

3RD MAY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

I'm sure all of you parents have enjoyed a week of giving the children early nights after the performances last week - I know the staff are still feeling the effects! We can now look forward to a long weekend with Monday being a Bank Holiday. I hope you all have something lovely planned - I will be off to Butlin's for a Junior Rugby Tour, wish me luck! The weather God's haven't been kind to us this week but we have managed to have children out on Athletic's fixtures in preparation for sports days and ISA events coming up. You will read later on in this newsletter that some of our pupils have been taken on physical challenges to raise money for different causes. James Shill swam an incredible 800m on Sunday morning for Cancer Research and Levi Rule will be embarking on a personal challenge of running 2 miles every week for 10 weeks to raise funds for a trip to Wembley with his football team. I love to hear of our pupils pushing themselves in the name of charity and fundraising. This week we have been joined by 4 Thai students who will be joining us in Prep for the next little while to experience English education. Brighton and Ing-Ing were with us last year and have definitely hit the ground running. This is a great opportunity for our children to mix with pupils from a different culture and they have already welcomed them with open arms! Have a great long weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 7th May

Wednesday 8th May
U11 Cricket & Athletics v St Christopher's.

Thursday 9th May
U9 Cricket v Plymouth College.

Friday 10th May

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Mrs Broome

On Wednesday it was Space day so we have been getting creative with the black playdough, mark making in the glittery black rice, making rockets which are displayed on the nursery windows and have been using our imagination to fly to the moon in the home corner space station!



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have had lots of fun celebrating May Day and Space Day alongside our Castle theme. The children have listened to instructions and followed direction to do Maypole dancing and have been excited to see the patterns they have made with the colourful ribbons. We have talked at length about Space and planets completing a Space cutting and sticking activity, singing along to the planet song and listening to Space stories. We have linked looking after our planet to our castle theme by talking about recyclable materials to do large scale transient art junk modelling and designed and made our own shape castles.

Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception are learning about Farm Animals this week. We are using a variety of texts, including fiction and non-fiction. The children have enjoyed writing short captions depicting the sound each animal makes. Reception are working so hard to create 'super sentences' including simple punctuation. Well done our little star writers!



Swimathon

James Shill, Prep 3, completed his first ever SWIMATHON at the weekend swimming 700m (28 lengths), breast stroke in 24 minutes raising over £200 for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. James did the Swimathon in memory of his Grandma who sadly he never got to meet as Cancer took her life before he was born. James had been in training for a couple of months, increasing his pool swim lengths gradually. He recently was awarded his Swim England 600m distance badge so he decided to set himself the target of 700m for the Charity Event. But, he pushed himself even further on the day to get his next Swim Distance Certificate target of 800m (32 lengths) too, which he achieved so he came away with 2 certificates - just brilliant! James' charity swim session took place at Dawlish Leisure Centre officiated by a Teignmouth Swimming Club coach. All the local swimmers using the pool for their early morning swim (about 25 people) were cheering him on and when he reached his target they all stopped swimming and clapped and cheered. James has his own SWIMATHON justgiving fundraising page for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. To date he has raised just over £200 but this figure is still rising. James was elated after his swim and celebrated with a plate of burger and fries. He did say he ached all over but it was worth it. Find out more about his SWIMATHON training and fundraising online at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamesshill





Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep 1 have been learning all about bees this week. In Literacy, ICT, Topic and Science lessons they have been writing pages to create their own non fiction books. They have made pages for so many different things - the front cover, contents, to give information about bees and why they are important, parts of a bee, lifecycle and a fun page pretending they were a bee themselves. What busy Prep 1 worker bees!



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Over the last two weeks, Prep 2 have been learning about the life and artwork of Henri Matisse. They have focused on creating their own version of his famous snail paper cut work. They looked at the form, spiral shape, use of vibrant colours and the abstract nature of his snail. Great job Prep 2!

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in Prep 3, the children have been reading our new class text 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. The class used drama to predict plot developments, by role playing a future scene in which Max meets another animal in the park. Fantastic teamwork and acting skills Prep 3!



Work of the Week

Friday 3rd May

**Harley Maidens
Noah Baxter
Emma Leveridge
Sophie Stenner-Evans
Daisy Arthur
Lily Robins
Tabitha Jeffery
Rhianne Martin
Shaun Hauxwell
Amba Owalsky
Lilia Broom**

Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

This week Florence treated us all to a performance of her playing the cello. We heard a piece from Beauty and the Beast and Alleluia. I was impressed with how calm and confident Florence was performing in front of the school and it was a lovely start to the day for us all.



Prep 5

By Thomas Pring

This week in Prep 5, we have been creating monsters to add in the Fantastic beasts book! We also made up dances for 'The greatest show' from the Greatest Showman. On Wednesday we went to Dartington to do athletics with St Christopher's and Abbey School. In PSHME we learnt how to improve sleep and shared our ways to fall asleep.



Prep 6

By Libbet Marshall

This week Prep 6 have been very hard workers! They have been working on tourism leaflets and a White Rose unit on ratio, doing athletics at St Christopher's and planning a Summer concert drama performance.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Lana Franklin

Willow Allen

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



U11 Athletics

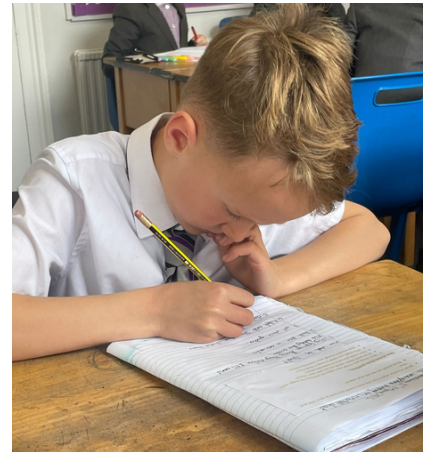


LEVI'S RUNNING!

Levi Rule in Prep 4 will be taking part in a sponsored Starcross Dons FC team run to Wembley, which sees him run 2 miles a week for 10 weeks. The money raised will go to towards the football club so they can all travel to Wembley to watch England play this year. Although there isn't a 'go fund me' page there will be the opportunity to give donations to Mrs Hughes which will help in creating some fantastic memories for Levi and his football team. Get running Levi!



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