

NEWSLETTER 2

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Anti-Bullying Week

We are in the middle of marking Anti-Bullying Week at school.



The theme is 'All different, all equal' and the aims this year are:

- ~to empower children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique;
 - ~to help children and young people understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying;
 - ~to encourage parents and carers to work with their school and talk to their children about bullying, difference and equality;
 - ~to enable teachers to celebrate what makes us 'all different, all equal' and celebrate difference and equality. Encouraging them to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves.
- We are also wearing odd socks all week to mark the event. Thank you to the School Council for organising the event.

Girls' and Boys' football competitions

Congratulations to our 2 teams who competed in events in Durrington last week. Both teams came an incredibly close second! Well done to: Tabitha, Ellie M, Bridget, Emily L, Casey, Nieve, Libby, Carys and Grace L; Thomas F, Toby, Joe G, Gabriel, Bertie, Sam Cl, Jack W and Zach G.

Teachers and TAs Action research project

Teachers and TAs have begun their first action research projects across the school. Projects range from working with individual children to the whole class, in areas such as: continuous provision, Mastery in Maths, whole class reading, peer tutoring, self-esteem in Maths, the impact of singing on speech and language, Numicon, handwriting intervention, introducing different authors and Maths reasoning.

Children in Need



This Friday we will be participating in Children in Need by coming to school with crazy hair for a suggested minimum contribution of £1. Class 4 will be at Marwell Zoo all day - let's hope they don't frighten the animals with their mad hairstyles!

Parent group

Last week Mrs Rean and Mrs Lewis met with a small group of parents to discuss how we can improve Parent / Teacher meetings. Thank you very much to those parents for their views.

Open Studios

Thank you to all who came to our first Open Studios of the year. The artwork the children have done is truly amazing – well done!



Reading Challenge – 50+ nights so far...

We have just passed 50 nights in our Reading Challenge. Well done to all the children who are reading every night!

Winning story – Country Child magazine

Congratulations to Elizabeth Cook for winning the Wiltshire story writing category with her story 'Robin's Call'. Look out for it in the winter edition!

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for your kind gifts and donations for the Harvest Festival. The retiring collection of £264 was given to charity A.T.E. which will provide 1320 school lunches for children in rural Northern Ghana.



The food donations were delivered by Year 6, with the help of their parents, to the older members of our community. We have received many letters of thanks which have been shared with the children in assembly.

Remembrance Service

Many thanks to Grace L, Amelia V-W, Scarlett S and Jacob W who represented the school at the Remembrance Service this weekend at Holy Cross.



Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment

With thanks to Mrs Rean and Mrs Mathias, we have been awarded a selection of books and a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack. The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England, which uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children.

Congratulations to:

Mollie W (Class 5) who came 3rd in the Girls U9 100m Individual Medley and 2nd in the Girls Half Hour Lengths at a recent Penguins Competition;

Sachen (Class 6) for winning the Marlborough Lit Fest story writing competition;

Ria (Class 5) and Angus (Class 2) for being 'Commended' for their entries;

Camille (Class 5) for coming first in backstroke in a recent gala;

Alex T (Class 1) for moving from Ducklings to Stage 1 in swimming;

Charlie (Class 5) for being awarded best U9 player at Marlborough Cricket Club;

Hattie (Class 3) for achieving Silver Level British Gymnastics Proficiency Award for Floor;

Zara (Class 3) for passing Stage 6 in swimming;

Alexander B (Class 1) for coming 2nd in Hungerford Under 6 Tennis tournament;

Annabelle T (Class 3) for passing Stage 7 in swimming and Aquatic Skills, as well as the Bronze Swimming Challenge;

Nora (Class 1) for completing Stage 3 in swimming;

Alex E (Class 3) for passing Stage 7 and 8 in swimming;

Jamie T (Class 5) for coming: 1st 25m front crawl, 1st 50m butterfly, 2nd Separated Medley, as well as winning 2 Golds, 4 Silvers and 2 Bronzes at Marlborough Swimming Gala!

RSDT

So far this year, the RSDT has contributed towards: French in Classes R, 1 and 2, a contribution towards TAs and the replacement of the mini outdoor classroom in the corner of the field.



PTA news – Abel and Cole organic boxes

For every parent or guardian of a child at our school who signs up to a weekly Abel & Cole organic box and delivery to their home, they will:

- Give £20 to your school on their 1st delivery
- Pop a free copy of their shiny new cookbook in our veg boxer's 1st box
- Give £5 to our school on the 3rd delivery
- Give £10 to our school on 5th delivery
- Give £1 for every delivery from then on

We only need to get 12 parents signed up and the PTA could make almost £1,000 for the school in a year!

Please speak to Mrs Evans (Ruby and Greyson's Mum) for further details.