

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our final Spring Term newsletter! We hope everyone has a lovely half term break!

**Happy birthday** to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in June:  
Viola, Lowri, Jimmy, Grace L, Catherine, Nel, Dougie, Lucien, Ava G, Theodore, Luke, Charlotte D, Luka, Jack, Grace SI, Ralph, Rosie H,



Mr Brown, Miss Bailey, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Fearn and Mrs White.

**Coronation Celebrations** We had an amazing afternoon on 5<sup>th</sup> May, in spite of the weather being unkind! We promised some photographs last time – so here they are! Thank you to all the parents who came along to join in!



### Diary Dates

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Half Term Holiday  
**June**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June** -Year 4 Multiplication Tests

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** – Aspirations Day

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup>** – Upper KS2 Cheltenham Science Festival

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Noahs Ark Zoo trip

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup>** – Lower KS2 Cheltenham Science Festival

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 & EYFS Science Fair – Parents invited

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Year 4 Residential Trip



Everyone looked fabulous in red, white and blue and wearing the crowns they had made in class. We were sad that the weather meant it was too wet to plant our special trees to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III and the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We were thrilled to be able to plant them last Friday. We have planted a horse

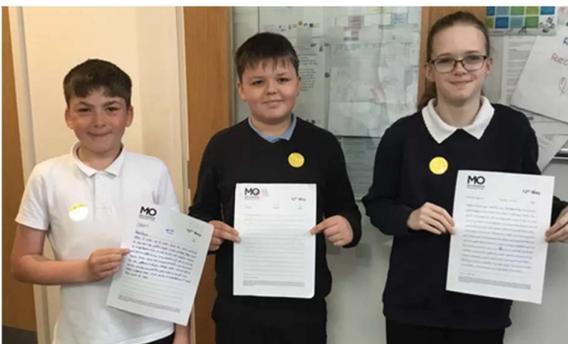
chestnut tree and an oak tree on the grass in front of the MUGA. We hope they will grow tall and strong, and will give shade to future generations of children who come to St White's. We asked the oldest and youngest children in the school to help Mrs Tilling with the planting. We did have a lot of trouble getting the oak tree out of its pot and Mrs Tilling nearly fell down the hole! Thank you to Mr Cassidy, Levi, McKenzie and Zoey for their help and to Mr Turner for digging the holes!



**Year 5 London Trip** – Last Friday our Year 5 pupils had a really exciting trip to London. First they went to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square where they saw original paintings by Van Gogh, Turner and many others. Then they walked along Whitehall, past Downing Street to the Houses of Parliament where they had a tour and workshop. It was a very long day, but very enjoyable.



**Mass Observation Diary Day** – We were very proud to join in the Mass Observation Diary Day



on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – lots of our classes joined in and there was some really amazing work by our children. We will be submitting it all to be kept as an archive for research in the future. Thank you to the kind parent who made this suggestion.



**KS1 DT and cooking**– Kingfisher, Nightingale



and Sparrow have continued our DT work on puppets by making their own! Here are some of our amazing creations. There are lots more pictures on the class padlets on the

website.

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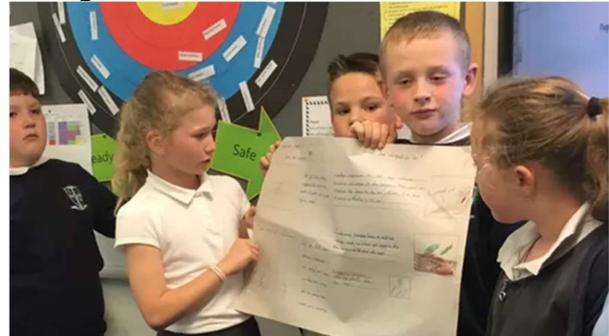
[St White's Primary School - Kingfisher \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

In cooking we have been making tzatziki and tasting it with pitta bread – delicious! A big thank you to Mrs Heyworth for helping us.



If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help in school, please do contact us. We are always happy to have volunteers to help enrich the curriculum even further!

**Jay, Swift and Skylark** – have been doing lots of work in PSHE on our responsibility to look after our planet – including water and energy conservation, composting and recycling. Jay class did research in groups and presented their findings to the class.



Here is some excellent work by Swift Class.



Skylark Class made a display of their PSHE work of which we are very proud.



Skylark also made torches in DT



Swift Class have also been practicing for the next Olympic games!



**Library Visit** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May the library assistants returned to Cinderford Library for a second visit. The staff at the library very kindly arranged some activities to teach the library assistants about what the library is used for, other



than borrowing books, which were related to the current theme of local and community history month. The children were surprised to learn that there are archives of newspapers dating back 100 years and maps of Cinderford dating as far back



as 1881. The library staff then gave the children the task of finding specific information in a microfilm archived newspaper from Dean Forest Mercury dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 1923, and an 1881 map, as well as from books around the library. Some of this was a challenge but the children did well and learned lots of new information about their local library and the history of Cinderford.

**Governors News** We are thrilled to welcome three new governors – Tony Griffiths is a very experienced governor, and former Head Teacher



who now works for the University of Gloucester as a link tutor for student teachers. Lots of our teachers know him very well, and he very kindly judged our talent competition in March. Fran Palmer is a

grandmother of a pupil at school, and currently works as a community builder for the District Council. She has lots of experience of working in education. Bill Acland is a local parish councillor and is our new Local Authority governor. He has experience as a secondary school governor and lots of community links. We are thrilled that they are joining our governors and really look forward to working with them.

**Girls Football** on 5<sup>th</sup> May our Year 3 & 4 girls entered the first Prostars tournament at Tutshill Primary School. They won all their fixtures and scored lots of goals. We are really proud of their achievement and their excellent sportsmanship!



**Year 3/4 Football** on 19<sup>th</sup> May a Year 3 & 4 mixed team represented St White's at the ProStars football tournament. After a very close competition which went all the way to penalties we won! Brilliant work team, and well worth the

wait as this competition had been postponed for bad weather twice!



**Year 5/6 Football** also on 19<sup>th</sup> May the older children competed in the ProStars football and they did an excellent job against very challenging opponents. The only conceded a few goals and drew 4 matches. They were great sports and showed excellent determination.



**Archery** on 22<sup>nd</sup> May a group of year 5 & 6 pupils took part in an archery tournament at Viney Hill. It was a great experience to learn a new sport and interact with a team, and we finished off the day with a competition. Out of 12 schools we came second! Well done everyone!



**Two Rivers Junior Wardens Visit** – Heron and Woodpecker classes had a visit from the Junior Street Warden scheme which is organised by Luke



from Two Rivers Housing. In the morning, Heron Class went out on a litter pick in the roads around school and the Sneyd Wood Road

playground. They collected four bin bags full of litter to be disposed of properly.

Then in the afternoon Woodpecker Class went out with the PCSOs to measure traffic speeds on the local roads.

**Lunch Time Awards** Each week the mid-day supervisors choose children who have been really helpful or well behaved to sit on the Golden Table and have lunch with Mrs Tilling. A really big well done this half term to Daniel M, Grace S, Phoebe F, Lilly-Hannah J, Olivia J, Jacob J, Harrison, Dylan, Naphthali, Ozzy, Kyler, Josephine, Owen P, Willow-Grace, Oscar T and Shaun.

**Attendance** – we are thrilled to have given out 146 certificates and badges for 100% attendance this half term. There are only 25 children still on track for 100% for the whole school year – keep it up so we can put your pictures on our celebration wall! Overall our whole school attendance has slowly improved since the second half of the autumn term when we had so much illness. Whole school attendance is now 95.16% - which is much better than this time last year – 93.1% in May 22, but still not back to the levels before covid when we were around 96.8 percent.

**PTFA News** – please see the separate message from the PTFA about plans for the Summer Fayre!

**Next Newsletter** – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 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](mailto:admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

