

West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Children in Year 5 completed their Candle Houses that they have made in 3D Printing Club with Mr North using Tinkercad. Each house took 4 hours to print and the results are stunning!



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

Heads Up

We concluded what has been a very busy and productive term with a number of festive activities in school this week. We had our Christmas dinner and jumper day on Tuesday. A huge huge thank you to Mandy and Sue for providing a lunch for well over 170 people. I can not imagine the preparation involved in this - I get flustered cooking for 5! On Wednesday the children had their class parties and on Thursday they got to see a virtual performance of Aladdin by the MacMillan Theatre. We finished putting together our Very West Pennard Christmas Nativity. You can view the recording by clicking on the link sent out to you today. We hope it gets you suitably in the Christmas spirit, whilst also reminding all of the story of the Nativity.

As the term concludes, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this term; in reading and responding to the many necessary letters and updates about procedures in response to Government guidelines, in showing such understanding for the limitations that have faced us and in preparing your children so well for their return to school in September. The policy has been to plan for the worst but to hope for the best and to find other ways of doing things if something looks impossible to deliver in the traditional manner. I have been very impressed by the stoicism and resilience

of the children this term. They truly are a credit to you and to the school as a whole. To Try is to Triumph!

Finally I would like to thank the staff for going the extra mile to keep everything going this term. They have risen to every challenge and deserve a well earned break, as you do too.

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th is an INSET Day)

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WoW Wednesdays

WoW in Dormouse Class

We have thoroughly enjoyed our WOW (Wellbeing on Wednesdays) afternoons in Dormouse Class this term. It has been a wonderful opportunity to reflect, relax and talk about our worries, our joys, and our feelings in general. We have used 'The Colour Monster' book as the springboard to our creative activities. Activities have included making stress buddies to keep us calm, creating calm jars to use when we are angry and an umbrella of cheerfulness, full of ideas to cheer us when we are sad. Not only that, we have enjoyed amazing stories like 'Fergal is Fuming' and 'Ruby's Worry' that we have used to explore our emotions.

WOW has now impacted every day as we now have 'Colour Monster fans' so that we can show Mrs Robinson how we are feeling. We have been so inspired by the Colour Monster that we have made up our own colours with gold for when we are feeling proud and holographic rainbows for when we are thankful.

WOW has certainly become a highlight of our week!

Mrs Robinson



Enrichment Sewing



The enrichment group has finished their counted cross stitch project that they have been working on with Mrs Chapelle.

Christmas Socks for Ashlyn Day

Many thanks to everyone who wore their Christmas socks with pride last Friday. Together we raised £155 for Ashlyn, our classmate who lives in the Philippines.



Christmas Hats!

Please see below a selection of the wonderful creations of Christmas hats!



APPs of the Week

APPs to support / encourage reading over the Christmas holidays.



GOLDEN MILE



This half term we have re-introduced the Golden Mile to West Pennard School, where children have 10 minutes to run laps around a designated circuit. Despite the cold, children have thoroughly enjoyed getting outside and being active. In the same way our reading and times tables improve with practice, so does our running, and we have already seen an improvement with some of the children's stamina. Congratulations this week, goes to Leyton from Otter Class, who became the first person to take his accumulative total past 5 miles! Maybe the next Mo Farah in the making! Keep it up Leyton!

Mr Bisgrove



Epic provides a plethora of children's books for all ages. The app asks for parents or teachers to create an account, and allows for them to create four profiles for children readers. You do need to register an email and a password. The visuals and music contribute to a fun learning experience



The Reading Realm is a really useful app for linking reading with comprehension, spelling and grammar and other essential primary school literacy skills.

It features excerpts from hundreds of children's books, ranging from classics like *The Little Princess* to modern titles like *The Shadow Keeper*. Each text is accompanied by a short description and a variety of literacy exercises for your child to choose from, arranged into different 'realms:'



Some children finish books in record time and are always looking for their next read, while others find it hard to choose books that engage them. Whichever camp your child falls into, BookZilla is brilliant for broadening their horizons.

Aimed at children age nine plus, the BookZilla app will help your child choose new books to read, based on their interests and books they've enjoyed.



English Update

I just wanted to say thank you for all the books that have been donated to the school this half term. They are hugely appreciated.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Mrs Pinsent

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will resume serving breakfast from Tuesday 5th January. It will be the same service as before and the last serving will be 8.10am.

Quote of the Week

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'
Isaiah 9

Christmas Giveaway

Thank you so much to our 'delivery angels' who this week have delivered to each home in our village these little parcels of festive cheer from us. It has been lovely to already hear of the Christmas joy they have brought to the residents in our community.



Dormouse Class' Christmas Hats



Enjoying Christmas Dinner



Kind Donation

A big thank you to Rev. Chris Hopkins who has kindly donated a book for each child in school 'It Begins in Bethlehem'. The books will be going home in book bags today.

Our Top Doodlers

Well done to Otter Class who were our top doodling class this week.

West Pennard PE

During this autumn term, with the help of Mr Cave, some of our classes have been taking part in the TLE Games. Some of the events that they participated in included a 60m sprint, a balance challenge and hockey dribble to name a few. TLE were also organising the games in 13 of their other schools in and around the Mendip area. Out of the 14 schools participating, West Pennard came, a very respectable, joint 5th. A big well done to the following children who achieved a top 3 finish in their events and will consequently be awarded with a certificate.

Benjamin – 3rd (Speed Bounce)

Kai – 2nd (Ball Throw)

Liam – 3rd (Ball Throw)

Rudy – 2nd (Hockey Dribble)

Kai – 3rd (Hockey Dribble)

Luana – 3rd (Speed Bounce)

Spike — 2nd (60m Sprint)

Ida – 3rd (60m Sprint)

Spike – 2nd (Balance Challenge)

Mika – 3rd (Balance Challenge)

Rupert — 3rd (Balance Challenge)

Mr Bisgrove



January School Meals

As we require two weeks notice for school meal bookings, please book your child/ren's meals on School Money for the third and fourth weeks in January by Monday 4th January at the latest. (For weeks beginning 18th and 25th January).

Many thanks

Key Dates: Spring Term 2021

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

Monday 4 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	Term starts
Wednesday 13 th January	FWPS Bags2School Collection Day
Monday 18 th January	IEP surgery
Tuesday 2 nd February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Class CW Year 6 Truthfulness / Ashlyn's Birthday Muffi Day
Friday 12 th February	Year 2 Squash & Biscuits*
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd March	Year 6 Bikeability*
Tuesday 2 nd March	Year 2 'Dinos and Fossils' South West Heritage Workshop*
Monday 1 st March - Wednesday 31 st March 2021	Parents' Phone Consultations
Friday 26 th March	Year 3 Squash and Biscuits*
Thursday 1 st April	Easter Service in Church (Year 5 to Lead) 2pm* Last Day of term