

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our penultimate Summer Term newsletter! So much has happened in the last few weeks that this really is a bumper edition! As always there are lots more photos on the class pages on the school website!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in July:
Bella, Emmy, Toby, Ayrton, Artie, Franchesca, Alice, Violet, Kingsley, Lucy, Cohen, Belle, Grace, Piper, Freddie C, Penelope, Daniel, Mr Cassidy, Miss Hyndman, Miss Love and Mrs Williams.



Aspirations Day We started off this half term with our Aspirations Day. This is a chance for all the children to learn about the many different jobs and careers which



they might be able to pursue. A huge thank you to all the parents and friends who came in to talk to the children about what they do for a living! We had an



amazing variety of visitors, a dog groomer, a physiotherapist, care workers, housing association staff, bank

Diary Dates

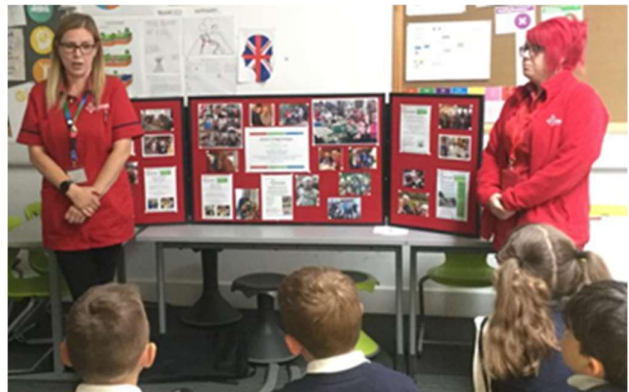
July

Mon 10th – Skylark, Jay & Swift Sports Day – 9.30am
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Tues 11th – Woodpecker, Peregrine & Heron Sports Day – 9.30am
Tues 11th – Kingfisher, Sparrow & Nightingale Sports Day – 1.30pm
Thurs 13th – Bump Up Afternoon
Friday 14th – School Concert & PTFA Summer Fair
Wed 19th – Leavers Play Afternoon Performance
Thurs 20th – Leavers Play Evening Performance
Fri 21st – Leavers Assembly – Last Day of Term

September

Weds 6th – First day of school – 8.45am start!!!!

staff, a fire fighter (who looked very familiar – it was wonderful to see Sarah Guest again),



musicians, bankers, engineers, vets, charity workers, and the morning ended with a visit from the police horses!



Science Week – Trips and Visitors



The whole of the first week back was science week. We had a STEM Workshop from an engineer who brought a full size jet engine (in pieces) and did some amazing demonstrations.

All of KS2 went to the Cheltenham Science Festival, and then on Friday they put on their own Science Fair for the rest of the school and parents.



KS1 went to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and had a wonderful day and some very close encounters with animals!



KS1 also made string telephones in a science lesson, which was planned and delivered by three boys from Year 6!



Robin and Wren classes have had a very busy first few weeks of the term too! Last week they all dressed up in their finest clothes for a pretend wedding ceremony. There was music and dancing and of course a delicious celebration meal.



Year 4 Residential Well done to our intrepid adventurers from Year 4 who spent two nights last week at the Wilderness Centre – sleeping in



tents and enjoying lots of exciting activities. A huge thank you to the staff who went with them – especially Miss Cinderey, Miss Bruce and Miss Creed who had some late nights and early mornings! There are lots more pictures on the school website – here is just a taste of what they got up to!



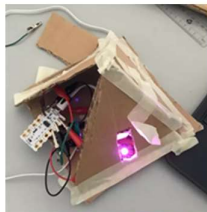
Swift Class have been building boats! They made replicas of Shackleton's boat, which sailed to the Antarctic, out of various materials to see which would hold the most weight.



Peregrine, Heron and Woodpecker have been learning about ancient Egypt in history, and also in Design Technology! They have been building pyramids from various materials, and then using DT skills to create burglar alarms to



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Sensory Room Message from Erica:

We have an awesome new sensory room and its grand opening is this week!! It is specially designed with a range of different items to help children develop, explore and engage their senses. A special thank you to the School Governors, Mrs Tilling, Mr Turner, Miss Blake and Erica for making this dream a reality!



Sports Trips This month has been packed with trips out for our sports stars. On 7th June we had an incredibly busy day with a group of Year 5 and 6 playing in a cricket tournament at St John's in Cinderford. Another group played in the regional finals for dodgeball at Bath University. After some tough matches we finished 6th in the whole of the South West.



On Thursday 8th June the boys competed in the GPJ Finals at Newent School. They won 3 games, drew one and lost one showing great sportsmanship and scoring 6 goals!



On 9th June it was the turn of our girls football team who took part in the last football tournament of the year for Prostars, and they smashed it! As always, they represented St White's brilliantly and displayed great sportsmanship.



On 12th June we competed in the Panathlon at Oxstalls Campus in Gloucester. Our team did an excellent job, not only displaying great determination and sportsmanship – they came home as CHAMPIONS with a special trophy and some gold medals!



On Tuesday this week, a group of Year 3 and 4 pupils competed in the School Games Quad Kids tournament at Dene Magna. They were all competing individually against the other schools to be in the top 3. After smashing the long jump, 50m sprint, 400m and vortex throw, St White's brought home 6 medals. They all did an amazing job and enjoyed some new activities too. Well done team!



Uphill Cheese Rolling Evie from Jay class took



part in the children's uphill cheese rolling at Coopers Hill, and she won, having upped her game as she came second last year. Well done Evie! We hope your family enjoy eating the cheese!

Poetry Assemblies The children have all really enjoyed performing in their poetry assemblies this year and thank you to all the parents who have been coming in to watch. This links in with our focus on developing oracy – helping the children to build their confidence and communication skills. Props and costumes have been a fabulous addition allowing the children to get into character. Last Friday Peregrine class really went to town for their performance of Red Riding Hood and the Wolf!



Wildflowers for bees, bats and butterflies We wanted to let everyone know that our lawn mower isn't broken! This is Skylark's class project and they are deliberately letting the grass grow long down the hill to Buckshaft Road, to encourage wildlife and we will be planting wildflower seeds, which were donated in honour of the coronation of King Charles III to further increase the bio-diversity and encourage even more pollinators to the area.



Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published at the very end of term on Friday 21st July. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 17th July 2023.

