

26TH JANUARY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

One of the best parts of being an all-through school is the sense of community and opportunity to see former Preppies around the site. We witness their achievements and get to see Senior School students engage with our younger pupils. There are also lots of occasions where our older students come over to the Prep Department to share their knowledge and engage with the children on the topics they are covering. In the past week we have had the privilege of having the Senior School show KS1 their Motte & Bailey homework which tied in with the topic of 'Castles'. We also had an archery display in Oakley Hall from members of CCF and the opportunity for the children to throw plastic javelins - what fantastic cross-phase learning! Our success in ISA events continued this week with 4 Under 11 runners qualifying for the National ISA X-country championships in March. ISA competitions are not only focussed on sporting events and we will be holding an internal competition to enter pieces of handwriting into a national competition. All children from Year 1 upwards will write out a set text with the best judged pieces being submitted - get practising and fingers crossed we get more honours on a national stage!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 29th Jan

Tuesday 30th Jan

U11 Football v St Michael's (A).

Wednesday 31st Jan

SW ISA U11 5-a side Football @ St Joseph's.

U11 Netball v Stover (H).

Thursday 1st Feb

U9 Netball & Football v St John's (A).

Friday 2nd Feb

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Miss Hulbert

As it has been Australia Day and Burns night this week, the children have been making Australian flags and we have been talking about kangaroos. They have also been learning some highland dancing which they really enjoyed and making some tartan using their fine motor skills for scissor cutting and threading.



Celebrating Burns Night and Australia Day



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been learning about Scotland as they celebrate Burns night, making the Scottish Flag, listening to how families celebrate the day, listening and dancing to Bagpipe music and making patterns using coloured pegs as we look at different tartans. We finish this week celebrating Australia Day, using our tuff tray to create a desert environment with Australian animals and making some very yummy Koala biscuits.

Reception Class

By Mrs Broom

Reception have been making their own rockets and have loved packing them to go to the moon and meeting aliens and having picnics on the moon! Some amazing imagination!



Sporting Round-up

U9 BOYS FOOTBALL

We entertained Plymouth College for our first football fixture of the year and played some great football. In total there were 4 short matches with Trinity winning twice and two games ending in draws. It was great to see players rotating in different positions and putting some of our recent coaching sessions into practice.

U9 GIRLS NETBALL

The U9 girls travelled to Plymouth College to play Netball. It was their first Netball fixture this term (and ever for the Prep 3's) but they showed enthusiasm and passion in all six games they played. Each player impressed me with their footwork and confidence to move around the court. They played alongside the Plymouth College girls too and were friendly, respectful and supportive of them so were great advocates for Trinity School. Lilia and Florence were named players of the mini tournament. We look forward to many more Netball matches with these girls!



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep 1 have been using different learning aids to demonstrate their increasing understanding of Place Value, this week. They have used tens frames, Numicon, bead strings, number fans, links of ten, toys in the classroom and more to form and appreciate numbers 11-20 and exactly what each digit means.



Prep 2

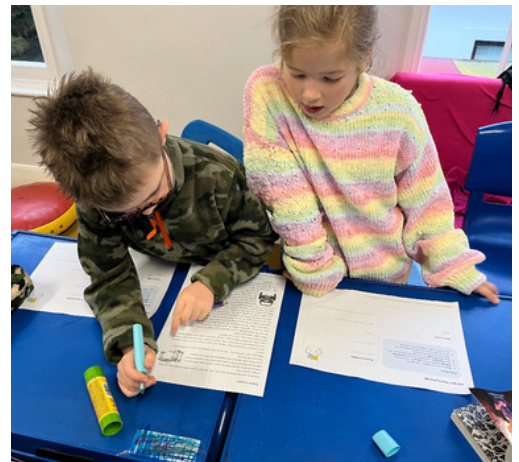
By Mrs Miller

It's always great when you can take the learning outside and this week our forest school area lent itself perfectly to our setting descriptions. We used four of our five senses to see, hear, smell and touch items in this environment to create a word bank for our writing. I'm sure the outcomes will be brilliant based on the noun phrases we already have.

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in English, Prep 3 have been reading extracts from our class text 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. Using highlighters, the children highlighted the dialogue in the extract and identified a range of speech verbs. The children then wrote their own rules for using direct speech in their own written work, well done Prep 3!



Work of the Week Friday 26th January

Tabitha Jeffery
Hugo Palmer
Leonie Miller
Nova Jeffery
Libbet Marshall
Teddy Jeffery
George Whiteway-Wilkinson
Florence Foran
Lucy Hughes
Rhianne Martin



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

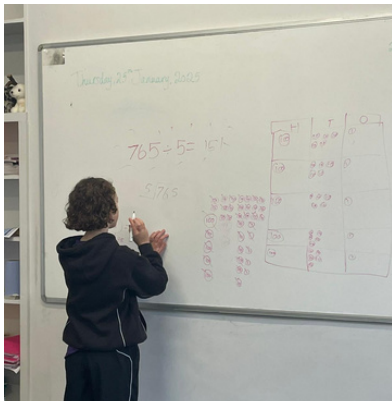
This week in Maths we have been dividing two and three digit numbers using three different written methods- using a place value grid, the bus stop method and the personally named by Florence 'cherry method'! It has been great to see the class work through all three, discussing their preferences and showing their understanding of why we need written methods to show our understanding of division.



Prep 5

By Harry Jeffery

We are learning about weather in Humanities. We have been keeping a weather diary. Since last week it has been getting warmer and windier. Storm Isha blew 3 trees down! Yesterday, we watched a tree surgeon cut one down. Talking about climate, climate change has been causing loads of animals to go extinct. In PSHME, we watched a David Attenborough programme about how we are losing biodiversity. To help, I subscribe to Follow Your Legend who protect oceans, life and penguins. I recommend doing the same.



Prep 6

By Mrs Young

This week in geography Prep 6 have started a new topic on 'Our Changing World'. The children learnt about weathering and erosion and considered how this can change the landscape. The class completed group investigations into chemical erosion, physical weathering, biological weathering and finally, erosion. Excellent work Prep 6!



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Madison Norman-Minty

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



SW ISA X-Country



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On Tuesday seven Prep runners made the long journey up to Westonbirt School in Gloucestershire to take part in the South West ISA Cross-country Championships. The conditions were fitting for this event with high winds and lots of rain making for a wet, muddy and slippery course. The Prep 4 team of Ben Yandle, Huey Magill and Henry Whitlock all made an impressive debut at this event finishing in the top half of their field. The Year 5/6 team put in an amazing display, all finishing in the top 10 and qualifying for the National finals at Worksop College in March. It is worth mentioning that 3 of the team were from Prep 5 and have another opportunity to race in this age category next year - a bright future ahead! Henry Lovett took 1st place, Luca Impey 4th, Henry Foulds 6th and Louis Martin 9th - well done to all who represented our school.

Prep Life Gallery

