



Dear Families

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I have had nothing but praise for the Winter Fair last week, lots of emails from parents and conversations on the playground and gate. We want to thank the PTA for all their efforts in putting together such a fantastic event, their work is crucial in providing the school with much needed additional funds. All of which will be spent directly on the children, next week we will share what this will look like. Thank you to all our families who attended and made it such a lovely evening.

Huge praise for the Y6 children and our School Eco warriors who provided lots of games and activities which led to a great amount of money being raised by them, truly a credit to our school and their families.

I am pleased to announce that together we raised an outstanding £3,008, which includes £157 by the year 6s and £218 by the Eco Warriors (the money raised by the Eco Warriors has been ringfenced for environmental projects or resources of their choosing).

This week we had an external review, by GCC, looking at our provision for children in receipt of pupil premium. Together, with Mrs Hudson we looked at every class and the practices happening with and Mrs Barker, and examined the pupil premium plan. It was a very positive day with lots of strengths across the school. As always, we have a few suggestions of how we can further improve and will address this immediately. Our cycle of regular reviews is helping the school to continuously improve.

We finished this week with a super Family assembly by Windrush class with their work on Macbeth. It was great to see the amount of learning that has taken place and their confidence in tackling such a complex text at such a young age. They have really enjoyed studying Shakespeare and this was clearly evident today.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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School News



EMMANUEL CHURCH

Scan to book

Festival of Carols

FEATURING
THE COTSWOLD MALE VOICE CHOIR
&
NAUNTON PARK PRIMARY CHOIR

SATURDAY
09TH DECEMBER
7 - 9PM

Venue: Emmanuel Church, Fairfield Parade, Cheltenham GL53 7PJ
Tickets: From Naunton Park School office, www.cotswoldmvc.org or on the door (opens 6:30pm)
Cost: Adults at £6, under 16's free.

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PTA

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Huge thank-you to everyone who helped run a stall, set-up and clear away.

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The event could not happen without you all. Thank-you!

Celebrating Bag2School Success...

Thank-you to everyone who supported our Bag2School collection last week - we raised £190. Thank-you!

Winter Raffle 2023 - Text SNOWY23 to 70970

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December. Tickets will be on sale until 4pm on Friday 15th. This means there's still time to win some amazing prizes donated by local businesses, parents and members of the local community! Check out the list below. Simply text **SNOWY23** to **70970** (texts cost £5) to be in with a chance of winning...

- Family ticket to 2000trees festival
- Family ticket to Batsford Arboretum
- Adult and child tickets to Crocodile World
- Perry Bishop Festive hamper
- Tropic Skincare Collection gift set, worth £48
- Cantina Del Barrio £40 food and drink voucher
- Emmanuel Church Party hire
- Jackeroo £25 voucher
- Big Fish £20 voucher
- Roots & Fruits £20 voucher
- Emporium 2 x £10 vouchers
- My Coffee 2 x Coffee and Cake for 2 people vouchers
- Willowberry skincare gift set
- Nutrition Centre Facial selection cleansing bars
- Toiletry set
- Deya x6 beers
- Jim's Barber Shop 2 x free haircut
- Finishing Touches Gel manicure
- Andy's & Co 1 x gents/ child's haircut
- Beauty Box Free cut and blow dry
- Peter Ball Big box of Heroes, mug, seeds and tote bag
- Dodwells 48 colour felt tips set
- 11-book box set: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Emmanuel Carol Concert - Sat 9th Dec - volunteers needed

On the evening of Saturday 9th December, the school choir will be performing alongside the Cotswold Male Voice Choir. We really need a couple of people to help serve drinks and mince pies at half time. If you could

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help, please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk or get in touch via your PTA rep on your year group Whatsapp. Thank-you!

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Class News

Cherwell

In Cherwell we have been finishing off our science unit by investigating the properties of soil and comparing which soils are the best drainers and soakers. We are enjoying our Just Reading of Krindlekrax. It's getting quite gripping! Finally, Cherwell children have recognised each other so many times for being respectful that our respectful board is full to the brim of tokens!



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Class – Severn

This week in Year 5 we have been finishing off our materials science unit. At Cheltenham College, we were learning about the Bunsen burner which was an amazing experience, as we are going to use it next week to make salt crystals. We also took part in a forest school session looking at reversible and irreversible change where we cooked eggs and made our own flatbreads.



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Class – Green

On Thursday we all woke up to a very frosty morning. When we arrived at school we talked about how cold it was, how the cold made us feel and what we noticed on our way to school – icy windscreens, frosty leaves, foot-prints on pathways, white spiky grass. Green class, Mrs Farrow, Miss Lewis and Mrs McClelland decided to have a little walk around the playground to find frost – this is what we found.

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Orange Class

In our Computing sessions, we are learning how to create animated stories. During our last lesson, we learnt how to draw a picture and add text. This week we opened up our saved work from last time, added more pages and added an animation to our designs like fading in, spinning or the picture moving to the left / right. We added captions to our pictures too and are looking forward to adding sounds to our stories next time. We were very lucky to have some Year 6's join us who helped us with remembering how to log in and finding our saved work. Thank you to them!



Bob the jellyfish



Jack

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A big thank you to the Eco-Warriors who held their own cake stall at the Winter Fair last Friday. They were responsible and served the customers with a smile, having baked the most wonderful treats! The Year 5's capably manned the stall while the Year 6 Eco Warriors had their own game stalls. We have raised a wonderful amount - £218! So a huge thanks to everyone who visited us and bought a sweet treat.
Mrs Windsor



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Class – Purple

This week in Science, Purple class have been looking at different animal life cycles. We have been using different scientific vocabulary such as growth, offspring and survival. We looked at the life cycle of a frog and a butterfly and found out what the word 'metamorphosis' meant. We also found out about the life cycle of a hen and the different stages of its life and how the life cycle repeats itself again and again and again!

To notice that animals have offspring that grow into adults

Tuesday 28th November 2023
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Hen Life Cycle

Can you put the pictures in the correct order?

Challenge:
Can you tell me what a hen needs to survive and explain your answer?

A hen needs Food, Water, Sleep, air, Shelter and exercise because they need to stay healthy!

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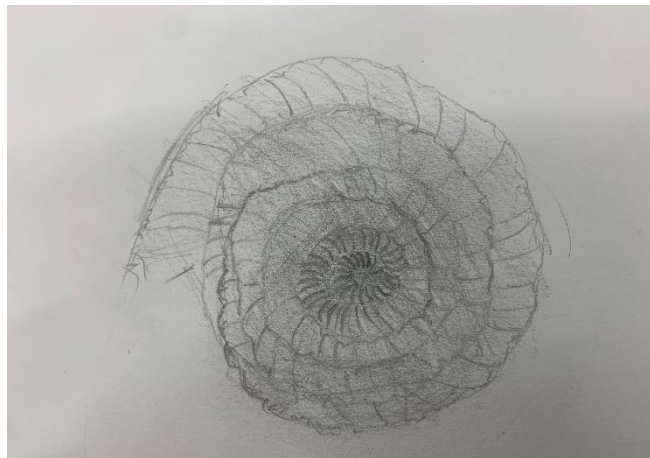
Challenge:
Can you tell me what a hen needs to survive and explain your answer?

A hen needs good to grow. A hen needs sleep to have energy for the next day.

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Class – Avon

In science, we have been answering the question – What is evolution? As part of our learning, we've been finding out how fossils are formed which led us to sketching and creating 3D sculptures of ammonites inspired by the work of Darrell Wakelam. Here are some photos of our work so far. Soon, our fossils will be painted to give them a realistic finish.



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Diary Dates

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| 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 |
| Monday 8 th January | INSET Day – school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 9 th January | Arts Week (until Friday 12 th January) |
| Tuesday 9 th January | Y5 Forest School (Severn) |
| Friday 12 th January | Y5 Forest School (Frome) |
| Monday 15 th January | Y4 swimming |
| Tuesday 16 th January | Y3 Forest School (Sherborne) |
| Wednesday 17 th January | 6pm, Online Safety Information meeting – POSTPONED TO WEEK 4 |
| Friday 19 th January | Y3 Forest School (Cherwell) |
| Friday 19 th January | Wye Class Assembly |
| Monday 22 nd January | Y4 swimming |
| Tuesday 23 rd January | Y5 Forest School (Severn) |
| Friday 26 th January | Y5 Forest School (Frome) |
| Friday 26 th January | Cherwell Class Assembly |
| Monday 29 th January | Y4 swimming |
| Tuesday 30 th January | Y3 Forest School (Sherborne) |
| Tuesday 30 th January | 6pm, Online Safety Information meeting for parents with Glos. Constabulary |
| Friday 2 nd February | Y3 Forest School (Cherwell) |
| Monday 5 th February | Y4 swimming |
| Monday 5 th February | Children's Mental Health Week (until Friday 9 th February) |
| Tuesday 6 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Tuesday 6 th February | 3:30-7:30pm Parent Consultations – POSTPONED to TERM 4 |
| Wednesday 7 th February | 3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultations – POSTPONED to TERM 4 |
| Friday 9 th February | Mid-year attainment and progress summary reports to parents |
| Monday 12 th – 16 th February | Half Term |
| Monday 19 th February | Y4 swimming (last session) |
| Tuesday 20 th February | Y3 Forest School (Sherborne) |
| Friday 23 rd February | Y3 Forest School (Cherwell) |
| Monday 26 th February | Y5 swimming starts |
| Tuesday 27 th February | 3:40-7:30pm Parent Consultations |
| Wednesday 28 th February | 3:40-6:00pm Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 29 th February | Y1 Forest School (Yellow) |

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Safeguarding

TO SUPPORT MENTAL WELLBEING THROUGH NATURE Online and Offline

'Nature' is a superb choice as the theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week, as there's clear evidence that getting access to nature is excellent for our mental health. With Covid-19 restrictions beginning to ease, it's the perfect time of year to rediscover the natural world and give ourselves a calming, uplifting treat. You don't have to drag the family on a four-hour hike, either – just 10 minutes each day in the garden, in the local park or your nearest green space could really help. Here are 12 suggestions for ways you can benefit from nature ... both online and off.

ONLINE

OFFLINE

1 Give something back to nature

A swift internet search should bring up details of any local conservation projects you could volunteer for, or litter-picking events that you could enrol the family in. It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment: most schemes are grateful for every bit of help!

1 Ditch the phone

Now the weather's improving, go for a walk in a green space nearby. If you're already familiar with your chosen route, you could always leave your phone at home to be completely free of the usual distractions and notifications.

2 Tranquil streams

Search your preferred music player for some soothing natural sounds. A few minutes' gentle audio of rainfall, ocean waves or birdsong are all great ways of unwinding at the end of the day to get you ready for an excellent night's sleep.

2 Put down some roots

Planting flowers, shrubs, herbs or vegetables can be extremely rewarding. Not only does it help us to connect with nature – it also provides an ongoing project to draw pleasure from. If your home doesn't have a garden, no problem: a window box will do the job just as well!

3 Give geocaching a go

If you've not heard of it, geocaching is a modern twist on the traditional treasure hunt. Participants look for items hidden in outdoor locations, using a GPS-enabled device like a mobile phone or tablet. We'd recommend that an adult accompanies young adventurers!

3 A different kind of tweet

Most gardens in the UK attract a wonderful variety of birds, and just watching them for a few minutes can be immensely therapeutic. There are some excellent apps and sites to help you name any species you don't already know or even play a game: identifying bird song, like bird song bingo!

4 Share what you see

While you're out exploring nature, take a photo or video of anything you find that inspires you. Not only will it be a nice memory for you to look back on, but you could also share it safely on social media and maybe motivate others to engage with the natural world!

4 Feed your feathered friends

Hang a bird feeder where you can easily see it from a window. Then enjoy the feelgood factor of satisfied avian visitors perching where you can see them. For something more advanced, you could try building a nesting box to fix onto a fence or under a windowsill.

5 Watch the stars

Looking at the night sky can be incredibly calming. There are some comprehensive stargazing websites and apps to help you locate and recognise different stars. It can take 20 minutes or so before you can see stars fully in the dark, even on clear nights, so allow your eyes time to adjust.

5 Park your worries

If you're lucky enough to live within easy travelling distance of a park, you'd benefit from using it. Whether it's to play ball games, get on your bike, walk the dog or just get some fresh air into your lungs, the potential bonuses for mental health are enormous.

6 Wildlife on the web

A Google search will bring up lots of sites that stream webcam footage of nature. From seals to barn owls, rabbits to badgers, you can get an intimate, heart-warming view of all kinds of animal communities from inside the comfort of your own home.

6 Art and soul

Younger children will enjoy drawing or painting animals or nature scenes, or writing a poem or song lyrics about nature. For extra art or crafting fun, you could collect natural materials – leaves, feathers, tree bark or seeds, for example – to use in your creations.

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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Recognition

| Class | Ready Respect Safe | Effort Persistence Commitment |
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| YR | Elenor Awder Bite Bajorate | Freddie Crownshaw Mila Williamson |
| Y1 | Jago Stewart Sam Harris | Imogen Coombes Finn Mcallum |
| Y2 | Kian Dehdashti Haghithat Ella Guthrie | Maya Oldroyd Thomas Avery |
| Y3 | Mahrus Alam David Fullerton-Pujol | Toby Moriarty Darcy Lesbriel |
| Y4 | Oliver Bamber Mabel Ward | William McKenna Archie Oldroyd |
| Y5 | Sian Edwards Jack Gillingham | Lucas Schrier Zander Zasikowksi |
| Y6 | Flossie Cook Alex Whiteside | Amir Dawood Oscar Sherrigham |

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