

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our newsletter at the end of the spring term! It has been another very short half term, but as you will see it has been jam-packed with excitement at school!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have (or will) celebrate birthdays in March: Mabel, Zayan, Muna, Rory, Ada, Alfie, Owen B, Keely, Luis, Owen P, Emily H, Noah A, Thomas, Imogen



Issac, Jessica, Dexter, Jaxon,

Joshua, Zeb, Isabelle, Spencer, Rueben, Mrs Casey, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Fernandes, Ms D Kibble, and Mrs Self.

Fund Raising!

We all had fun dressing up in red for Comic Relief last Friday, and we raised an amazing £190.00!



Dressing up just for fun!



For World Book Day we asked everyone to dress up with a seaside theme as all the classes read the book "Flotsam" by David Wiesner. We had lots of mermaids and pirates, and exciting undersea

Diary Dates

Monday 8th April – first day back!

16th & 18th April – Year 5 skillzone trips

Friday 19th April – Robin Class Beach Party

Weds 24th April – Learn Alongside Oracy

Tues 30th April – Skylark, Jay & Swift trip to Corinium Museum

Monday 6th May – Spring Bank Holiday

Tues 7th – Fri 10th May – Bikeability Year 5

13th – 17th May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 24th May – last day of term

creatures as well as lots of children dressed for a day at the seaside.



KS2 were lucky to have a visit from a local author, Ian Young who talked about his books, the Winterscar Chronicles.



Look Who's Talking We were privileged to host the Forest of Dean area schools' GAPH Look Who's Talking competition this month. Children who wanted to enter gave a talk to their classmates, and three children were selected to represent St White's, competing against other local schools. Well done to Viola in Nightingale, Penny in Skylark and Evie-May in Woodpecker. Mrs Saddington was lucky enough to be asked to be on the panel to judge all three rounds, and tells us that the standard of the competition was amazing. A huge well done to Evie-May who



won the Upper KS2 competition and will go forward to represent the Forest of Dean in the County Finals in April! Her passionate speech about girls' football was truly inspiring!

Thinking Day The 22nd February was World Thinking Day, celebrated by Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows all over the world. Pupils from all these organisations were welcome to wear their uniforms to school on the day, and we are really proud that so many of our children are involved in these wonderful organisations.



Performance In the run up to the most prestigious entertainment event of the year, St White's Has Got Talent (more about that to come later...) we were proud that our school choir was invited to sing at a special concert at Forest High School. This was their first public performance

and they did very well and got their photograph in the local paper!



Our Year 5 & 6 dance group performed last week at the Cheltenham Dance Festival and they were amazing! There are more photographs and video on the school website! A huge thank you to Miss Cartwright who has worked so hard with the dance clubs all year – and they both got through to the final of the talent show!



Sports Competitions We were thrilled to send two teams to the County Dodgeball Finals in Cirencester earlier this month – it was an amazing achievement to get through to the finals, and our teams were amazing, with one team finishing an impressive 4th ...



and the other team coming 1st!!!!



The winning team will now go on to represent Gloucestershire in the regional finals later this year. Well done to both teams!

Football – Year 3 & 4 On Friday 8th March a group of Year 3 and 4 went to a football tournament at Forest High school – after some great battling they finished third in the group – they had a brilliant time and came back with big smiles!



Girls Football On Friday 15th March it was the turn of the girls with the next round of the Prostars tournament at Forest High. They worked very hard as a team and had some close results, coming third in the group. Well done girls!



Panathlon Friday 8th March was a busy day as we also sent a team of year 5 & 6 to compete in the Forest of Dean Panathlon at Hartpury College. This is a tournament with lots of different mini-events, and our team came out as champions! They came back to school with medals and a trophy! We are really proud of you all!



Netball

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 teams who took part in the North Forest Schools Area netball tournament at Newent school on 18th March. Both teams quickly picked up the structure of the game with some excellent interceptions and dominated possession. Lots of shots tried but sadly the nets were not in our favour. Our B team won 3 out of 3 games which meant they faced Hopebrook School C of E in the final.

They gave it their all but succumbed to a well experienced and drilled side. We are really proud of their determination and look forward to competing again.

Girls Football Champions! Our last sporting event of the term this Wednesday was a spectacular success for our girls football team. They were crowned GPJ Champions at the tournament in Newent. They played 3 matches and were undefeated without conceding a goal! Well done girls you are amazing!



Robin Class Please visit the Robin Class padlet [St White's Primary School - Robin \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



on the school website, because there are so many amazing photographs of this jam-packed half term! Here is just a taster of what they have been up to! In Forest Schools they had to work together

as a team to rescue the biscuits for their snack!!!! Last week they had an exciting visit to Raglan Farm Park and met lots of fascinating animals!





And they have had some very special arrivals in the class room – last week some eggs and an incubator were delivered, and within a week we had lots of lovely chicks!



They have also had lots of fascinating visitors to talk about their jobs. The fire service came in and they all had a go at holding the hose (the playground got very wet!) and sitting in the engine!



The police came to visit us too!



At our jobs fair we had lots of interesting visitors including Mr Brown the butcher!



And the Nat West Bank



KS1 cooking A big thank you to Mrs Heyworth for helping with our class cooking on Friday afternoons, and for running the cookery club too. This term KS1 have been making delicious pizza.





KS2 Art

Lower KS2 have been working with clay this term. It can be a bit messy, but here is some of their amazing work!

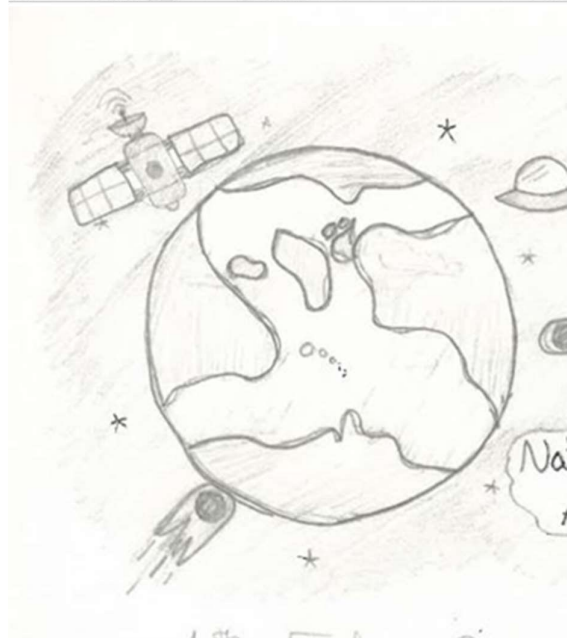
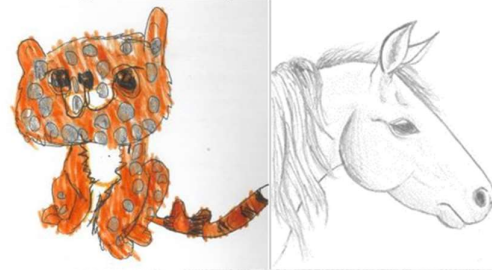


Upper KS2 have been studying the artist David Hockney and creating amazing pieces of work in his style.



Sketching Challenge

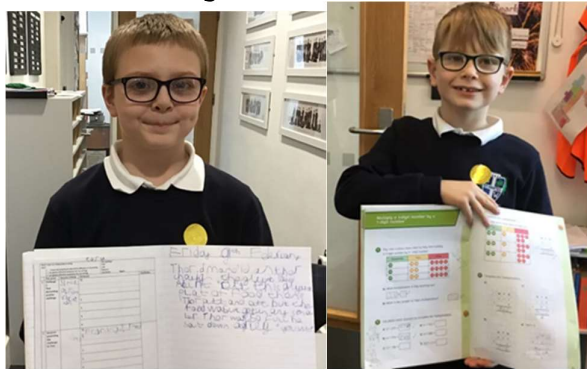
Well done to all the children and parents who entered the sketching challenge through the month of February. Your entries were all so amazing. Here are just a few!



A huge thank you also to all the children who have brought in pieces of artwork for us to send on to the new hospital – we have some amazing artists, and we look forward to seeing your art work in place.

Head Teacher's Awards

Mrs Tilling is always thrilled to give out her special gold stickers when children are brought to show her their amazing work!



National Outdoor Learning Award

Children have been working hard in their Forest Schools sessions this term. Swift Class have been working on showing good examples of leadership and Woodpecker class have been working on treating the environment carefully and helping others create new life in Forest Schools. We are thrilled that some pupils have received their NOLA certificates!



Spelling Bee Well done to the winners of the second Spelling Bee competition which took place



in assembly – there were heats in classes first and then the final in Assembly. Well done to everyone who took part.

St White's Has Got Talent

What an amazing event we had last night! Huge congratulations to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to all the staff and the judges. A special thank you to the school council for their excellent presentation, Miss Cinderey, for organising the sound and props and to the parent who leapt into action to fix the technical issue with the microphone stand! We are thrilled to announce that the winner was the Year 5&6 Dance Group! Second place was last year's winner, Emily T with her wonderful singing, and third place was Emily H with a spectacular gymnastics routine.



Well done also to our amazing staff who put on a stellar performance, and looked amazing too!



Youth Choir

Ben from Woodpecker Class is a member of the



Gloucestershire Youth Choir and performed in a concert at Tewkesbury Abbey in February. They sang along with a piano and a full orchestra in front of over 250 people in the audience. It was an amazing event – well done Ben.

Local Wildlife Thank you to Mrs McDermott for sending us some more of her amazing wildlife photographs. We are really lucky to be surrounded by so much amazing wildlife.



Thank You's

There are so many people we are thankful for! To all our lovely parents who are so supportive of the school and work so hard to support your children.

From reading with them at home, coming along to the Maths and ME sessions, learning alongside, helping with trips and activities and providing dressing up outfits when they are required. We couldn't do half as much without you!

To everyone who helps with transporting children to sporting events, helps to run our school clubs, donates to our charity collections and sends in second hand uniform for us to sell on, we really appreciate your time and generosity.

A special thank you to the parent who spotted an iPad which had been left outside in Forest Schools! It was saved before it came to any harm!

To our wonderful staff, who are always positive, and are ready to adapt and change plans, especially this term as we have been battling through all the bugs which are going around! It has been a challenging term for illness for pupils and staff!

And of course thank you to all our amazing children – you are an inspiration and give us so much to be proud of.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday and come back refreshed and ready for the Summer terms!

Adult Choir – don't forget that after Easter the adult choir will continue on Thursdays from 6 – 7pm. It has been really joyful this term, so please

do come along and join in! Everyone is welcome, email stwhiteschoir@gmail.com for more information.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 3rd May. 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 29th April 2024.