

West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Otter Class (in the distance) enjoying their PE lesson with Mr Cave



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

Heads Up

It has been lovely going round the classes this week and seeing some of the interesting and exciting things going on in class. The children really have settled back in well and are going from strength to strength with their learning.

Our WOW (Wellbeing on Wednesdays) afternoon this week featured 'Ninja Angels' — a way in which we are trying to promote random acts of kindness. Mrs Robinson explains more later in this newsletter, but I thought I would mention it just in case you heard word of them from your children and were expecting something very different!

From talk of angels to talk of angles! Last year we started our first year of three working collaboratively with specialist Maths teachers from the Boolean Maths Hub who visited us in school and also delivered high quality CPD to the teachers during lockdown. This year we are continuing with our journey and have purchased resources to support us with it. We enjoyed our first week using these new resources and hope that they will further improve teaching and understanding in Maths.

While on the subject of 'additions', the new Accelerated Reader books arrived in school this week, much to the excitement of Mrs Pinsent. We are currently banding them and they should all be available for the children early next week.

Finally, it leaves me to wish you all a pleasant and restful weekend.



Amber's Tree

In August we received the very very sad news that Amber had lost her long and brave battle with leukemia. Amber was such a lovely girl and will be sorely missed by us all at West Pennard. We want to have something in school to remember her by, so we will be planting a tree, Amber's tree, which we will adorn with an amber coloured ribbon and also a plaque when mature enough. Amber's parents have set up a fundraising page to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to donate to the fund follow the link below....

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jennys-giving-page-188>

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 - Martha & Evelyn
- Year 1 - Lucy & Frankie
- Year 2 - Zoe & Sophia
- Year 3 - Jemima & Luana
- Year 4 - Harriet & Pembe
- Year 5 - Matthew & Luca
- Year 6 - Macy & Howie



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Here and There

Why not go for a 1.7 mile walk around Velvet Bottom, a nature reserve and valley with a connection to lead mining since pre-Roman times. Along the walk you will see two caves and a series of dams and levels. Watch out for pits and mineshafts though!!! The nearest postcode for Velvet Bottom is BS40 7XR or park at Black Rock (BA5 3BT) to walk through Black Rock Nature Reserve to Velvet Bottom Nature Reserve.



A bit further afield, but just over the old Severn Bridge near Caldicott is Dewstow Grottos and Subterranean Gardens. They were built by one of the directors of the Great Western Railway and were rediscovered and restored in recent times. Enjoy exploring the grottos and then some pretty spectacular cake in the café.



Dotty Display

Miss Holmes has compiled all the children's work following our focus on 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds in the first week back. She has put together a lovely hall display for the children to enjoy whilst they eat their lunch. See below for one of the sections.



Friendship Day Fun

Last week we told you about our first values day of the year, which focused on friendship. One of our activities involved a collaborative rainbow. News of our values days have made their way to the diocese. See the link below...

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/09/children-from-west-pennard-cofe-primary-school-explore-the-value-of-friendship/>



Change in Circumstance?

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals. As circumstances change, due to the pandemic, you may now find that you are entitled. For full details see Newsletter 1 on the website.

Jar request

If you have any spare glass jars please can you donate them to school ready for a science project. We will quarantine and sanitise them before use by the children.

Many thanks

Mrs Rew



Flu Vaccination Reminder

If you haven't already completed the flu vaccination form online please do so by Wednesday 14th October. IT IS IMPORTANT that you complete this form, WHETHER YOU CONSENT OR DO NOT CONSENT to the vaccination being given. <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east>

Class Worship

In Class Worship this week, we were exploring Friendship, our value of the term. We were invited to make an acrostic poem to celebrate friendship. They were all really good, but the poets of Hare Class were AMAZING! We thought you would like to read it too.

Mrs Robinson

Forgive one another

Reflection of you

Important to love, care and share

Enjoy playing games

Now and forever, always together

Dream big, don't ever give up

Smile to make them happy

WOW Afternoon

As part of our WOW (Wellbeing on Wednesday) afternoon this week the school community was challenged to be Ninja Angels! The idea is to do a small act of kindness for someone in school before half term, but without them knowing it was you – hence the 'ninja' part. The emphasis is on the kindness, not being congratulated for it. We understand that it is not about us feeling lovely (although we will feel good because we have spread a little joy) but much more about someone else feeling cared for. We spent time thinking of ways to be kind to each other without spending money – we became very creative! Just like the Milk Tray Man, we will leave a 'calling card' of a Ninja Angel so that the recipient knows they've been visited though not by whom!

Mrs Robinson



Data Loggers



Just before lockdown we successfully applied for a grant from the Hinckley Point Development Fund, with the aim of enhancing our delivery of the Science curriculum. We ordered a pack of 5 Data harvest VU+ data loggers with USB and Bluetooth connectivity. The data loggers will enable us to collect and investigate data over time and enhance our Science lessons by making them more practical.

Parent Wellbeing Helpline

A parent helpline has been set up by Somerset LA with funding from the DfE to offer time with an educational psychologist for help with any issues surrounding Covid.

Please email EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk

You will need to provide your name, your child's name and school (or say EHE if home educated). Also state the dates / times you are not available.

Healthy Packed Lunches

We have noticed that in some home prepared packed lunches there is not quite the balance between healthy option and treat. Please could you ensure that your packed lunch offers a healthy balance with limited sugary / starchy offerings. See some nutritional advice and ideas by following the link below...

<https://tinyurl.com/packlunchesw>



Quote of the Week

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' | John 4v7

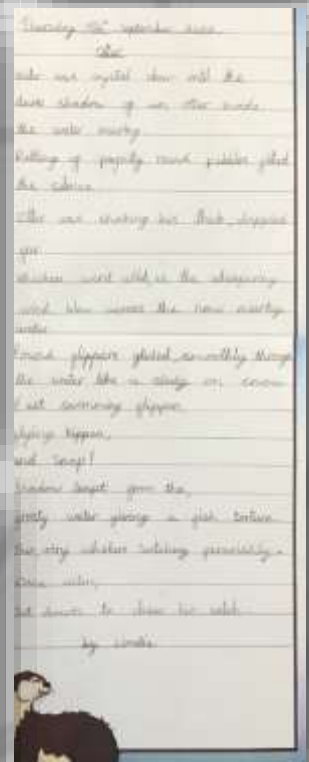
Class Photos

Due to the current guidelines we have had to postpone the school photos from 6th October until the summer term.

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 R - Arthur
- Year 1 - George & Bella
- Year 2 - Sol & Amelie
- Year 3 - George M.
- Year 4 - Sofia & Harvey
- Year 5 - Loralie & Brooke
- Year 6 - Jacob & Zara



Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

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

Tuesday 29 th September	Carymoor 'Schools Against Waste' workshops
Wednesday 21 st October	Class Collective Worship Year 1 - Friendship
Friday 23 rd October	Flu Vaccinations Year 6 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 9 th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm*
Monday 9 th & Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening*
Wednesday 11 th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness
16 th – 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 27 th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30 th Nov – Tuesday 1 st December	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 8 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)*
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)*
Friday 11 th December	Image Musical Theatre — Pinocchio*
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner* Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Wednesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Friday 18 th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays