

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our first Spring Term newsletter! It is another busy one!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in May:



Gaddiel, Vinnie, Alfie-Joe, Lilian, Dominic, Lawrence, Charlie W, Zara, Lyra, Willow-Grace, Quinn, Leo, Marley J, Aiden & Jonah,

Connie, George W, Clark, Nate B, Finley, Eli, Miah, Oscar, Maya R, Rory S, Libby, George G, Emily T, Miss Thompson, Miss Blake, Mrs Cook, Miss Fishpool, Mr Hayward, Mrs Saddington, Mr Moorby and Mrs Pendrey.

Balance Bikes – last week EYFS had their first session learning to ride balance bikes! Progressive sports will be here teaching them for the next few weeks – starting with how to walk with a bike safely, pick it up, put it down and ride it! It is great fun!



EYFS Beach Party on 21st March, Robin and Wren classes put on our summer clothes, sun hats and shades and invited our parents in for a beach party! We built sand castles and played volleyball and had a fabulous time! We are now all looking forward to our trip to Barry Island later this month!

Diary Dates

Monday 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday

Tues 9 – Fri 12 May – Year 6 SATS

Fri 12th May – Diary Day

15th – 26th May – Year 2 SATS

19th May – Year 5 Houses of Parliament Trip

22nd – 25th May – Bikeability Year 5

23rd May – Year 4 Residential parents meeting

24th May – EYFS Beach trip

29th May – 2nd June – Half Term Holiday

Mon 5th June – Aspirations Day

5th – 16th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tests

12th – 16th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests



Year 5 Skillzone On Thursday 27th April, Year 5 visited the Skillzone in Gloucester. We learnt all about keeping ourselves safe! It was really interesting and fun!

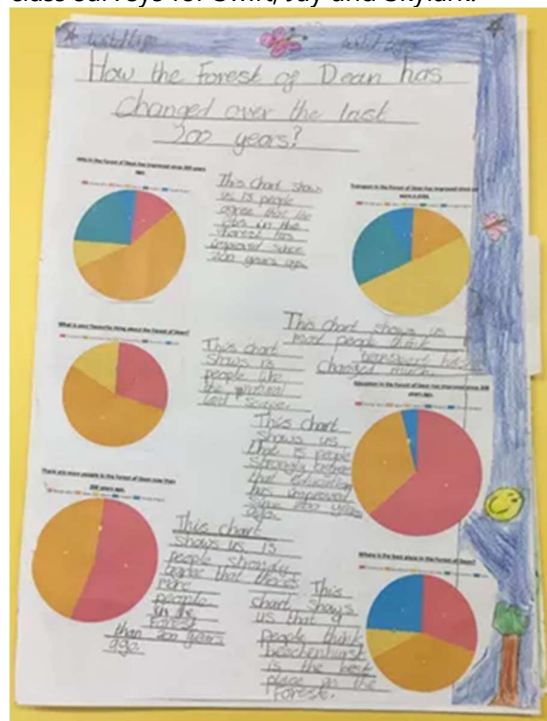


Swift Forest Ranger Visit and questionnaire

Swift class were very lucky to have a visit from a Forest Ranger who spoke to us about the history of the forest area, our industrial heritage and how the forest is managed now. This all linked in with our work on the local environment. A big thank you to everyone who helped by completing the class surveys for Swift, Jay and Skylark.

KS1 Non uniform for endangered animals

Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow classes want to say a really big thank you to everyone who donated money and dressed up last Friday! This was a project which encouraged us to use our oracy skills to discuss the impact of human beings on the environment, decide what we could do to help and debate which animals to sponsor. We learned lots about wildlife and why it is endangered. We had great fun and raised an amazing £256 which will enable us to help lots of endangered animals.



The results have been analysed and discussed in our geography lessons.

Woodpecker Class have been learning about light and reflections in science and making our own periscopes.



In geography, we have been learning about the planet and understanding the continents and oceans using the giant map in the playground!



Oracy Learn Alongside Thank you to the parents who joined us in the first week back to see how we learn oracy, and for those who completed the questionnaire. We are so glad you found it useful!



Year 6 have been learning, revising, preparing and practicing hard and next week is their chance to shine in their SATS! They will be coming in early to share breakfast and prepare each day next week. Good luck everyone!



Peregrine Deaf Awareness Assemblies

For Deaf Awareness Week, Peregrine Class presented assemblies to all of the KS2 classes. They talked about some of the reasons people might be deaf and how you can communicate with people who are deaf.



They have all been practising their finger spelling and have earned a house point if they can sign their name to Miss Cinderey. The challenge is now extended so have a go and see if you can learn too! Here is the link to the BSL website.

[Fingerspelling Alphabet - British Sign Language \(BSL\) \(british-sign.co.uk\)](http://british-sign.co.uk)

Bowling - On Thursday 20th April a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a bowling tournament against 13 other schools from the forest. They had a fantastic time and represented the school with pride, giving each other lots of encouragement and praise. The children were split into Teams A and B and were thrilled to return to school with not only second place medals but the first-place trophy too! Well done to all who took part!



Rugby Festival – Well done to Kacie from Swift Class and Leah from Sparrow Class who both won medals playing in the county Rugby Festival last month!



Governors News

We are delighted to announce that after a



rigorous recruitment process, governors have appointed Fran Cinderey as Deputy Head Teacher – you all know her very well already, and she has been acting in the role since the start of this school year.

We are very happy to welcome Jamie Smith as a new parent governor – he has written a biography to introduce himself:

Hello, I was appointed to the position of parent Governor in early 2023. My day-to-day career is as a director of a local property maintenance company which specialises in adaptations to



properties assisting young adults to live independently. I have three children; we all enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle including cycling, swimming and walking the family dog. My youngest attends St. White's and having participated in a number of parent-child events at the school, I have seen first-hand the value of these additional activities and I'm looking forward to being involved in the development of the school's future.

We still have another parent governor vacancy so if there is anyone else out there interested in joining the governors, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Michelle Saddington, or the Chair of Governors, Mr Richard Jones through the school office for more information.

Excellent Work – lots of children have received special stickers from the Head Teacher for excellent work!



good time. As part of the celebration we are going to plant two trees – sadly the weather meant it was too wet to have lots of people out on the grass today, but we will do it as soon as we can. Last year our Year 6 pupils had grown plants and held a plant sale to raise money to purchase a tree to commemorate the platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and we have purchased a beautiful horse chestnut tree. To commemorate the King's coronation we have an oak tree. A big thank you also to Mr Winstanley at The Dean Academy for producing the plaques and to Mr Hewitt for making the wooden posts for them. We will share some photographs of the planting ceremony in the next newsletter.

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 26th 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 22nd May 2023.

Coronation Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us today to help celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King



Charles III and Queen Camilla. We hope everyone has a lovely bank holiday weekend! A big thank you to the PTFA for organising the entertainment and providing cakes and snacks for the children.

Also thank you to all the parents who baked or donated cakes for the cake stall. We decided at lunch time that we needed to have everyone inside as it was pouring with rain – this meant parents were all a bit squashed in, but we hope you still had a

