

22ND MARCH 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

This will be the final Prep Weekly of the term as we move into the last few days. There has been glimpses of Spring in the air with warmer weather and the odd day free of rain! I hope you enjoy reading your child's Spring Term report that will be coming home this evening and please remember to sign up for a parents evening slot for Monday to discuss their progress. If you haven't already made club choices for the Summer Term please find the links below:

EYFS & KS1

<https://forms.office.com/e/JiRtzTUNjX>

KS2

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ku7DNRkds8>

We have an exciting few days lined up to mark the end of term culminating in an Easter Egg Extravaganza. Don't forget to bring in your decorated hard-boiled egg ready for judging and other fun activities! A reminder that term will end at 12pm on Wednesday and the children can be collected for the start of the Easter break from the playground. As I approach the end of my lent challenge of being vegetarian and only drinking water during the school day - I can only say thank you to the children for such a pleasurable challenge! Who knows how long it may continue for. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th March
Parents Evening.

Tuesday 26th March
Prep Disco (pm).

Wednesday 27th March
Term ends @ 12pm.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 27th March
Return to school.

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Miss Hulbert

At the Lodge this week, we have been doing lots of animal related activities. The children have enjoyed making bug stamps and talking about where they come from, one of the children called a dragon fly a 'flagon fly'! We have also been saving the sea life from the ice with hammers and investigating sticky green pasta using pincers to transport it.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have transformed our role play area into a theatre. Some children have purchased tickets to take in a show, whilst others have taken to the stage in character to perform in front of an excited audience. We have looked at pictures of real theatres and discussed the difference between theatres and cinemas as well as learning new vocabulary from stories such as interval, audience, scenes and standing ovations. The children have also made their very own wooden spoon puppets using a variety of media and materials and used these to perform puppet shows for their friends. A fun week of Drama!



Reception Class

By Mrs Broom

Reception got ready for Easter by making some chocolate nests with cornflakes and melting chocolate! They even got to make them in the staffroom which they loved too!



BSL Awareness

As part of British Sign Language week the Prep Department took part in a live BSL lesson in Oakley Hall. We were joined by former Prep pupils Maisie and Max who shared their experiences of being deaf whilst also imparting their expertise in BSL. They were very impressed by their level of understanding and ability to communicate through sign language. It was fantastic to see the children experiment with BSL and also ask some very pertinent questions.



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

It is always such a pleasure to pop into a Ballet lesson with Mrs Barlow. This week I was lucky enough to enjoy the end of a lunchtime lesson. I witnessed not only how much the Prep 1 and Prep 2 children have improved recently, but I appreciated the longer term talents of the Prep 3 and 4 girls, some of whom I had seen initially start ballet lessons when they were in Reception. All the dancers enjoyed a well-deserved Easter egg from Mrs Barlow for all their hard work this term.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 impressed me for many reasons this week and especially with their gymnastics skills. This half term, they have been refining their ability to jump and roll in different ways. Fantastic confidence and control!

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in mathematics Prep 3 have been learning about capacity, measuring in millilitres and litres. The class have been enjoying solving problems as a group. They are looking forward to applying their learning to make potions next week, as part of our George's Marvellous Medicine English topic.



Froglet!

There has been much excitement in the Prep 2 classroom this week as the tadpoles that have been homed there have begun to develop into froglets. This process of metamorphosis has really captured the attention of the children and they are checking daily on their progress. What a wonderful real-life Science experience to encounter in the learning environment!



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

This week Prep 4 enjoyed their first cricket lesson of the season. They had a lesson of throwing and catching from differing distances and a competitive game of hit the wicket! The sun was shining and it definitely got them all in the mood for their summer term team sport!



Prep 5

By Alister Wall

Last Friday, Prep 5 and 6 hosted Warminster Prep, who were doing a sports tour, until 8pm! We played end ball and football which was really fun. We had match tea then went swimming which was also really fun. Afterwards, we had dinner (burger and chips) and watched the movie Despicable Me 3.

Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have enjoyed practical application of our current maths topic today by creating their own inclinometers and then using knowledge of angles and triangles to calculate the height of the school.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP



Noah Baxter
Molly Arthur
Roman Foxworthy
Tabitha Jeffery
Rhianne Martin
Charlie Boobyer
Connie Robins
Luca Impey
Dominic Robertson



U11 Football & Netball



On Wednesday afternoon all of our Under 11 pupils travelled down to Plymouth College to take part in Netball and Football matches. The girls finished a successful season losing narrowly 5-4 against Plymouth College but finished with an 8-3 victory against King's. The boys played in tough conditions and earned a draw against Plymouth College and recorded a comfortable win against King's. This was an excellent opportunity to cap a fantastic term of football and netball for all children in the Under 11's.

Prep Life Gallery

