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Braeside residential Classes 3 and 4

On Wednesday the 2nd May, Class 3 and Class 4 went on a school residential trip for three days to Braeside in Devizes. We went there to build friendships and do different activities.

The first thing we did was problem solving. We had lots of fun. After that, we did low ropes and we played the pirate game. Finally we did the Life-Line and I got really muddy!

On Thursday after breakfast, we went for a walk in Devizes and climbed to the very top of a church. Most people were scared of heights! Then we went to the castle and were told stories. In the evening we had a campfire. At the campfire we had smores and I did two magic tricks.

On Friday we went to the farm and fed sheep and goats. Plus we got to feed a baby lamb who was an orphan. We also collected chicken eggs and weighed them. Mine was one of the biggest in the group.

Overall I had a great time at Braeside. My favourite thing was going to the farm.

By Verity, Class 4



Poetry prowess

Congratulations to Elizabeth (Class 5) for being chosen as the Key Stage 2 regional winner for the South West, with her fabulous poem 'Will not, must not turn back'. She has had a letter from Claire Perry MP, has been interviewed on BBC Radio Wiltshire and has been invited to Leicester City Football Club.

http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/towns/marlboroughheadlines/16128392.Young_word_smith_has_poetry_win/

Osmington Bay residential Class 5



Osmington Bay was a fabulous residential trip – it was jam-packed with activities to blow your mind! I really enjoyed it and I would definitely love to go there again to do even more of the amazing activities.

My favourite activities were: Dragon Boat racing, Aeroball and Abseiling because they were all really exciting and challenging. Dragon Boat racing was great fun because you joined half of your classmates and had the opportunity to race the other boat (containing the rest of the class.) I also liked Aeroball because we were in teams of two and had to shoot balls into the other team's hoops. All of this was done whilst bouncing on a trampoline! All rather tricky at times.

The trip ended with Abseiling on the last day and this really pushed my nerves to the limit! However, once I had pushed off from the ledge, I was absolutely fine and it was great fun.

I loved the whole trip; it was epic and really took my breath away.

By Jamie, Class 5



Rain Garden

Many thanks to Wendy Allen (Tilly's Mum in Class 1) for designing our new Rain Garden at the front of the school, as well as to all of the volunteers who came in to help in the Easter holidays. What an amazing transformation!

Our Year 6 water-monitors are doing a super job of keeping the plants alive with all the lovely sunshine we have been having!



Year 6 invitation to you all

Year 6 are holding a Plastic-Free Community Shopping event on Wednesday 23rd May at 2pm in the Hall. They would like you to come and celebrate their efforts in raising awareness of the dangers of single-use plastic and also buy a range of eco-friendly products to take home.

Products for sale include: cakes, beeswax cling-film, porridge, biodegradable doggy-poop bags, re-usable coffee cups, goats' milk soap, bamboo-fibre dog bowl, jute bags, Lush cosmetics and toiletries, bamboo and stainless steel straws.



Congratulations to:

Evie P (Class R) for passing Stage 1 Swimming;
Sam Cl (Class 5) for coming 3rd in the Boys U10 Singles and 3rd in the Mixed 10 and Under Doubles in the Wolverhampton Tennis Open, for coming 1st in the Pewsey Junior Open for 10 and Under and 2nd in the Winchester Spring Open for 10 and Under Singles, as well as being selected to represent Wiltshire in the County Cup in Chichester later this month!

Grace E (Class 4) for passing Initial Piano with Merit;
Oliver S (Class 4) for passing Initial Piano with Distinction;
Amelia (Class 4) for passing Initial Piano;
Isla (Class 2) for swimming 50m;
Toby (Class 6) for passing Grade 4 Trumpet with Merit;
Jamie (Class 5) for passing Grade 3 Trombone with Distinction;
George H (Class 6) for passing Grade 3 Trumpet;
Reuben D (Class 2) for passing Acting Grade 1 Solo with Merit;
Logan M (Class 1) for swimming 50m, 100m and 200m in one go!
Ben M (Class 3) for receiving Marlborough Hockey Club's U8 'Coach's Player' of the season 2017/18 award;
Charlie (Class 5) and Jamie (Class 5) for jointly receiving Marlborough Hockey Club's U10 'Coach's Player' of the season 2017/18 award;
Charlie (Class 5) for passing Grade 3 Clarinet with Distinction;
Zara (Class 1) for passing Stage 5 Swimming and achieving Purple Belt in Martial Arts;
Reggie (Class 4) for passing Grade 1 Jazz Saxophone;
Herbie (Class 2) for passing Level 5 and Level 4 in Swimming;
Jasper (Class 2) for passing Level 5 and Level 4 in Swimming;
Alex (Class 3) for achieving Green Tag in Tae Kwando;
Gus (Class R) for achieving Green Tag in Tae Kwando;
Oliver (Class 2) for achieving Brown Stripe and Blue belt in Tae Kwando;
Pippa (Class 2) for achieving Purple and Orange belts in Tae Kwando;
Beth (Class R) for achieving Purple belt in Tae Kwando;
Sachen (Class 6) for coming 3rd in the Green Belt South West Tae Kwando competition in Weston Super Mare;
Sammy B and Seb B (Class 5) for both achieving Black belt in Tae Wando – a fantastic achievement!
Alicia (Class 1) for passing Stage 2 in Swimming;
Logan M (Class 1) for swimming 600m;
Zara (Class 1) for swimming 800m, achieving her Orange belt in Tae Kwando and completing the entire Beating of the Bounds at the weekend!
Phoebe (Class 4) for passing Stage 7 in swimming and attending Squash County training;
Reggie (Class 4) for passing Grade 1 Jazz Saxophone;
Oliver (Class 2) for passing Level 4 and Level 5 in Swimming;
Zara (Class 3) for swimming 400m;
Audrey (Class R) for passing Level 2 in Swimming;
Annabelle T (Class 3) for being awarded with the U8 Players' Player 2017-18 at Marlborough Hockey Club, passing Music Theatre Grade 2 with Distinction, as well as passing Level 2 and Level 3 in Gymnastics;
Isla (Class 2) for passing Level 2 in Swimming;
Amelie (Class 2) for swimming 800m;

Daisy C (Class 3) for representing Marlborough and District Junior Athletics Club (MADJA) and coming 1st in U9 Quad Kids competition with children from Swindon, Salisbury and Calne;

Louis (Class R) for swimming 10m;

Amelia (Class 4) for swimming 1 mile;

Owen (Class 4) for being selected for football training in Swindon for Wiltshire Football Club U9s.

The new Pre-School is now open!

Last Tuesday, the new Pre-School became operational! It has been a hive of activity in the last few weeks and we are delighted they are now onsite. We look forward to working even closer together!



St Gabriel's Mathematics competition

Congratulations to our Year 5 Maths Team who represented the school at a Maths competition at St Gabriel's. Bravo to Camille, Emily, Elizabeth and Charlie who came 4th and 15th!

National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics

Our Assistant Head Teachers Mrs Rean and Mrs Lewis have been taking part in a Research project focusing on Mastery in Maths and are now on their website sharing the impact the project has had. Please look at <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/>



'Mrs Rean: The children who were seen as more able mathematicians, but who couldn't verbalise their thinking, have found that mastery has helped them to explain their thinking. They are now thinking through the process, rather than just doing.

Mrs Lewis: The children's maths books look completely

different. There is more drawing – bar models, area models.'

Mrs Rean and Mrs Lewis are also to be congratulated for passing the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) which they have both been working very hard on for the last 18 months.

House Winners Spring Term

Congratulations to everyone for being awarded with so many team points in the Spring Term – over 10,000 were awarded in 55 days! Muntjacs were awarded the most – with a cracking 2676 team points - well done!

Attendance Award for the Spring Term

54 children received Attendance Awards in assembly for being in school every day for the Spring Term – well done!

PTA Fun Run

Many thanks to the PTA Reps in Class 2 for organising the early morning Fun Run – it was very much enjoyed by all.

Boundary Walk

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Boundary Walk on the Bank Holiday weekend. Zara (Class 1), George H (Class 6), Joseph (Class 6) and Jasper (Class 6) all walked the entire length – 23.7 miles!



Joseph G once again was the winner of the Hill Race - Harker Hill, with Camille (Class 5) being the fastest girl. Those who walked sections include: Audrey (Class R); Ben, Barney, Pippa (all Class 2); Josie, Ben (both Class 3); Jemima, Phoebe, Tom, Adam, Oliver S, Grace L, Verity (all Class 4); Elizabeth, Camille, Ursula (Class 5) and Gabriel, Tabitha, Nieve and Meredith (all Class 6). Wowiee!

Tri Golf success

Congratulations to our two Tri-Golf teams from Classes 4 and 5. They had a great day at High Post Golf Club, south of Amesbury. We came 1st and 3rd. Bravo!

Cluster Music event Marlborough

Our Junior Choir (from Classes 2, 3 and 4) took part in a Cluster Singing event at St John's with 100 other children. They all sang a selection of songs which they had practised over the previous weeks, coming together for the first time on the day of the performance. They sang beautifully – a true credit to our very musical school!



Triathlon

Good luck to all of our teams of triathletes who will be taking part in the Triathlon at Marlborough College this weekend. We will have 3 Year 3 teams, 3 Year 4 teams and 2 Year 5 teams! Go Ramsbury!

County Final Netball

Our Year 6 Netball team played incredibly well at the County Final in Chippenham. All children had to play in every position, which they did with great skill. We came 5th overall – well done to our netball team!

SATs Week for Year 6

Very well done to our Year 6's who have had a very tough week, sitting SATs tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling on Monday, Reading on Tuesday, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning Paper 1 on Wednesday and Maths Reasoning Paper 2 on Thursday! They're not quite finished though as they are still working hard on their writing, which is teacher assessed at the end of June! Phew....



Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Swimming Team who took part in the Swimming Gala at Marlborough College. They worked really well together, supporting one and other extremely well and they came 1st, which means they will compete in the County Finals at the School Games in July – Bravo!

Sport Relief

We enjoyed dressing up as sportsmen and women or for our favourite sport and raised £190 for Sport Relief - thank you!

Tennis

Very well done to our Year 3 and 4 tennis teams who took part in the Ramsbury Tennis competition last week. The tournament involved four other schools and all children played very well. We came 1st, 3rd and 4th! Well done!



Easter Service

Thank you for your kind donations of £126 from the Easter Service which we have sent to ARK.

Hockey County Finals

Mr Crawford was very pleased with our Year 5/6 Hockey Team who played in the County Finals at Dauntsey's. They had some very tough competition and the final was nail-biting yet again, but with some excellent goal keeping, our team came 1st! Well done!

Tag Rugby

All of the children in Classes 5 and 6 took part in the Tag Rugby Cluster competition at Marlborough Rugby Club, competing against 7 other schools. Our 5 teams played very well, showing excellent sportsmanship throughout. Two of our teams qualified for the quarter finals, coming 3rd and 5th overall. Bravo!

Reading Challenge – 250+ nights so far...

We have passed 250 nights in our Reading Challenge. Well done to all the children who are reading every night!

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.