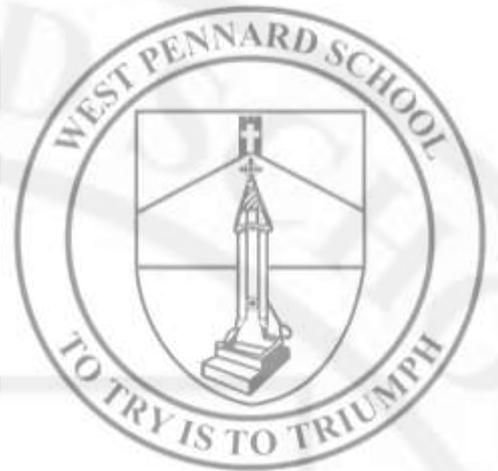


**West Pennard C of E VC Primary School**



Children in Mole Class enjoying their Brunel day with South West Heritage



**HEADS UP - MUFTI DAY ON TUESDAY**

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

**Heads Up**

There was a series of mysterious happenings in Fox Class this week with the arrival of a suitcase of unusual objects on Monday. The children had to search for clues and question staff as to whom it may belong. It was a privilege to see the enthused faces and also the amazing vocabulary and deeper thinking that came from this learning opportunity. Well done Fox Class!



Historical objects were a plenty also in Mole Class on Tuesday as they enjoyed a workshop on the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, as delivered by South West Heritage. The children had a fabulous time learning about the many achievements of the great engineer and each came away with some very tall top hats - you could fit an awful lot of sandwiches under some of them, as Brunel did when walking the route of the GWR all those years ago!

Hare Class children also departed school on Tuesday adorned with feathers, glitter and collage materials. They made masks linked to their work in English on the Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear. There were some fabulously creative masks on show, as well as some word for word recitals of

Lear's famous poem as they went through the gates at the end of the day. This week saw the first hints of chillier weather and prompted me to access my hat collection for the first time this year, as the insulation above me is not what it once was. Could you please ensure that you send your child in with a warm coat each day and suitable attire for inside, baring in mind we are having to ventilate the classrooms more than normal this year.

As always, I wish you all a great weekend. See you on Monday.

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 - Molly & Poppy
- Year 1 - Freddie & Hugo
- Year 2 - Isla & Isabelle L.
- Year 3 - Bailey & Noah D.
- Year 4 - Chloe & Reu
- Year 5 - Fin & Alfie
- Year 6 - Zara & Jacob



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Harvest Mufti



On Tuesday 20th October, we are celebrating our School Harvest. It will be strange this year for us not to be in church to celebrate this Christian Festival; however, we are determined to make it a special day. As always, we want to take this opportunity to support a charity as our way of saying thank you at 'harvest-time', realising how blessed we are.

The School Council discussed the charities, which their peers had nominated. The charity that won the most votes was CLIC Sargent, a charity that supports children who have cancer and leukemia and their families. To raise money for this great cause the children are allowed to come in mufti on Tuesday for a donation to CLIC. In addition, the children have the choice of coming dressed as fruit, vegetables or even a tinned variety of them! There will be a prize per class for the most creative outfit on the theme!

South West Heritage Visit

As a school, we subscribe to South West Heritage and this year obtained the enhanced membership to allow us up to 12 visits with experts and artifacts coming in to school to enhance teaching, learning and understanding in History. On Tuesday, Mole Class enjoyed the first of these visits with a special day devoted to all things Brunel. They had a chance to explore some artifacts and also to find out about some of the major events in Brunel's life and lifetime. Many thanks to the team at South West Heritage for bringing History to life in such an engaging way.



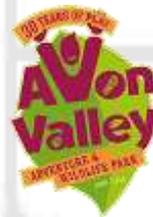
Here and There



Black Down / Beacon Batch is a great place for a family visit if you want to learn more about the history of our area and its people. Featuring bronze-age barrows, World War II defences including stumps to prevent enemy aircraft landing and remains of a decoy town to protect local people during air-raids.

There are opportunities to learn about soil erosion and understand more about how Ordnance Survey accurately mapped Britain long before GPS was available. The highest point on the Mendip Hills, on a clear day you can see for miles - even watch aircraft take off and land in the distance at Bristol Airport. On a cold autumn or wintery day the area is often covered in thick fog which makes for a very special atmosphere.

Parking at/by Tynings Trekking Centre, BS40 7XU. Wellies are recommend!



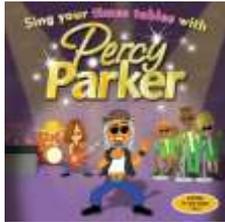
Avon Valley Adventure and Wildlife Park combines fun and education in one! Avon Valley is a place to meet animals of all shapes and sizes, including Highland cattle, Shetland ponies, pigs, goats, donkeys, alpaca, llama, red and fallow deer and more. Enjoy fun and adventure with the 1 & ½ mile Riverside Walk, outside play, air pillows, trains, tractor rides, plus a large indoor play barn with toddler play area.

Whatever the weather, there's always something fun happening throughout the day, with demonstrations, talks, animal handling and pig racing too, and all set in 80 acres of beautiful countryside. Some of the attractions are closed due to Covid procedures so do check before visiting. The park is located near Keynsham. Use postcode BS31 1TP.

APPs of the Week



Hopscotch is a free drag-and-drop coding app that helps kids learn coding. Hopscotch provides a scaffolding learning for coding. This app empowers the students to experiment and write their own code and programs in Hopscotch programming language.



Percy Parker — learn your times tables through song. It is very catchy! Not an app, but a website for live streaming or a CD to purchase.



'Monster Physics' is a unique building app that lets you play with physics! Build and operate your own car, crane, rocket ship, plane, helicopter, tank and more! It is more suited to upper KS2.



'Puppet Pals'. Create your own unique shows with animation and audio in real time!

Simply pick out your actors and backdrops, drag them on to the stage, and tap record. Your movements and audio will be recorded in real time for playback later.

Quote of the Week

'We plant the seeds but the Lord gives the Harvest.'

Black History Month



Throughout the school year we will be exploring and celebrating difference within the UK and around the world. October is Black History Month. Click on the pictures below to find out more about the life and work of these great pioneers of their time.



Find out about the life and work of Florence Price by clicking on the image above.



Find out about the life and work of Joseph Bologne by clicking on the image above.

Training video for parents on 'Managing Big Emotions: Promoting Mental Health'.

The training has been put together by our local Educational Psychologist, Finola Holyoak, to support parents. The video is half an hour long and covers:

- What is behaviour and what does it mean?
  - What is anxiety?
  - Emotion coaching: how to respond helpfully to your child's big emotions.
- How to help your child break the "avoidance cycle".

Here is the link to the video: <https://youtu.be/G4qiEhUkLko>

Admissions Reminder

For children due to transfer to secondary school the **closing date for applications is 31st October 2020**. You will be notified on 1st March 2021. A guide for the 2021 admissions process can be found at [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

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 - Joe & Bella
- Year 2 - Walter & Rudy
- Year 3 - Noah H. & Thea
- Year 4 - Ned & Joshua
- Year 5 - George & Willow
- Year 6 - Ethan, Evie G. & Jaxon



Well done to all these hard working children!

See a selection of their impressive work below.

Sandwich Creations!



Children in Dormouse Class were challenged this week to design a sandwich, which would tempt the Greedy Crocodile in our story away from eating children! Mrs Robinson was wary of some of the more imaginative filling combinations chosen by the children, but the Year 1 chefs were very impressed by their culinary creations!

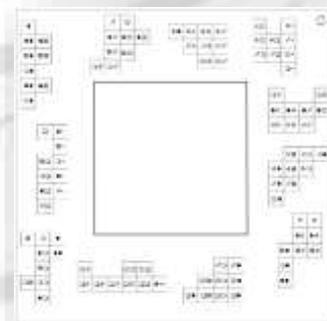
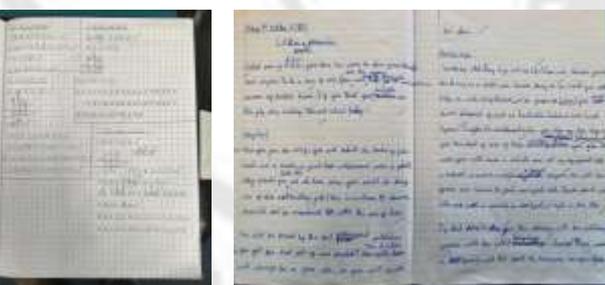
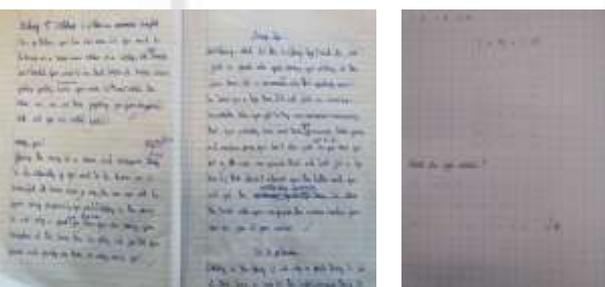
Year 6 Raffle Reminder

If you would like to purchase some raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning the below prizes, please complete the slip on the original letter and return it in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of 'Miss Harding, Year 6', enclosing the correct money, by the latest Thursday 22nd October. Raffle tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 23rd October. If you would like another copy of the letter please contact the office.



Maths Puzzle of the Week

We all are well accustomed to how our numbers look and what a 100 square looks like, but what happens when numbers are replaced by symbols. Can you drag and drop the parts of the puzzle to complete the 100 square? Suited to Upper KS2 and located on the nrich website, please send screenshots of completed grids for recognition on the newsletter next week.



Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

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

Tuesday 20th October	Harvest Mufti
Wednesday 21st October	Class Collective Worship Year 1 - Friendship
Friday 23rd October	Flu Vaccinations Year 6 raffle prize to be drawn
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October	HALF TERM
Monday 9th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm*
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness
16th – 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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