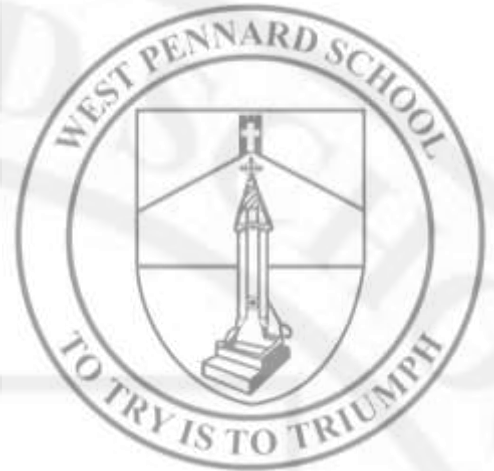


West Pennard C of E VC Primary



Year 5 negotiating the stream walk at Kilve this week.



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

Heads Up

We had a very busy first week back after half term, especially for Year 5. Otter Class spent three exciting, yet exhausting days at Kilve this week. They all had a wonderful time and found their own individual successes, be it through staying away from home for the first time, scaling the climbing wall or even making it through the river walk without losing their welly boots. The residential culminated in a walk on the Quantocks and a den building challenge. A great many thanks to Mrs Pinsent, Mrs Chapelle, Mr Smart and also Miss Major for accompanying them and helping the children make some lifelong memories...and also taking much of the water from a tributary of the River Holford home with them after the river walk!



On Friday we had our first live meeting with Hindayatul Primary School in Ghana. Dormouse Class had a teams meeting with a class of fellow 6 and 7 year olds and their teachers. We introduced ourselves and showed our newfound friends around Dormouse Class using the webcam. They showed us around their classroom and into the outside area, where older children were playing

football. We then talked as a class about the similarities we have in common and used Google Earth to see where we had virtually journeyed on Friday morning - some 4400 miles!!!! We very much look forward to meeting up again. We have arranged to read stories to the children over Teams. Thanks so much to the teachers at Hindayatul for meeting with us!

Have an enjoyable sun-blessed weekend!

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



- Year R - Nelly & Flora
- Year 1 - Oscar & Ollie
- Year 2 - Rudy & Isla
- Year 3 - Cherry & Bailey
- Year 4 - Harriet & Cameron
- Year 5 - All children who attended the Residential
- Year 6 - Amelia & Lola

Winners with Dinners

- A big well done to Mole Class who had the highest % of pupils this week having a Universal Free School Meal. Well done to Hare Class who were the highest in KS2.
- Fox - 27 meals (90%)
- Dormouse - 25 meals (76%)
- Mole - 30 meals (97%)
- Hare - 15 meals (50%)
- Squirrel - 15 meals (47%)
- Otter - 11 meals (35%)
- Hedgehog - 5 meals (19%)



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Mathematician and Writer of the Week

William - for his super work on statistics.

Ashleigh - for making a brilliant start to her flash-back story.

Amelia M - for working really hard on her times tables and achieving her Bronze Timetable Olympic award.

Nikita - for showing excellent independence to write up her non-fiction research.

Aurora - for her contributions to Fluent in 5, confidently sharing ideas and methods.

Spike - for his superb presentation and pride taken in his newspaper report.

Kaidence - for super telling the time.

Amelie S - for an excellent holiday recount.

Emmie - for her 'can do' attitude in Maths.

Frankie - for amazing progress in Writing.

Surveying the scene

Towards the end of each year, it is customary to gather your thoughts about the school in order to assess what we are doing well, as well as to understand ways in which we could improve. It has been an unusual year, to say the least, with some changes that have been made only intended as a temporary measure and others more permanent. It has certainly been useful to us to be at the gate each day to speak to you all and to gauge your opinions and address any concerns or issues. Please do take the opportunity to respond to the survey as truthfully as you can, with both the current (necessary) picture and that of what we remember as 'normal circumstances' to inform your responses. We can not promise to act on each individual's suggestions, but will use the overall picture to see where improvements can be made. May we please ask that you complete your questionnaire by 30th June, so that responses can be analysed and taken to Governors. Please [click here](#) to access the survey.

Quote of the Week

Do everything without grumbling and arguing so that you may shine like stars in the world.

Philippians 2



'Art Builders champions art experiences for every child, every academic year, to support and improve mental wellbeing.'

Here at West Pennard, we pride ourselves in providing our children with copious opportunities to explore and express their emotions through a variety of arts and creative experiences currently on offer. We understand that creativity has the power to energise and engage learning, to enable connections with others, to spark imaginations, and to offer escapism from the stresses of everyday life.

Therefore, I am very excited to announce that we have officially become an Art Builders School for 2021.

Art Builders is about inspiring schools to programme art activity, giving all young children and teaching staff an opportunity to get involved in the arts and be creative through regular art lessons, week-long art weeks or big art days.

This June, for Art Builders Month, we have pledged to bring art into our classrooms as much as possible, using creativity as a way to boost well-being for pupils and teachers alike.

In next week's newsletter, I will share further details of upcoming art events, including our 'Art Builders Big Art Day' and 'Walking Art Gallery Fundraiser', so keep your eyes peeled!

I look forward to regularly updating you all on the fantastic art activities and creative projects being carried out across the school in this final half term.

Miss Holmes

Year 1 Holiday Hamper Raffle

In lieu of Year 1's Squash and Biscuits, Dormouse Class will be hosting a 'Holiday Hamper Raffle'. Tickets go on sale on Monday next week (14th June) and will cost £1. The draw will be on Friday 18th. The parents of Dormouse Class have been very generous and, in addition, to a hamper of beach toys and lots of other holiday items there will also be two £100 vouchers to win, one for a spa and the other a '1 for all' shopping voucher. Please see attached poster for more details.

Mrs Robinson

West Pennard Sports Festival 2021

Kilve Residential

A snapshot of the residential. A full write up to follow next week.



In July, the children have an action-packed sports festival fortnight to look forward to! Starting on Monday 5th July, the activities will include: wall climbing, caving, circus skills, street dance, martial arts and olympic days. The grand finale will be the inaugural West Pennard Sports Day on Friday 16th July. Keep an eye out for upcoming school newsletters for more information.

Mr Bisgrove



Prayer from Ed Gregory, the Diocesan Director of Education

Dear God

Thank you that you want us all to shine

Thank you that we all shine in different ways, at different times

Yet we all shine

Help me to shine today

Help me encourage others to shine today

And for those, for whom today is not a day to shine,

Help me to offer love, kindness and grace

Amen



Urgent Messages

If you have any messages for the office, such as any changes to After School Club, buses, collections etc, please inform the office by 2pm. All messages for teachers/children go the class at 2.30pm. If you have a message after this time please ensure you phone the office, not email, as this is a very busy time of day and emails may not be picked up in time.

Thank you.



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at: [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection)

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19 Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home • cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you are in receipt of a positive result for Coronavirus, please notify us by filling out [this form](#).

Safeguarding



Mr T Wheat
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DSL



Mrs Lorraine Clarke
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
DDSL

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility.

Our School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Tony Wheat. The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lorraine Clarke. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to them immediately.

Alternatively if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger out of school please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the police.

Key Dates: Summer Term 2021

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

Wednesday 23rd June	Tempest Class Photos
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th June	Festival of Reading
TBC	Transition Day Year 6 West Pennard – Move up morning
Monday 5th July	Year 1-6 Climbing Wall in school
Wednesday 7th July	Caving experience in school
Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th July	Moving On Prayer Space
Wednesday 14th July	New parents to Year R (Sept 2021) Afternoon Tea / Picnic
Friday 16th July	Sports Day*
Monday 19 th July	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 21st July	Leavers' Service at the Church - 2pm
Thursday 22 nd July	School Leavers' Assembly Leavers' Race
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of academic year
Friday 23 rd July	INSET Day