

# St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023/24 school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! It has been a busy and fun packed first few weeks at school!

**Happy birthday** to our pupils and staff who have celebrated birthdays in September: Marley, Leo J, Max, Grace N, Skyla, Antony Melody-Dawn, Athena, James Evie B, Niamh, Lylia, Charlie J, Callen, Amber S, Fae, Oscar G



Jacob P, Tiago, Ryan W, Tiana, Alexa, Kacie, Emily R, Harley, Mrs Kibble, Mr Turner, and Mrs M Williams

## Welcome to our new Reception children!

It has been lovely getting to know all our new children in Robin Class. Here are just a few photos of what they have been up to!



## Diary Dates

### October

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – School photographs  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reading Evening 5 – 6pm  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Literature Festival trip  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Literature Festival trip  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – LKS2 Literature Festival trip  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – PTFA AGM 3.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 residential to Aberdovey  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Half Term Holiday



There are lots more pictures on the class padlet:  
[St White's Primary School - Robin \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Sunflower Competition** In the spring we started a competition to grow the tallest sunflower! Thank you so much to everyone who joined in – there were 21 entries, and so many messages about how the children had enjoyed looking after their seeds and watching them grow. The prize for the tallest went to Tobias in Swift Class at 298cm (9ft 9.3 inches) and the runner up was Isaac in Skylark at 244cm (8ft)!!!!



**Unusual Reading Competition** Thank you to everyone who joined in and sent photographs of children reading in unusual places over the summer holidays. Staff voted for the most unusual and the three winners were announced in assembly today – well done to Owen reading in a castle, Tobias reading by the Mer de Glace glacier and Savannah reading while riding a unicorn!



**Summer Journal winners**



Well done to everyone who completed a summer journal this year. The classes had a wonderful time sharing them, and the winners had a tea party with Mrs Tilling!

**Heron Spelling Shed**

Congratulations to Heron Class who are smashing spelling shed and are currently 41<sup>st</sup> in the world!! Well done and we hope you will continue to rise up the rankings!!!



**Class Cooking** This term we are using seasonal produce in our class cooking – KS1 have been making seasonal apple salad – they have been cutting up the ingredients, mixing it together with dressing and having a taste! Yummy! Thanks to Mrs Heyworth for helping with the cooking!



**School Council** The children saw democracy in action soon after our return to school. Children from Years 2 – 6 were invited to put themselves forward for the school council. Children wrote a

manifesto which was shared with their class, and each class then elected their school council representatives on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The successful councillors were announced in



assembly that day and presented with their badges. We look forward to hearing their plans to help improve our school, and the wider community.

**European Languages Day** This week we celebrated European Languages Day with each child learning some phrases in a different language. Peregrine class learnt to count in Italian. The classes all had a chance to show off their new skills in assembly today!



### Allotment – watering can appeal!

Thank you to Miss Knight who looks after the allotment with Mrs Self – it looks amazing and there are some very interesting things growing! One of the tasks which the children love most is watering the plants – and it would be really helpful if parents would donate some watering cans for us to use!

Here are Peregrine class tending the plants.



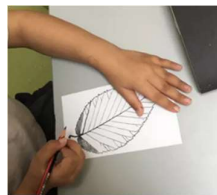
**Art and Design** – there has been some amazing work in art and design technology so far this term. Nightingale Class have been using the laptops to create abstract art, and also experimenting using clay. You can see



more of their work at [St White's Primary School - Nightingale \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://St-White's-Primary-School-Nightingale.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



Skylark Class have been working on shading leaves, and also creating animations using the computers – you can see videos of these on their class padlet. [St White's Primary School - Skylark \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://St-White's-Primary-School-Skylark.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



Jay Class had a task to create an outfit from just newspaper and came up with some amazing creations.



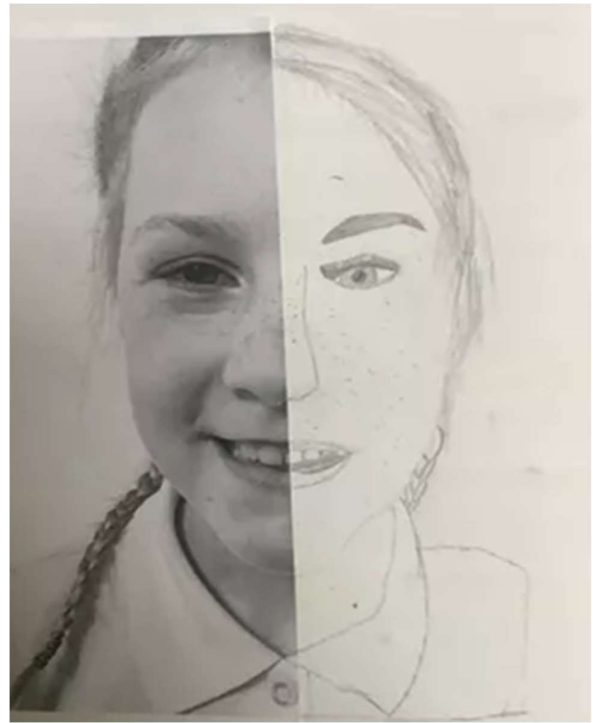
Jay have also been learning about the Stone Age in History and have been acting out scenes for freeze frame photographs – here they are ready for a hunt! There are lots more pictures on their padlet [St White's Primary School - Jay \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://St-White's-Primary-School-Jay.st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



Swift Class have also been working on computer animation. Check out their padlet for more pictures - [St White's Primary School - Swift \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)



Upper Key Stage 2 have been working on self-portraits, using a photograph of half their face and drawing the rest. Here is some of their really amazing work!



There is lots more to see on their class padlets  
[St White's Primary School - Woodpecker \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)  
[St White's Primary School - Peregrine \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)  
[St White's Primary School - Heron \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)

In PE this term some classes have been building their dance and gymnastics skills. Here are Kingfisher Class stretching very tall. There are more pictures on our padlet  
[St White's Primary School - Kingfisher \(stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://stwhites.gloucs.sch.uk)



**Forest School** This term, Sparrow Class have been enjoying their Forest School sessions! There are more photos on their padlet [St White's Primary School - Sparrow \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://St White's Primary School - Sparrow (st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk))



**As well as all the amazing things happening in school, we wanted to let you know about some adventures outside of school too!**



Owen from Heron Class was a huge help at the Woodside Village Hall Annual Harvest Festival. He supported the auctioneer in encouraging people to bid for items, collecting the money and distributing the items – all in all they raised over £700 for a Christmas party for the Over 60's. Well done Owen you are a star!

Connor from Woodpecker and Harrison from Jay took part in the Humbug Chase – a mountain bike challenge in the Forest. They had a fabulous time

- well done boys and congratulations on your medals!



**Ellwood Football Club** have asked us to let parents know that they have places for boys and girls in their teams. They train in Lydney starting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – if anyone is interested contact J Bevan on 07707834782

**Gloucestershire Music -Try an Instrument Day**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Sir Thomas Rich's School in Gloucester from 10 – 12 noon you can go along and try an instrument – there are lots on offer. To sign up go to

<https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/register/RegisterInterest/8b571f3b-5333-44d5-baeb-f86d3364c223/929b743f-80ee-4af4-b2b7-db859253efbd>

**October Maths Challenge**

The maths challenge is open to all children. Please give your entry in to your class teacher. Make sure it is labelled with your name and class. All of the entries will be added on to the maths padlet on the website and there will be a prize for some winners too!

**October's maths challenge is...**

**Sizzling Symmetry!**

Design a **symmetrical image**.

This could be a photograph or a piece of patterned artwork.



**September Poster Competition** Thank you to the children who entered our September Poster Competition – this month's phrase is: **It's okay to not know yet, but it's not okay not to try.** You still have time to enter as we extended the closing date until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look out to see the winning poster around school. We will send out the challenge for October next week!

**Appeal for Volunteers** We have lots of wonderful volunteers who come into school to help us, but we are always looking for more. There is a poster attached, but also we are really excited about the possibility of a computing coding club through the Code Club. <https://codeclub.org/en> There are lots of resources and training to support the club being run and there would be support from school staff too. Contact the school or Mr Hayward ([peregrine@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:peregrine@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)) if you are able to help.

**PTFA** – The PTFA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend the meeting and join the PTFA. They are always looking for members and helpers for events. They will be sending their own newsletter next week. Because they work really closely with the school, regular PTFA members will have exclusive access to attend some school trips and events!

**Next Newsletter** – Our next newsletter will be published on 27<sup>th</sup> October. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.



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