

# St White's Primary School

*Always Learning!*



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Welcome to our newsletter half way through our busy last term! As always, there is lots more information and photographs on the website!

**Happy birthday** to our pupils and staff who have celebrated their birthdays in June: Reuben M, Viola, Lowri Jimmy, Grace L, Catherine, Nel, Lucien, Ava G, Rory S, Theodore S, Luke, Charlotte D Alisha, Mya, Jack, Grace SI,



Ralph, Mr Brown, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Fearn and Mrs White.

**STEM Week** – the first week back after half term was STEM week – Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths! We had a fun packed week. Monday was **DT Day** (design technology) and all our classes focussed on designing food. It was (mostly) delicious! KS1 designed sandwich fillings, LKS2 made pasta salads and UKS2 made savoury biscuits.



## Diary Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> July** – History Dress Up Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Dance Showcase
- 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Olympic Fun Afternoon
- 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Morning – Upper KS2 Sports Day  
- Afternoon – KS1 Sports Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Morning – Lower KS2 Sports Day  
- Afternoon – EYFS Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Play – 1.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Play – 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers Assembly 2pm **LAST DAY**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – School Starts

Then the Tuesday was **Aspirations Day!** A huge thank you to all the people who came in to speak to us about their jobs! We made sausages with Mr Brown the butcher! We found out about being an airline pilot, an air traffic controller, a vet, a nurse and all the jobs there are in the police force. We learned about being a forest ranger, a delivery driver, an engineer, a vicar, a music producer and working in a bank. We had a visit from the police horses to end the morning. It was amazing!







On the Thursday afternoon we held our own **Science Fair** – the children in KS2 designed and planned their own experiments, and had a fun afternoon showing them off firstly to the rest of the school, and then to parents. There was quite a lot of cleaning up needed after some of them!



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June was also the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Each class made a special commemorative piece of artwork. They found the names of soldiers who had died and wrote them onto poppies which were then used to embellish a photograph from D-Day.



Upper Key Stage 2 visited the **Cheltenham Science Festival** on the Wednesday and it was the turn of Lower Key Stage 2 on Friday.







**KS1 Dean Heritage Centre Trip** – just before half term, KS1 went to the Dean Heritage Centre where they learned about local history and what it was like to go to school in Victorian times!



**Hospital Opening** – on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June Mrs Tilling



was invited to take a couple of children to the official opening of the new hospital in Cinderford. Caterien and Penny's

names were picked out from the children who had provided pictures for the new hospital artwork, and they were able to present Princess Anne with flowers picked from the school allotment. They even made it onto the television local evening news!



**KS1 Zoo Trip** – Kingfisher, Nightingale and Sparrow classes had an amazing day at the Bristol Zoo Wild Place Project last week. They saw lots of amazing animals, bears, wolves, zebras, and they really wanted to bring the lemur's home!



**History Quiz** - a huge well done to Connor, Tobias, Maiya and Alex who represented St White's in a history quiz last week – it was a very close competition, but they won by one point and are now through to the final next week. Thank



you to the parents we know worked really hard helping them to prepare.



**Sports** – it has been an incredibly busy half term so far for sporting events, and we are really proud of all the children who take part.

**Dodgeball** – on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July our team of will be travelling to Nottingham for the **National Finals** of the British Dodgeball Championship! We finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the South West Region, having come first in Gloucestershire. The team were brilliant and we also need to say a big thank you to the parents who transported them to Bristol. We are hugely proud of you and can't wait to see how you do in the finals!



**Cricket** – well done to our Year 5/6 team who represented St White's at the Westbury on Severn tournament – the team finished second in the group and displayed excellent sportsmanship!



**Panathlon** – well done to the Panathlon team who competed in Gloucester – they worked together to score lots of points and achieve a fifth place finish after finishing first in the previous round. Again thank you to parents who were able

to transport them to this event, and well done team – you deserved your amazing medals!



**Walk & Ride** – last week a small group of pupils joined with other schools for a 4.5km walk through the Forest of Dean, and then had a well deserved ride on the steam train back! Thanks to Miss Meek for going with them, and well done as they displayed a positive attitude and challenged and encouraged each other on the walk!

**Girls Football** – Last Friday Year 5 & 6 girls competed in the last football tournament of the year. After an emotional penalty shootout, they finished with a brilliant 14 points. Well done girls you have been fabulous all year!



**Quad Kids** – on Monday a group of Year 3 & 4 pupils competed in long jump, 50m sprint, 400m and vortex throw. After some great teamwork three finished as the highest scorers for the vortex throw and came back with well-deserved medals. They all had great fun!





**Team Challenge** – A group from Year 5 & 6 represented St White's at a team challenge day in Parkend – they finished in third place which is fabulous!



**Year 4 Residential** – our intrepid Year 4s have had a wonderful time at the Wilderness Centre – the weather has been fabulous. There are lots of photographs on the padlet on the school website [St White's Primary School - Year 4 Residential \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://St-White's-Primary-School-Year-4-Residential(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk))



A huge thank you to the staff who have taken the children on the trip – Miss Creed, Mr Cassidy, Miss Hall and Miss Cinderey. We hope everyone has a restful weekend! And a big thank you to the parents who stepped in to help transport all the luggage!

**Beat the Street** This is up and running and well done to the 66 players who have already signed up and earned 1740 points which puts us in the lead of the local schools. We want everyone to

sign up and have fun! Please can children bring their cards to school with them on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July as we are going to use them to boost activity levels in sports week – we will remind you again nearer the time!

**Library Visit** – This term the library assistants went on their second visit to Cinderford Library. They learnt how to use the catalogue to check if the library has the book or author they are looking for and how to order the book into Cinderford Library if they don't currently have it. They learnt how to use the screens by the exit to check books in and out on loan. They also got to take part in a scavenger hunt, finding specific titles, authors and information from around the library. They highly enjoyed their visit and represented the school brilliantly.



**Pupil Assessments** – well done to our Year 4s who have taken their multiplication screening assessments, and Year 1s who have done their phonics this month. We are really proud of you all and well done to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare them. We are really pleased with our results. Children will be bringing their reports home on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July!

### **Staff Celebrations**

We wanted to share with you some really positive feedback we have had about our staff. Miss Cinderey is our maths lead and has been sharing what we do with colleagues from schools all over Gloucestershire. Other school leaders were particularly interested in the Maths with Me sessions for parents which she instigated this year. Miss Underwood is our science lead and she has also been presenting to science specialists from other schools. Lots of our staff were nominated for the 2024 support staff awards this month. Mrs Fearn, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Williams and Mrs Kibble in the education support category, Mrs Jones and Mrs Saddington in the administration category

and Mrs Sheen for school business management. Congratulations to all of them on their nominations.

**History Competition** – well done to the children who created posters and models to enter the local history competition – they have been collected for judging and we will wait to see if we win any prizes!



**Olympic Fun Afternoon** – all the children will be bringing home an invitation to join us next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at the end of the school day for our Olympic Fun Afternoon. Please come in and sign up to join in at the school office next week. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a cake stall! There is more information on a separate parentmail message. If you can donate a raffle prize please bring it to the office as soon as possible. If you can bake for the cake stall please bring to the office during the day on Friday.

**Next Newsletter** – Our last newsletter of the year will be published on 19<sup>th</sup> July. 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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024