

Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

January 2024

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'Together , we are learning to live life in all it's fullness' John 10:10

Christian Value Focus: Hope

British Value Focus: Tolerance of Different Faiths & Beliefs

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year. The children have returned engaged and settled and ready to learn. The teachers have all worked hard to prepare new exciting topics and these are already well under way.

Mr Howard has secured PE/Wellbeing sessions for every class for either the Spring or Summer term. These have started with Oak class doing 'Big Moves,' with Mr Dandilo on Monday. Mr Dandilo commented on their exceptional behaviour and listening skills. They certainly thoroughly enjoyed their session!

This is a polite reminder that children should come to school in their **PE Uniform** on their PE days. This should be navy or black (non-branded) joggers/leggings/shorts with a black/navy sweatshirt in cooler weather and a plain white T-shirt. Children **should not** be coming into school in non-uniform on their PE days. Please see the website for further details on the uniform policy. For any children in receipt of Pupil Premium money who would like support with school uniform, please speak to me and we may be able to help.

The trim trail has finally been completed and the works signed off. The children have enjoyed using it this week and I want to thank the FOK who made a £2000 contribution to the repairs. I'm sure we are all in agreement that it was money well spent! I would also like to thank all the parents and carers for supporting the fantastic work the FOK are doing to raise money for all the children at Kilby St Mary's.

Rebecca Hartshorne



Wombles Assembly

On Wednesday morning, we were privileged to have the 'Wombles In Litter Education' in for a whole school assembly. They are a volunteer group who formed in 2020. Their aim is to teach our children more about the importance of looking after our environment and not dropping litter!

The children were engaged throughout the assembly and were amazed when they learnt how long some items take to decay - it really made them think!

The school council are keen to make improvements to how we recycle our waste in school. They have decided to start with a poster for each class and communal areas in the school.



Sporting Events

Some of our Year 3/4 children enjoyed taking part in the recent Dodgeball Festival at Brockington College. There were lots of other schools there, and our group were excellent ambassadors for our school, joining in with all of the activities and shaking hands at the end of matches, demonstrating sporting behaviour.

Our Year 5/6 group go to their Dodgeball Tournament next week, and we're sure they will do our school proud with their behaviour and commitment.



Oak Class News

This term we have been learning about our wonderful world and thinking about what it is like to live in different parts of the globe. We found out about what life is like in the Polar regions and how animals there can live in such cold temperatures. We tried out the 'blubber glove' to see how the animal's fat provides 'insulation' and helps them to stay warm. We also did some experiments to find out how quickly ice will melt in different conditions - we found that it melted the fastest when we put the ice in hot water or on a hot radiator!

We have also been investigating plants and learning about what conditions they need to grow in. We found that our cress seeds needed soil, water and sunlight to grow well. We then chose some seeds that can be sown in January and dug over our soil so it was ready for us to planting - we can't wait to see the beautiful flowers that will grow!

We have really enjoyed learning and retelling the story of the Gigantic Turnip and are so proud of the books we are writing to retell the story. We love being authors!



Willow Class News



We have been doing our writing based on a book called Handa's Surprise. We looked at lots of delicious fruit from around the world. We tasted guava, dragon fruit, passion fruit, kaki persimmon and lychee. We discovered that they all tasted very different. Some were sweet and others were sour. In music we have been learning how to play the recorder. I am super proud of the children for being very enthusiastic during all the lessons taught. Willow Class are very talented!

Maple Class News

It has been a busy start to the term. In Science we are learning about rocks, fossils and soils. The children are thoroughly enjoying this unit of work. This week they planned their own experiment on either erosion or rock permeability and recorded their results.

In History, the children are learning all about the Romans.

In music, we have started to learn how to hold and play simple tunes using the notes B and A on the recorder. The children were very enthusiastic and even after just one lesson they were able to play in time beautifully. As their teacher I am very proud.

In art, we are learning about the artist David Hockney. Together we looked at his work and how a lot of his paintings revolved around water. We then focused on his style and how he uses colours. There are some very talented artists in Maple class.

Rowan Class News

This half-term, we are learning about the properties of materials in Science. We have started to conduct our own investigations into dissolving and separating.



We are also learning about the Shang Dynasty in History, and we are going to use our new, individual Office logins to produce printed and published work around this topic.

We have started our sessions in Music to learn how to play the recorder. We made a great start this week, learning how to play one note, some simple tunes and beginning to learn how to read musical notation. We'll be making beautiful music to share in no time!

PE Days for Spring Term

Oak and Willow
Mon & Thurs

Maple & Rowan
Wed & Thurs



Girls aged 7-10
Come and join..

Brownies

We make our Promise to do our best

Activities include...

- Crafts, games, singing, baking,
- Cinema trips
- Sleepovers
- Camping
- ...and much more!

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The poster features an illustration of a girl with a megaphone, a girl cutting a paper flower, and two girls jumping rope. There are also two 'CINEMA' tickets and a tent illustration.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th January 2024 School Opens	
Fri 9 th Feb	F.O.K Disco
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 Feb Half term	
Thurs 7 th March 9am	World Book Day Assembly
Fri 8 th March 9am	Mother's Day Assembly & refreshments
Tues 12 th March 3:30pm-5:30pm	Parent-Teacher meetings
Wed 13 th March 5pm – 8pm	Parent-Teacher meetings
Thurs 14 th March	IEP meetings
Tues 19 th March	Easter service at the church
Mon 25 th March – Fri 5 th April Easter Holidays	
Mon 15 th April	Class group photos
Mon 6 th May Bank Holiday	
YEAR 6 SATs WEEK BEG 13 th MAY 2024 All Children MUST be in school	
Mon 27 th May- Fri 31 st May Half Term	
Fri 5 th July 9:15am	Yr 6 Leavers service at school
Tues 9 th July School Closes for Summer	
Tuesday 27 th Aug School reopens to children	



THE FRIENDS OF KILBY

Valentine's Disco

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

SEEDLINGS, RECEPTION,
YEARS 1 & 2
530PM TIL 615PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6
630PM TIL 715PM

£5 PER CHILD
£8 PER FAMILY
PAY ON THE DOOR
INCLUDES SNACKS, DRINKS
FACEPAINTING & GAMES

The poster features a large red heart at the bottom and several smaller hearts scattered around the text.

January Birthdays



Daniel, Dougie, Ralphie, Louie, Olivia D

Happy Birthday from Kilby!