

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our newsletter at the end of a very busy first half of the Summer term! We hope everyone has a lovely half-term holiday!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated their birthdays in May: Gaddiel, Vinnie, Freddie B, Alfie-Joe, Lilian, Dominic, Lawrence, Charlie W, Zara, Lyra, Willow-Grace, Quinn, Leo S, Marley J, Aiden & Jonah,



George, Clark, Nate B, Melody B, Finley, Eli Miah, Oscar R, Rory Sk, Libby, Jessica B, George G, Caterien, Emily T, Mrs Cook, Miss Fishpool, Mr Hayward, Mrs Saddington, Mrs Jones, Mrs Penderey and Miss Thompson.

SATS Well done to Year 6 who completed their SATS last week. They all worked really hard and had a great week coming in early for breakfast together and having fun activities in the afternoons. This included cupcake baking, and some water games on the last day!



Their leavers hoodies arrived last Friday and they are all wearing them with great pride.

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd June – school starts
Tues 4th June – Aspirations Morning
Weds 5th June – UKS2 Cheltenham Science Festival
Thurs 6th June – School Science Fayre
Fri 7th June – LKS2 Cheltenham Science Festival
Weds 19th June – KS1 Zoo Trip

Happy News Huge congratulations to Miss Bruce and her partner on the safe arrival of baby Bo earlier this month! We are all so thrilled and he is absolutely gorgeous!



The Secret's Out! On 8th May, **Swift Class** embarked on a secret mission! They made an exciting journey into the heart of the forest to witness an extraordinary and unique event.



They were lucky enough to watch two remarkable



beavers being released into their new habitat.

This was not just a moment of joy but also a profound lesson in the importance of preserving biodiversity. From speaking to the

experts, we learned about the crucial role beavers play as nature's engineers, shaping landscapes and fostering biodiversity through their dam-building activities. Their presence not only creates habitats for themselves but also benefits a myriad of other species, making them a keystone species in many ecosystems.

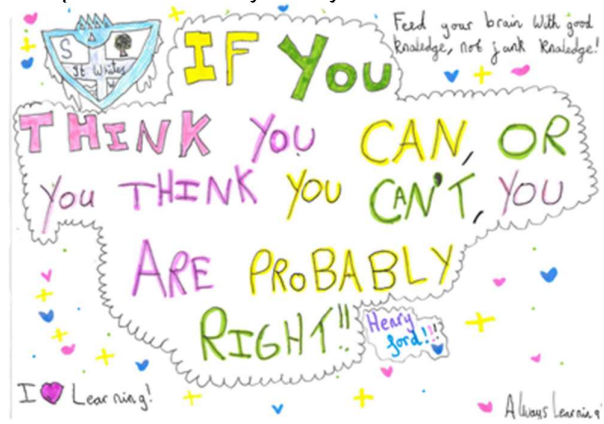
Tobias in Swift, who was lucky enough to open the cage for one of the beavers, said, "Beavers are an extremely rare species and not everyone gets to see them, so we were super lucky."

Fae also added, "When I told my family they were a bit jealous so I said I would show them where the habitat was!"



What a thrilling day for everyone involved. All the staff and children came back very muddy, but with big smiles on their faces!

Poster Winner – the winner of this term's poster competition is Penny in Skylark!



The next competition phrase is "**Mistakes are proof that you are trying. Correcting mistakes is proof that you are learning**"

London Trip Year 5 had an amazing trip to London, they visited the National Portrait Gallery and the Houses of Parliament, and saw lots of famous landmarks such as Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. They saw a big car with a police escort going in to the palace – it might have been the King!



At Parliament they had a tour including the House of Commons and the House of Lords where they met one of the Lords and were able to ask him questions.



Star Wars Superhero – Well done to Clark from Peregrine class who has joined the Gloucestershire Troopers – a group who raise money for local charities by dressing as Star Wars characters. In his first event this month at



Comicon in Gloucester, Clark, dressed as a Jawa, made such a big impact that one of the stall holders sent this message to the group: *"I watched your Jawa see a man with special needs in a wheelchair and made his way to him, approaching so as not to accidentally frighten him. As soon as the man noticed the Jawa a great explosion of enjoyment came from him and the Jawa stayed with him in character for a good 10 minutes. After the Jawa had moved on I overheard that this one interaction had made his day and comicon, That was a wonderful moment to*

witness." Well done Clark, we are so proud of you!

Bikeability Well done to our Year 5's – 27 of them took their Level 2 Bikeability this term and received their certificates and badges.

And now for the Headlines! Sparrow Class



have been writing their own news reports – reporting on the "sighting" of the Big Bad Wolf at school! They worked really hard to write their reports and then practised reading them until they were fluent!

Nightingale Class have been studying the labels



on food packaging in science to learn about nutrition and to see whether foods are healthy or not. They were looking at the amounts of sugar, salt and fat, and were surprised by some foods which were not as healthy as they expected. Thank you

to all the parents who sent in packets and boxes for us to look at!

Kingfisher Class, and the Year 1 pupils from Nightingale are learning the violin this term!



Skylark Class have been following up on their trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester using oracy skills to discuss the most significant impact the Romans had on Britain.



They have also been learning how to sign their names in British Sign Language.



Jay Class made some delicious fish cakes in cookery!



They have also been very busy writing narratives which they made into books and then read them to Nightingale Class who were really good listeners!



Forest Schools and NOLA Awards

This half term there has been lots of fun and



learning in Forest Schools! Jay Class practised tying knots, and tested their strength by making their own swing! Nightingale also learned some knots and tested out which type of wood was best for whittling. Robin Class had a lovely day last week –

playing hide and seek, password games and their favourite activity was the dinosaurs mud pit!



NOLA (National Outdoor Learning Award) certificates are given out to children for developing skills at Forest School – such as using kind words and actions, noticing and sharing what other people are doing well (Year 1 & 2) and for leading others in designing a swing using the new knots (Year 4).



Well done to everyone who has received a certificate in Assembly!

Clubs this term A huge thank you to the teachers who have run after school clubs this term. Here is a picture of the photography club and some of their pictures. They will be holding an exhibition of their photos on Tuesday 4th June for



their parents to come in and see. Thank you to Miss Ross for running this club – it was great fun.

Dance Clubs The dance clubs have had an amazing half term with the danceathon which raised lots of money, and they now look amazing in their new t-shirts! They are continuing after half term for a few more weeks to prepare for another Dance Showcase on 2nd July. A big thank you to Miss Cartwright for sharing her love of dancing with everyone!



Allotment News – each class takes turns working on the allotment on Thursday afternoons with



Miss Knight. We have to say a big thank you to her and Mr Collins for laying the base and putting up the new greenhouse! In the allotment this year we are growing beans, peas, cabbages, chard



strawberries and also some flowers. We are hoping to have some glorious flower arrangements in the foyer next term.

Trips this week KS1 went to the Dean Heritage Centre on Wednesday and Robin Class went off to the seaside yesterday. There will be photos in the next Newsletter!

Book Swap We are really thrilled that so many people have brought books in for the book swap, and lots of children and parents are enjoying browsing to find books to take home. There is plenty more space on the shelves for more donations! Phoebe from Sparrow class says she found two books to take home the first time she looked and then another two!



Photography Competition Please see the flyer attached about our photography competition for families to participate over the half term holiday–



this was the idea of the photography club! We can't wait to see your amazing photographs. The competition

is for children and parents or other family members at our school! Here is a picture taken by Mrs McDermott of the beautiful Iris near the forest school area.

Communication with School

Thank you to parents who filled in our parent survey as part of our recent mental health audit. We are starting to work through the action points raised. One of them was about how you can get in touch with school. If you ever need to get in touch with your child's teacher and don't get a chance to catch them at the door, please do email the class email address. These are checked at least once a week. If you need to get in touch with them more urgently, please contact the office admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk who will be happy to pass on a message. Teachers will be happy to ring you back when they are able to.

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Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 28th 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 by Monday 24th June 2024