

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023! It was lovely to welcome everyone back from the Christmas holidays!

**Happy birthday** to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in January – Kyler, Emily S, Keaton, Lilly-Hanna Milo, Charlie C, Violet-Belle, Neiva, Luana, Dylan, Melina, Summer, Jenson, Joshua V,



Heidi, Harrison, Leah, Alister, Emily, Jacob J, Amber W, Oliver W, Lily R, Niall, Bailey, Benjamin, Olivia J, Isla-Faith, Elsie, Henry and Mrs Reynolds

**Robin and Wren Classes** went out for a winter walk in the woods to see what had changed since the autumn – it was very muddy and they had a great time splashing in the puddles! A big thank you to all the parents who came along too!



**Sparrow Class** have been having great fun designing and making their own vehicles in DT, learning about parts of a plant in science, and writing letters home!



## Diary Dates

### February

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup>** – School closed to pupils due to strike  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** Dress to express for mental health week  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cheltenham Dance Festival  
**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Parent Consultations  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** – Basketball trip  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** – Half Term Holiday

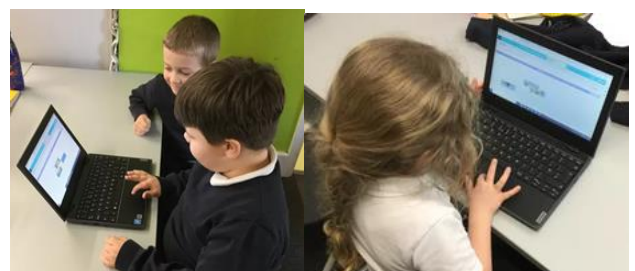
### March

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** – World Book Day  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Weds 8<sup>th</sup>** – Scholastic Book fair  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** – Comic Relief  
**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** – Talent Show Heats  
**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** – Class Photographs  
**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>** – Talent Show Final  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Holiday

**Kingfisher Class** (and Year 1 pupils in Sparrow and Nightingale) are having violin lessons this term – it is great fun! They have also been learning about toys in history, and how plants grow in science.



**Nightingale Class** have been working hard learning about “dragging and dropping” in their computer lessons. They have had fun comparing new and old toys, and remembering their favourite toys when they were babies.





**New Age Kurling** On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January a group of children went to Newent School for a New Age Kurling competition (no ice needed)! They had been learning how to play for a few weeks, and had a great time playing against lots of other schools. They played lots of matches and won lots of games. Well done everyone!



**Girls Football** On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January the girls represented St White's at the Prostars football tournament. They played some very close games, eventually drawing with the overall group winners. They displayed excellent determination, hard work and great team spirit. Well done girls!



**Cyber Safety talk for parents** – thank you to the police for putting on this talk for parents last week – it was great that so many came along, and Mrs Tilling had fun looking after all the children! Well done to Sparrow and Nightingale Class who tied for the prize of the most parents coming along – they will get some extra playtime as a prize!

**Maths – Learn Alongside** Thank you to all the parents who joined us for learn alongside this



week – it was wonderful to have so many of you in classes and we hope that it helps you to feel more confident when you are supporting your children with their maths homework!

**LKS2 Hopewell Colliery** This week Swift, Jay and Skylark classes visited Hopewell Colliery as part of their topic about the industrial revolution in the Forest.





**Little Princess!** Well done to Savannah in Skylark class, who decided to chop off eight inches of her hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust – she is very pleased with her new look and hopes her hair will make someone else happy too. We are all very proud of her!



**Heron Class** are continuing their project work on road safety. Last week the project group visited



each class to deliver a presentation. Some of them were a bit nervous but they did a fabulous job. They have had several visits

from the PCSO's to help them with their work including using a speed gun to measure speeds on St

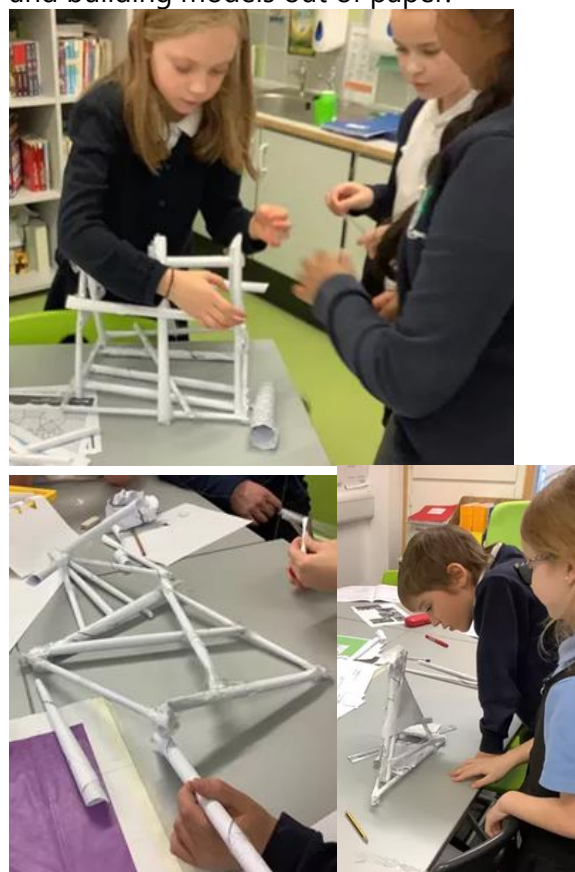
White's Road this week. They did catch lots of cars going over the speed limit, the fastest one was 42mph!



**Peregrine Class** have been having great fun building dens in the Forest School area!



**Woodpecker Class** have been designing dens and building models out of paper.





**St White's Has Got Talent** - we are really excited to be running our Talent Competition again this year – with live heats and a live final. Entry forms and information will be available early next week.



Entries need to be submitted by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. We know lots of the children are really enthusiastic about showing off their talents.



**Dress to Express Day** - On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February we are inviting children to “Dress to Express” for mental health week. This is all about your child showing off their unique personality and the things that matter to them, in aid of children’s mental health week. So, for example, if you are a big sports fan you could come to school wearing



your team’s kit or if your favourite colour is pink, then you could wear a fabulous all pink outfit.



Please ensure all outfits are suitable for school (and the weather) and are labelled with your child’s name. If you are able to, please send a donation on the day.



**Well done Amber**

Amber is in Sparrow class and she received a Star of the Week certificate for a great pom-pom routine at her majorettes club!



**Job Vacancies** – we are currently advertising for a midday supervisor, a wraparound assistant for maternity cover, and a relief cleaner. All the information about the vacancies is on the school website along with an application form. If anyone would like more information, please contact the office. They are being advertised as three separate jobs but it would certainly be possible for one person to combine the MDSA role with either of the others.

**Dates for Year 6 SATS** – just to let you know that the Government have changed the dates of the Year 6 SATS tests this year – they are now Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May (Instead of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>).

**Next Newsletter** – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.



