

West Pennard C of E VC Primary



We have created a link with a school in New Edubiase in Ghana. Hidayaatul Primary School is based in the Adansi South region of Ghana. We will start to communicate with them over Teams / Zoom and work on projects together next term.



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

Heads Up

On Monday we heard the fabulous news that we can welcome everyone back on the 8th March. It feels like the shoots of spring are with us and we can now start to build once again for sunnier times ahead. I'm sure I can speak for all of the staff when I say that we can't wait to be a whole school community again.

With the announcement and the opening of schools, however, I would encourage you to remain cautious, perhaps even more so than before, so that the easing of lockdown can be sustained. We are asking that all parents and staff wear face masks from 8th March on drop off and collection and continue to adhere to Government guidance as to social distancing and mixing with other households. Staff have been self-administering lateral flow tests twice weekly since January and will continue to do so moving forward. Please continue to make us aware of any positive tests or suspected symptoms that your child or other members of the family experience so that we can act to protect others accordingly and direct self-isolation.

On Thursday it is World Book Day and Mrs Pinsent has been busy devising a number of activities for you to take part in on the day via Google Classroom. We have rescheduled our usual book fair for the end of June, where we hope to hold a 'Festival of Reading' around the time of the usual

festival. Watch this space for more details. If you would like to hear stories read to you, we have added some new titles this week. To view all the videos and watch at your leisure click [here](#).

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes (Certificates and stickers will be posted)

Home Learning Stars of the Week

Year R Stanley - for his amazing raft building.

Year 1 Hugo - for reading a lot at home recently.

Year 2 Isla - for excellent enthusiasm and such creative ideas with your home learning.

Year 3 Nyree - for her focus and pride in creating an earth's timeline.

Year 4 Harvey - for his excellent work ethic for all of his home learning.

Year 5 Stanley - for brilliant enthusiasm to all of our work before half term.

Year 6 Carmen - for her super Maths work.

Critical Worker Provision Stars of the Week

Brody (Yr R), Freddie (Yr 2), Cherry (Yr 3), Joshua (Yr 4), Archie (Yr 6)



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A Lenten prayer by William Arthur Ward
as shared by Ed Gregory - Diocesan Director
for Education

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ in dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on nonviolence.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; Feast on truths that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen.

Quote of the Week

Jesus said 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' John 14 v27

Doodle Maths

Well done to Orlagh in Year 4 who has reached a 100 day streak on Doodle Maths. An amazing achievement, well done Orlagh!

Out and About (Well, In and Innovative!)

As the weather gets warmer, here are some outdoor ideas from the Woodland Trust...

Help the wildlife in your garden

As we're just coming out of the depths of winter, your garden wildlife will appreciate some help to survive the colder months. Get involved and [make a feeder](#) to help hungry birds. You can also put out fresh water for animals to drink and bathe in. If you have space, create a 'wild pile' of twigs, logs and dead leaves in a quiet corner – it makes the perfect refuge where creepy crawlies, frogs and hedgehogs can hibernate

Become tree trackers

How well do you know the trees in your garden or neighbourhood? Your family can become expert tree trackers with the Woodland Trust's [free Tree ID app](#). It features over 70 British trees and helps you learn how to identify them by their twigs, bark, leaves and fruits. Give it a go on your next walk and see which trees are living near you.

Go on a scavenger hunt

Scavenger hunts are great fun for all ages. You can do them in your garden, and they're also a good way to liven up family walks. Keep it simple and help younger children look for different colours or textures in nature. For older children, challenge them to hunt for seasonal signs such as snowdrops, berries or frosty leaves.

You'll find more ideas in the Woodland Trust's [scavenger hunt blog](#) where you can make up your own themes too.



Somerset Cricket Challenge

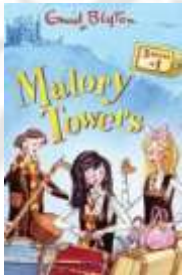
Please find the link below to Somerset's fourth 'Pro Challenge'. This can also be found on their [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) pages. The 'Pro Challenge' this week is with Somerset CCC legend James Hildreth and Western Storm's Georgia Hennessy and involves them answering questions that were sent in as well as setting three challenges (batting, bowling and creative writing).

Please feel free to send any videos of you practising the challenges or short stories you have written into Scott Chappell or tweet them if easier (@somensercb using #scbprochallenge).

[SCB 'Pro Challenge' Week 4](#)

100 Books to Read Before the End of Primary

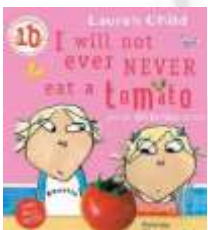
A recent survey came up with a list of the top 100 books to read before you leave primary school. This list includes books for children of all ages, old and new titles, classics and recently published and are sure to inspire more reading and a love of books for years to come. How many of these books have you read? Can you think of any books that you have enjoyed that should be on the list? Every week, we will list 10 books starting from 100. Will your favourite make the list?



90. Malory Towers is about everything school should stand for - friendships, lessons, sports, plays and especially mischief. Darrell Rivers is off to a new boarding school, Malory Towers in Cornwall. But will she fit in there? And what adventures will she have?



89. The Skulduggery Pleasant Series by Derek Landy Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's...well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out... has to find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return.



88. I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child Lola will not eat peas. In fact, she won't eat carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, eggs, sausages, cauliflower, cabbage or baked beans. And she will absolutely not ever NEVER eat a tomato. But when Charlie explains that peas are actually green drops from Greenland, and carrots are really orange twiglets from Jupiter, even Lola is tempted to clear her plate...



87. The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster Milo's extraordinary voyage takes him into such places as the Land of Expectation, the Doldrums, the Mountains of Ignorance and the Castle in the Air. He meets the weirdest and most unexpected characters (such as Tock, the watchdog, the Gelatinous Giant, and the Threadbare Excuse, who mumbles the same thing over and over again), and, once home, can hardly wait to try out the Tollbooth again. But will it be still there when he gets back from school?



86. The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter The Tale of Peter Rabbit was first published by Frederick Warne in 1902 and endures as Beatrix Potter's most popular and well-loved tale. It tells the story of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden!



85. Click Clack Moo: cows that type by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears Click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Clickety, clack, moo. But the problems really begin when the cows start leaving Farmer Brown notes. First it was electric blankets... where will it end? And when the animals don't get what they want they go on strike, of course!



84. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from the branches, or slide down her trunk... and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave



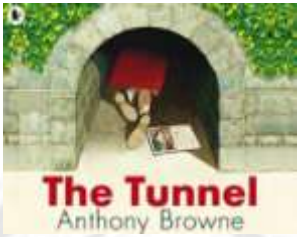
83. The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler by Gene Kemp Tyke Tiler and Danny Price are best friends, much to the despair of the headmaster of Cricklepit Combined School— because wherever the pair go, trouble is never far behind. Stolen money, a sheep's skeleton, fights in class...And somehow it's always trouble that Tyke has to sort out.



82. Face by Benjamin Zephaniah In this startling debut novel from Benjamin Zephaniah, the author tackles the moving and compelling story of a young man, Martin, whose life is completely changed when his face is badly scarred in a joyriding accident.



81. The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see, standing before him, the most extraordinary little fellow. 'Please', asks the stranger, 'draw me a sheep'. And the pilot realizes that when life's events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out pencil and paper.



80. The Tunnel by Anthony Browne Once upon a time there lived a brother and sister who were complete opposites and constantly fought and argued. One day they discovered the tunnel. The boy goes

through it at once, dismissing his sister's fears. When he doesn't return his sister has to pluck up the courage to go through the tunnel too. She finds her brother in a mysterious forest where he has been turned to stone.

Mole Class Remote and Critical Worker Learning

