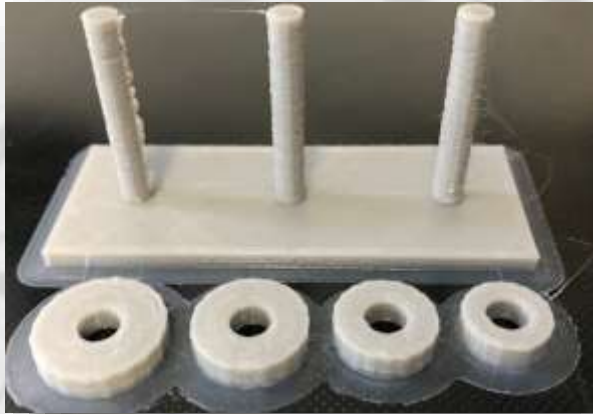


**West Pennard C of E VC Primary School**



Aldo's completed Tower of Hanoi puzzle that he designed and printed using the school's new 3D printer in our 3D printing club with Mr North



**'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)**

**Heads Up**

It was very amusing to see a leek walk past me on Tuesday morning at the gate — perhaps more so than you would normally find as a teacher when you make that observation, albeit with the use of a different homophone! Anyway, we held our class based Harvest Festival which incorporated a mufti day, as chosen by the School Council, to raise money for CLIC Sargent. There really were some inventive creations, especially Walter's carrot and Lacey's pumpkin hair buns. In total we raised a very respectable £283.70. Well done everyone for your contribution.

Hedgehog Class were also full of enterprising spirit on Friday, having organised their class raffle, which replaced the traditional Squash and Biscuits afternoon. The winners of the hampers were Hollie (chocolate), Bethany (Haribo), Charlie D. (pamper) and Macy (pamper). Thank you all who took part.

On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of meeting with the Friends of West Pennard School (FWPS) over Zoom. For those of you new to the school, the FWPS are the school's PTA. They work tirelessly to support the school (see later in this newsletter) and are always looking for new members to contribute ideas and time. If you would like to find out more about what they do and

potentially offer your support, they are having an Annual General Meeting on the evening of Wednesday 11th November. The meeting will again be held virtually and after most children's bedtimes. Please see additional flier from the FWPS for more information.

It just leaves me to thank you once again for all your support this half term and to wish you all a restful half term. See you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Mr Wheat



**Stars in Our Eyes**

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Amelie & Daniel
- Year 1 - Esmé & Ted
- Year 2 - Oscar & Otilie
- Year 3 - Ida & Amaya
- Year 4 - Boe & Kailyn
- Year 5 - Fred & Bethany
- Year 6 - William & Saffron



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The Advent of Advent



Last year, as part of the Parents Information Evening held in October, I mentioned an idea to engage / excite children with their reading in the lead up to Christmas by having a 'book advent calendar'. You wrap up a book for each day of advent and unwrap and read it together each evening as part of your daily routine (depending on the size of book of course). It reinforces the 'specialness' of books and also of the mutual rewards in setting aside time to share them. I mention it as The Works always do a 10 books for £10 offer at this time of year and there is currently one going on their website at the moment - if you go via Quidco you can get 12.5% cashback also. Otherwise collecting second hand books or ones you already have but have not yet read would be equally exciting to unwrap and read.

Mr Wheat

FWPS Fundraiser - Coin Challenge



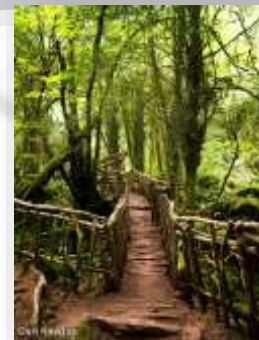
The FWPS do a remarkable job raising funds for the school which enables us to enhance the learning of the children through rich experiences and tools for learning that we would otherwise have struggled to provide. After Half Term each class is going to take part in the 'Loose Change Challenge'.

Every class will have a large plastic drinks bottle in which they will collect any loose change you may have lying about that you may otherwise have used at the carnival or just let collect in a dusty pot at home (in my case) and are happy to donate. The class that fills the most will have a mufti day in the week leading up to the Christmas break.

Here and There

Puzzlewood

Apologies for slightly further afield again, but with Half Term coming up you may want to go just over the bridge into the Forest of Dean and visit the location of many a film set, including: Star Wars, The Huntsman, Jack the Giant Slayer, Dr Who, Merlin, Atlantis and The Secret Garden (2020)



Puzzlewood is located in Gloucestershire's gorgeous and historic Forest of Dean, where Stormtroopers and Time Lords have rubbed shoulders with dragons and unicorns. You can walk through the ancient woodland and explore the caves, hide-e-holes and walkways along the way. It is located over the road from Perrygrove Mini Railway, mentioned on a previous letter, so you could combine the two.

The Museum of Somerset



Visiting the Museum is completely free, although they do suggest a donation of £3 as they are a charity. The Museum is housed in Taunton's 12th century castle. The postcode is TA1 4AA.

APPs of the Week



Endless Wordplay is a good literacy support, but actually there are some nifty mathematical concepts thrown in too. It's all about rhyming word puzzles with animations that will keep the giggles flowing.



Specifically designed for EYFS, so aimed at kids aged 3-5, this app brings Maths to life with cute animations that will ensure your child loves Maths from the start. It focuses on shapes, patterns, sequences, coins, number recognition, and more, and there are plenty of motivational targets.



With Hoopa City you can let your imaginations run wild, all the while taking you on an educational journey. It's about mechanics, engineering, and problem-solving.



Toca Lab is the virtual chemistry set that doesn't accidentally blow up your home. It introduces the different elements as funky little characters, whilst introducing the concepts of what happens when they are heated, cooled, mixed and more.

Quote of the Week

*'Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.'*

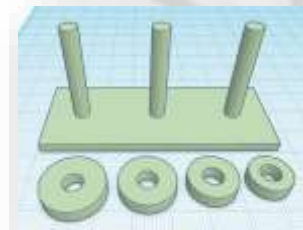
Robert Louis Stevenson

Celebrating Successes



Emmie in Dormouse class has been awarded a medal for gymnastics. She won it for holding a handstand for an hour over a two-week period! Let's hope it doesn't go to her head!

3D Printing



Year 5 pupils Adam, Aldo, Fin and Freddie have been having fun learning new skills in 3D-Printing Club. Using Tinkercad 3D modeling software, they have successfully designed and printed buttons, dice, name tags, and 'Tower of Hanoi' logic puzzles. After half term they will be designing more games, and will eventually print their own illuminated house models. Thank you to Mr North for providing such rich learning experiences for our children.



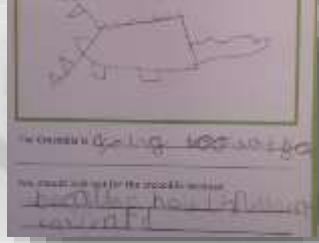
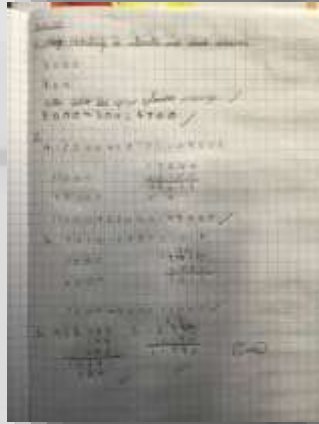
Writers and Mathematicians of the Week

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class Writer or the Mathematician of the Week this week:

- Year 1 - Maya & Ted
- Year 2 - Freddie & Digby
- Year 3 - Chary & Mika
- Year 4 - Joshua & Charlie
- Year 5 - Luca & Loralie
- Year 6 - All Y6 Writers & Amelia



See a selection of their impressive work below.



Our School Harvest

In addition to enjoying mufti and raising money for CLIC Sargent, as a school we also focussed on being thankful to God as our theme for Harvest this year, after all we have a lot to be grateful for! Of course, we had to celebrate in our classrooms rather than being together, but we have made sure that the things that are important to us as school remained, for example, we all wrote thank you prayers to put on our school Prayer Wall. Every member of our school community was given an apple shaped button to remind us to be thankful. It has been lovely to see these 'appear' on cardigans, book bags and staff lanyards etc. Links with our village are precious so we have sent every family in the village some poppy seeds. The seeds may be tiny, but we hope that as they grow they will be reminders to be thankful, as we have been reminded ourselves. We are really grateful to the 'Delivery Angels' who ensure that these arrive in letterboxes. Please look at the 'Chat Mat' which has come from the Diocese to continue Harvest conversations at home, it is attached with this Newsletter. Thank you.

Mrs Robinson



Maths Puzzle of the Week

Well done to Ethan (Y6) who completed the puzzle last week in 1 minute 30 seconds!

Brain teaser this week...add 5 matches to these 6 to make 9.



Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

\*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October	HALF TERM
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 6 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 4th November	Year 6 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Monday 9th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm* Year R Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Tuesday 10th November	Year 2 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness Year R Parents' Evening (9am-3pm and 3.30pm-6.30pm) Year 2 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Thursday 12th November	Year 1 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Friday 13th November	Year 1 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
16th – 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November	Year 4 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Tuesday 17th November	Year 4 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm) Year 5 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 18th November	Year 5 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Tuesday 24th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Wednesday 25th November	Year 3 Parents' Evening (9am-3pm)
Friday 27th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30th Nov – Tuesday 1st December	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)*
Wednesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)*
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner* Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16th December	Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Wednesday 16th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Thursday 17th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Friday 18th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays