

Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 24 June 2022

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by in school! This week we had a Shakespeare workshop on Monday and all the children performed sections of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It was lovely to see all the children engaging in the activities and developing their acting skills.

On Tuesday, a large number of children were entered into the Tewkesbury Athletics competition. To walk away with one trophy would have been amazing, to walk away with **ALL THREE** is absolutely outstanding! I am still basking in the glory and overcome with pride at the achievement of our pupils. Well done to all the children who took part and the staff who supported the organisation of this event.

On Wednesday, the Year 6 had a STEM workshop—see below for photos. Also on Wednesday I was fortunate to spend a day at Northway Infants getting to know the children from the different classes. Mrs Morley visited us last Thursday in order to do the same.

As part of the transition process, the Year 2 children visited the School on Thursday afternoon and spent time with the Year 5 children. Birch class organised the fun afternoon and hopefully the Year 2 enjoyed themselves and will now know some Year 6 children ready for September 2022.

On Friday afternoon I took the School Council to see the burying of our time capsule under the newly planted oak trees in the park. The School Council spoke to their classes about the items we should put in it. Although photos were taken, it was too late to put into this week's newsletter so I will share them with you next week.

Kind Regards
Maria Budd



In school this week:

Y5 had a visit from Year 2 pupils
for an afternoon of fun!



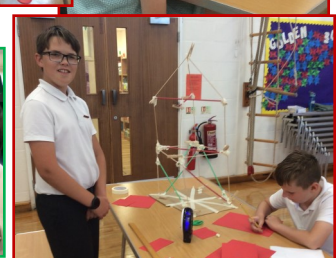
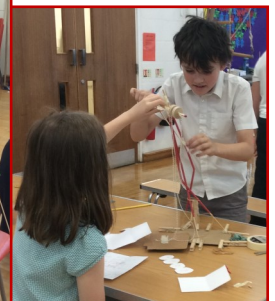
Year 3 pupils enjoyed the cool water in the pool where they learnt some lifesaving skills. Who would have thought that swimming in pyjamas can be so much fun?!



Y4 have been replicating scenes from
David Hockney and circuit testing.



Y6 STEM Workshop



Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit & Marvellous Manners Award winners.

Congratulations also to Ash class who won this week's attendance with 100%



Household Support Fund

On 30 September 2021, the Government announced that a new Household Support Fund (HSF) would be available to Local Authorities to support those most in need during the winter, which has now been extended until 30 September 2022. The Government has provided funding to Gloucestershire County Council to support people who are struggling to:

- buy food, pay energy and water bills, cover other essential costs linked to energy and water and wider essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service or repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, and ovens)

The application form for the Housing Support Fund can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>

The Household Support Fund is available until 30 September 2022.

Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to pupils in Ash, Willow, Beech & Birch class this week who all came **1st with 100% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.

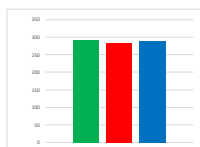
2nd - Sycamore 96% **3rd** - Elm & Oak 91%

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week & ensure that they bring their signed Reading Records into school. Thank you.

House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far this term?

- 1st place - Emerald
- 2nd place - Sapphire
- 3rd place - Ruby



Which house is in the lead so far overall?

- 1st place - Emerald
- 2nd place - Ruby
- 3rd place - Sapphire



TERM DATES 2021/22:

Term Six: Monday 6 June - Thursday 21 July

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 28 June - Year 6 Cycle Training begins

Wednesday 29 June - Year 4 "In The Net"

Monday 4th July—Move Up Day

Friday 8 July - Year 5 Medieval Festival

Wednesday 13 July - Year 4 Trip to Aerospace

Thursday 14 July - Year 6 Abbey Service 2pm

Thursday 21 July - Year 6 Leaver Assembly 9.15am

Support over the summer holidays from the Children and Families hub



Over the summer holidays, there are several different schemes in place to support families.

The Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

Once again, the Holiday FSM voucher scheme will be returning for the summer holidays. Like last year, the scheme will be covering 2 of the 6 weeks of the holidays. Parents will receive £30 per child (£15 per week, per child) from reception to year 11, that receives benefits related free school meals.

Key dates:

Applications will open on the 28 June and close at midday on the 12 July. A separate communication will be released to schools to announce this on the 28 July as a reminder.

Vouchers will be released between the 13 and 14 July.

For more information, visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/

If you have any queries, please get in touch at childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF and HAP)

The HAF programme will be returning from 1 to 27 August covering 4 weeks of the summer holidays to provide families with enriching activities and nutritious food for families who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Our extended Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) offer will also be returning so that all families in Gloucestershire will have the chance to participate in the holiday fun.

To stay up to date on news, families can subscribe to our HAF newsletter by clicking the link below:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287

For more information, visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

Holiday Food Boxes

Holiday Food boxes will be available across Gloucestershire for the month of August. More information on when these will be available to book will be released from 20 June.

Eligibility for the Holiday Food Boxes requires your children to receive benefits-related free school meals.