

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st June 2024

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes! The bright, sunny weather has brought a wonderful energy to our school, and it's been lovely to see smiles and laughter filling our days. This week, we've had two very successful athletics events, where it was great to see the children performing so well both individually and as part of a team. Our Year 6 students are just returning from an unforgettable week-long residential trip to Oaker Wood. The week was packed with fun as they tackled exciting challenges and bonded over campfires and outdoor adventures. From high ropes to rafting, these experiences have been both exhilarating and great for fostering teamwork and resilience. Meanwhile, our Year 2 pupils have been embracing their inner artists. Their visit to Nature in Art perfectly complemented their studies on Andy Goldsworthy. Surrounded by the beauty of nature, the children created their own masterpieces, echoing Goldsworthy's themes! Not to be outdone, Year 3 visited The Living Rainforest. Immersed in the lush environment, the children had a fantastic time discovering various biomes and observing a wide array of rainforest animals. Their curiosity and excitement were palpable as they learned about the intricate ecosystems and the incredible diversity of life within the rainforest.

Year 6's Oaker Wood Residential



Philippians 2:15 "We shine like stars in the sky."



Last Friday, over 30 children took part in this year's Athletics Tournament at the Prince of Wales Stadium in Cheltenham, and what a competition it was! The children performed brilliantly, often displaying the resilience, determination and skill to win their event. The event began with long distance races, with all 4 runners powering through to the finish in good time.

We then moved into the sprints (where we were lucky as the weather chose to be kind for this portion of the evening). We were against 9 other schools with only the top 3 from each race going through to the final. We held our own in the sprints and qualified for the finals in the Year 3 Girls, Year 4 Girls and Boys, Year 5 Girls and Boys races. In the final the children continued to excel and came out with a number of medals! These being:

Year 3 Girls – 1 st (Ellie) Year 4 Girls – 2 nd (Michalina) Year 4 Boys – 2 nd (Teo) Year 5 Boys – 1 st (Tiago)

As the evening progressed the clouds darkened and the weather began to turn! For a short while it felt as though the competition may have become a swimming gala instead with heavy rain pelting all participants and spectators! This however didn't dampen our spirits and we were grateful to have 2 of the PTFA's gazebos to shelter under! Next came the relays. Here, the children's practise and skill on passing the baton shone through above all the other schools. We therefore qualified for every relay final except one. This only being the case due to a lane infraction by another team. In the finals the children continued to excel and brought back a number of medals. These being:

Year 3 Girls 4 x 50m Baton Relay – 2 nd Year 3 Boys 4 x 50m Baton Relay – 1 st Year 4 Girls 4 x 50m Baton Relay – 1 st
Year 4 Boys 4 x 50m Baton Relay – 3 rd Year 5 Boys 4 x 100m Baton Relay – 3 rd Year 6 Girls 4 x 100m Baton Relay – 3 rd

We also struck gold in one of the field events too, with Eadie getting 1st place in the Year 5/6 girls throwing event. Sadly, we weren't fortunate enough to bring home a trophy or shield and we are still waiting for the table to be released to see where we placed overall but I am confident that we must've been close with these results! Overall, the children performed brilliantly and were a credit to our school!

On Tuesday, many of the same children took part in a further Athletics Tournament at Tewkesbury Academy. Here the children participated in similar races and performed as spectacularly as before bringing home another flurry of medals! Without our Year 6s we knew it would be a tough battle and were thrilled to walk away with 3 rd place overall in the field events! The annual athletics competitions are our biggest sporting events of the academic year and it has been fantastic to see the children put so much energy and passion into their races and events. We truly have some brilliant athletes at C of E and I look forward to cheering them on next year! Well done to all involved, you are a credit to C of E!

Year 2 visit nature in art



Year 2 have been very busy this week continuing their exploration of the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy. They have woven a range of beautiful natural materials into some wooden looms, using a simple weave pattern.

We hope that you managed to see the art gallery they created by the fence, however if you missed that we did manage to capture a few photos.

On Thursday we went on a trip to Nature in Art at Twigworth, where the children made some colourful paper tissue bowls, created stunning metal and resin butterflies, met the artist in residence and wandered round the gardens looking at and sketching some of the unique and interesting sculptures.

They were intrigued to see flies, birds, huge flowers, sea creatures and even a tree made from scrap metal. We also explored the art galleries indoors, observing and sketching a range of art inspired by nature.

End of term celebrations

A reminder that as we near the end of another very successful year at C of E, we have lots of celebration events happening, which we would love for you to join. We have recently had confirmation that the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Tewkesbury Abbey, will be on Monday 15th July, starting at 2pm. This event is open to all Year 6 parents and Family.

Then we have our KS1 and KS2 celebration assemblies to allow the children to showcase some of the wonderful things they have done throughout the year. The KS1 Celebration assembly will be at 2pm on Wednesday 17th July, where parents and family will be most welcome, with KS2 celebration being on Thursday 18th July, again at 2pm with parents and family welcome. Finally, the Year 6 School Leavers' Service will be held on Friday 19th July at 2pm, where we will get a chance to celebrate the children's journey throughout their primary school years and will also give us a chance to wish them all the best as they embark on their exciting new journeys.

Year 3 take a trip to The Living Rainforest



Year 3 intrepid explorers enjoyed a great trip out to the Living Rainforest on Thursday. The children were amazed by the variety of flora and fauna in the rainforest and were surprised by the humidity of the conditions there. Highlights included spotting two dwarf caiman, an orange 'green' iguana, an armadillo, an emerald tree boa, many free roaming tropical birds and poison dart frogs to name a few! Unfortunately, Cinnamon the sloth was too shy and elusive for us to spot, but he would have at least seen us! The tour guides commented how knowledgeable the children were and were impressed with their answers and questions. A great day out for Topaz class!

Year 3 visit the library



Year 3 also visited our local library in Tewkesbury on Tuesday, enjoying a tour around the library with challenges to do along the way. The children were able to see how a library is run, how the layout works and experience taking books out and enjoy relaxing with a good book or audio book in the children's area of the library. Children were impressed by how much the library has to offer, including the new Lab with 3D printer, coding and computing facilities and laser printer for example. Tewkesbury library has encouraged all children to join for free to make use of this amazing local amenity on our doorstep.

School diary week beginning 24th June 2024

Day	The School Day		After school		Summer Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon					Chicken Bites with Rice Quorn Nuggets with Rice
Tues	Year 6 It's your move workshop	Sewing Club Year 3 - 6 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Christian Union Year 6 3:15 - 4pm	Rounders Competition at Tewks academy Selected children only 4 - 6pm	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese & Garlic Bread
Wed	Mindfulness Club Rec - Y2 12:30-1.00pm	Musical Theatre Club Year 3 - 6 12:15-12.45pm	Rounders Club Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Chicken Fillet with Roasties Cauliflower Cheese with Roasties
	Meet your new teacher morning + Tewkesbury Academy Move up day				
Thur	Tewkesbury Academy Move up day		French Club Year 1 - 3 3:15 - 4pm	Multi Skills Reception 3:15 - 4pm	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
			Basketball Club Year 3 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Fri	Lego Club Y1 - Y2 12:30 - 1 pm Grandparents After Tea Run by school council		Cricket Club Year 4 - 6 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Fishcake with Chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings

Important Dates

Friday 28th June - Grandparents Afternoon Tea 1.45pm

w/b 1st July - Arts week

Wednesday 3rd July - Year 5 trip to We The Curios (@Bristol)

Friday 5th July - Bounce Fest - PTFA event

Wednesday 10th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play

Thursday 11th July - Sports Day and OPAL stay and play - RESERVE DATE

Friday 12th July - Year 5 trip to the Medieval Festival

Monday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Tewkesbury Abbey - 2pm (Parents and Family welcome)

Wednesday 17th July - KS1 Celebration assembly - 2pm (Family and Friends welcome)

Thursday 18th July - KS2 Celebration assembly - 2pm (Family and Friends welcome)

Friday 19th July - Year 6 School Leavers' Service - 2pm (Family and friends welcome)

**OUR VERY OWN INFLATABLE PARK WITH 12
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3:30PM - 5:30PM**

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You're invited

The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

every other Monday
doors open 3:15
food served 4:45

next dates in 2024

- Monday 13 May
- Monday 27 May
- Monday 10 June
- Monday 24 June
- Monday 8 July
- Monday 22 July
- Monday 5 August
- Monday 19 August
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end





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