

13TH OCTOBER 2023



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

As we head into the last week of this half-term, I know that energy levels are depleted and our pupils and teaching staff are ready for a well-earned break. There are plenty of coughs and sniffles going around which have not helped matters! However, I have to say a massive thank you to those of you in our parent body that completed the parent testimonies that will be used on our updated Prep web pages. It is always lovely to read your feedback and they have been shared with the staff body - a massive boost to know that what we do and provide is really making a difference. What was most pleasing in the comments was that the trend of feedback married up with my newly written introduction to the Prep Department of what makes us and your children so special. As is mentioned later in this edition, we will be having a Life Skills Day on Friday. There are so many benefits to these days and the range of opportunities for character development are invaluable. What a weekend of Rugby we have ahead - I'm off to watch Chiefs v Saracens and then the quarter finals - enjoy!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16th Oct

Year 5 Victorian Day @ Powderham.

Parents Evening.

Tuesday 17th Oct

Pupil Voice Meeting.

Wednesday 18th Oct

U11 ISA Tag Rugby @ St Christopher's.

Thursday 19th Oct

U9 Tag Rugby v St Christopher's (Away).

Friday 20th Oct

Life Skills Day.

Break up for Half Term (No Clubs).

Around the classes



The Lodge

By Miss Jones

This week we have been learning about space. The children designed their own rockets using recycled materials. The children have been exploring our space tuff tray with different textures and items. The children have been learning the names of the planets and then went on to making planet pictures using paint and glitter.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have been very excited to be celebrating Space Week! We have been making our own green play dough and using different materials to make it into Aliens, getting busy in our Space station role play area, counting down for our small world rocket to blast into Space, learning new Space action songs and listening to space stories. What a busy week!

Reception Class

By Mrs Broom

This week, Reception have been looking at the book The Colour Monster. We have discussed our emotions and what makes us happy and sad. We have also done lots of fun colour activities and even made our own colour monsters using play dough that we made ourselves and loose parts.



Celebration Assembly

On Wednesday in Celebration Assembly we had a wide range of achievements to celebrate in front of our school community. Eris started by telling us about her participation on the Bubblemaker course which is an introduction to the PADI scuba diving qualification. We were then treated to James' 500 word story entry to the BBC that had everybody gripped - we all want a series of The King Mouse! Finally, Libbet, Finn and Ollie were awarded their 25 Dojo point certificates. At the end of the assembly I was able to announce our Prep librarians as Libbet, Leonie, Riley, Ollie, Willow, Lily, Ben and Nova.



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Supertato's supermarket has moved out and the Police have moved into the Prep One classroom. The class are now considering the roles played by real life superheroes in our everyday lives. The children decided that a jail was required at the Police station and they needed to work together to successfully construct it with a den building kit, pegs and blankets.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

It's been 'Movie Week' in Prep 2 this week and the children have been involved with every aspect of planning from story boarding, costumes, props to choosing the right onomatopoeia and music. They are super proud of the final movie and have watched it several times.

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in English Prep 3 have been focussing on reading the Dreams chapter from the BFG by Roald Dahl. The children have been carefully planning their own dream recounts, ensuring that they use accurate punctuation and a range of literary devices including adjectives, noun phrases, metaphors and similes.



BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK!

Leonie Miller

Henry Ball

Santiago Galvao

Salvador Galvao

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 enjoyed a trip to Stover Country Park this week to do the Ted Hughes poetry trail. The children all enjoyed finding the carved animals and reading each poem to each other collecting great vocabulary to use in their own poems next week!



Prep 5

By Roman Foxworthy

On Tuesday, we spent the day in the Senior School. We made biscuits in Food Tech and key rings in Design & Technology. We learned about different countries in Geography and had a go at orienteering in Sport. My favourite part of the day was the Food Tech lesson!

Prep 6

By Kristian Muzvimwe & Luca Impey

This week, Prep 6 have gone from mushing up weetabix in Science to writing diary entries in English and playing our own Maths games that we created. The weetabix experiment showed us how the digestive system works when we eat our food. Our diary entries could be about any topic we wanted such as holidays and trips. Next week we are looking forward to ISA Tag Rugby.



Life Skills Day - Friday 20th Oct

Next Friday all pupils in the Prep Department will be finishing this half term with a life skills day. The children will be off timetable for the day and each Key Stage will be focussing on the following themes:

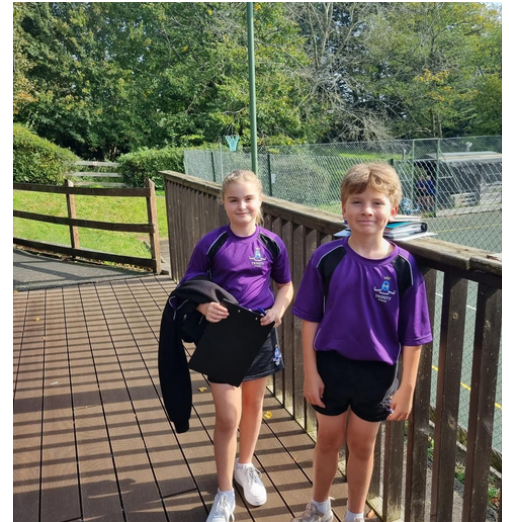
Rec & KS1 - Superheroes (Come in dressed as a Superhero)

KS2 - Forest School Development (Come in Forest School kit)

All children will also need their swim kit in school. The day will finish with a disco in Oakley Hall led by our very own 'Steve Spandex' aka Mr Partridge - what a way to finish the half term!



Year 5 Day in Senior School



Work of the Week Friday 13th October

Sophie Stenner-Evans

Noah Baxter

Daisy Arthur

Kristian Muzvimwe

Nova Jeffery

Lily Moffat

Henry Whitlock

Levi Rule

Eleanor Robertson

Sam Robinson

Ollie Leveridge

Shaun Hauxwell

Rhianne Martin

Barney Rushton

Max Whiteway-Wilkinson

Prep Life Gallery

