, bar and BBQ.

Donations morning is likely to be on Thursday 23rd November. More details on this nearer the time.

If you are interested in running an external stall, please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk or contact us via your NPPTA rep on your year group Whatsapp.

A volunteers list for the evening of the fair will be sent out after half term.

This year's fair can only go ahead because several people have already volunteered to lead on specific elements - you know who you are and thank-you!

Christmas cards

This half term the children have completed Christmas card designs in school. Thank-you to all staff who have facilitated this. The artwork has now been sent off for printing. Full details as to how to order cards and other products will be sent out once the artwork has been scanned by the company.

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.

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Committee vacancies

Due to the need for us to crack on with planning and hosting the winter fair and to give people a little more time to consider taking on committee positions, the official PTA AGM will be postponed until the new year.

If you have contacted the PTA about getting involved with either the committee or the winter fair but have not yet heard back, rest assured we will be in touch shortly.

We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone interested in the Treasurer role or becoming Secretary.

More information about these roles and others can be found at - [NPPTA: Behind the Scenes](#)

Coming up...

- Bag2School - Tuesday 21st Nov
- Donations morning for the Fair - Thurs 23rd Nov
- Winter Fair - Friday 24th Nov
- Christmas card orders - date tbc
- Emmanuel carol concert (choir) - Sat 9th Dec
- AGM - Jan/Feb 2024

Have a wonderful half term!

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Class News

Purple Class

Marshmallow Delight!

As part of our work in class this week on 3D shape, Purple Class had the chance to use spaghetti and marshmallows. They were set the challenge to see if they could make a shape with either 4,5,6,7 and even 8 vertices! The children really enjoyed it and wanted to repeat it again on the following day when looking at the edges of a 3D shape.

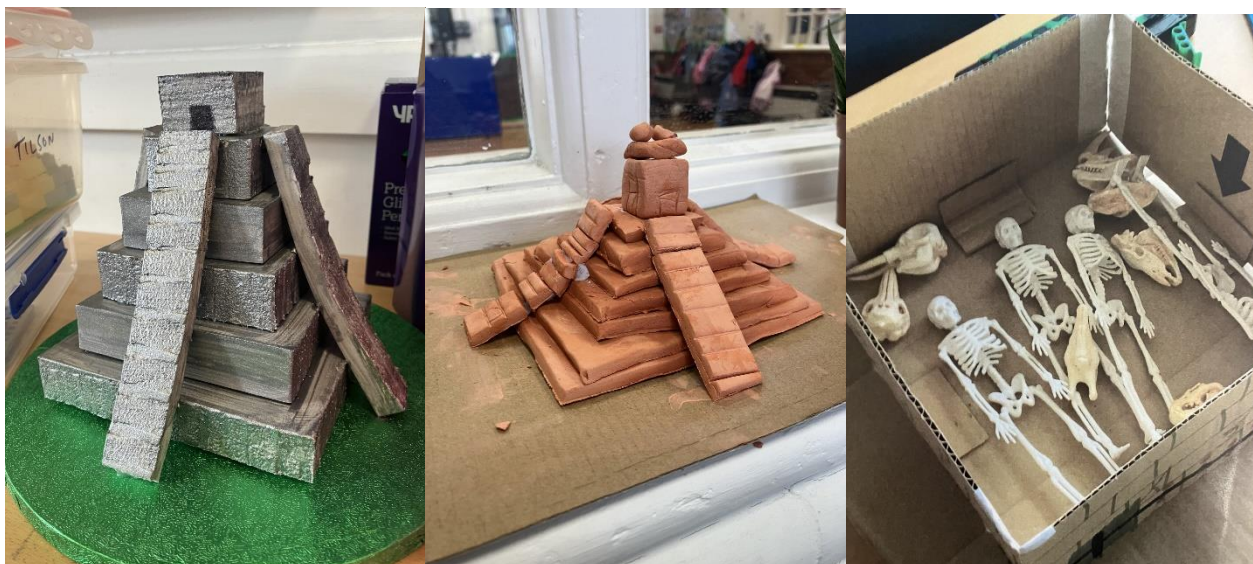


Thames Class

This week we have been sharing our optional homework projects. Thames have been arty and created many wonderful Mayan temples made from Lego, clay and polystyrene. They look brilliant!



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We have had a fabulous term learning about so many aspects of WW2. We now know lots of facts such as who the allies and axis of Britain were; how Churchill's speeches helped rallied the troops and how everyone from men, women and children played an important part in the war effort. Learning has been carried out both in and out of the classroom via our history, English and Reading sessions and we all thoroughly enjoyed last week's trip to Winchcombe station where we took part in an evacuee experience. It's now time to answer our leading question - Who did help Britain win the war? It will definitely be interesting to see what the children's views on this are.

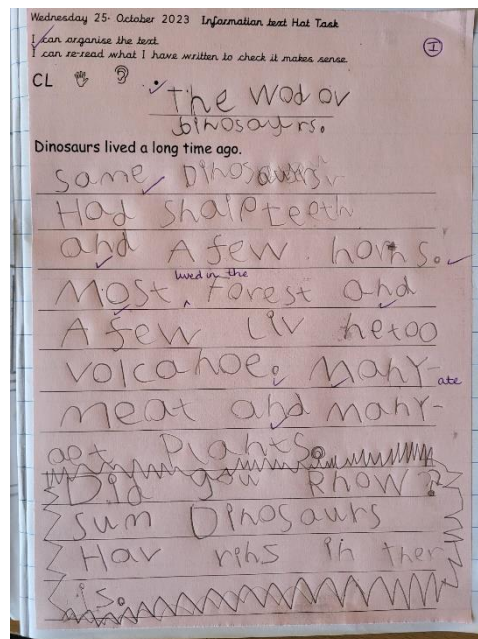


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This week, in PE, Year 5 learnt a new game applying the skills we had learnt during End Ball to play a game of Bench Ball. We worked really well in teams and even had a go at a silent game using social cues to try and beat the other team. Lots of fun was had!



In Orange Class, we have continued our learning about dinosaurs by planning and writing a report about them. We have learnt about using generalisers (e.g some, a few, many, most) and conjunctions (and, but, so) and tried hard to include them in our writing. We wrote lots of interesting facts and then read our writing to check it made sense. We are incredibly excited about our Dinosaur Museum on Friday afternoon. Here are a couple of the exhibits that were made at home and we have so many more things to show!



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In Cherwell class this week, we have been busy sharing some of our wonderful Stone Age projects – an optional homework that was set at the beginning of term. The children have really impressed us all with their creativity and all their Stone Age knowledge. It's been a busy term, but what a lovely way to celebrate our last week with so much historical and artistic enthusiasm!



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Safeguarding

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Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.”

“We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.”

“This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.”



“Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.”

“Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.”

“We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

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Diary Dates

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) – see letter sent
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	Bags4Schools (PTA fundraiser)
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
Monday 4 th December	Y4 swimming
Thursday 7 th December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 8 th December	YR Forest School (Red)
Friday 8 th December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 8 th December	Thames Class Assembly
Monday 11 th December	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5 Forest School (Severn)
Wednesday 13 th December	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 15 th December	Y5 Forest School (Frome)
Friday 15 th December	YR Forest School (Green)
Monday 18 th December	Y4 swimming
Monday 18 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Tuesday 19 th December	YR, Y1, Y2 Nativity TBC
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch TBC
Thursday 21 st December	Y2 Forest School (Purple)
Friday 22 nd December	Y2 Forest School (Blue)
Friday 22 nd December	KS2 carols
Friday 22 nd December	3:15pm end of term

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