



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 23rd June 2023



It has been such a busy week. It felt really quiet in school without the Year 6 and 4 children in but they had such amazing times at their residential. The year 4's enjoyed their experience at Wildside and have been sharing their night walk adventures and the fun on the zip-wire. The year 6 children have come back sharing songs in the celebration assembly. They all enjoyed the giant paddle board and leap of faith. It really sounds like they all had a wonderful experience and hopefully will sleep well on the weekend. A huge thank you to all the staff for making these events possible and so memorable.

In school the year 5 children have started their play leaders training and had a STEM day at Axe Valley, where I hear they have slushies to drink at lunch time! We have had Woodpecker class off to Cleave Farm and reports of cows eating some of the adult's clothing. It is so lovely, though to have everyone back in school together and to hear about how your children have shone when outside of school listening carefully, being kind and respectful and showing all the school. We know how amazing all of your children are but it is always nice when other people see it and feel the need to comment on it as well. Next week we have Owl class off to look at coastlines and cannot wait to hear about all they learn.

In Robin Class this week the children have been finishing off their work based on the book, 'Pardon? Said the Giraffe?' They have made up their own story using animals of different sizes. They looked at animals from their country and from around the world e.g. Australasian animals, polar animals, farm animals, woodland animals, jungle and rainforest animals and animals from under the sea to draw their own zigzag books. They then wrote the speech bubbles, practising writing some of their phase 4 words. The children then used their zig zag books to retell their stories. In maths they have been continuing to practise their number bonds to ten, teen's numbers and odd and even numbers using numicon as well as sorting and grouping. They really enjoyed themselves taking part in the multiskills festival run by our year five children.

This week Woodpeckers had an amazing day on Thursday at Cleaves farm. They stroked cows, fed pigs and cuddled piglets. When they got back to school, they then had a picnic. The children have also finished writing their books based on 'How to hide a lion at school'.

This week Owl class have continued to show great focus on their learning. The children have written their finished stories up on the laptops, keep a look out on the website for their stories with illustrations. In maths, the children have just completed the unit of statistics. They have enjoyed using graphs and tables to answer word problems. In science, they have learnt why habitats are important for plants and animals and which living things are found in ponds and oceans. Ask your children if they can remember any.

The year 4's in Kestrel Class really enjoyed the residential to Wildside. They completed many new challenges and tried new activities and foods. They all showed resilience, especially when asked to turn their torches off in the woods at midnight!

The year 5's spent a day at Axe Valley learning about Elite athletes, exploring their diet and training. A highlight was making pasta salad, smoothies and trying out their recipes. Next they did play leader training with Miss Hunt from Colyton Grammar School ready for next year.

Mrs. Bray and Ms. Matthews were so proud of the Year 6s on this year's residential. They loved their time at Barton Hall and the children were amazing! They loved the experiences provided and showed real resilience at trying new things.

Eagle class have spent their mornings printing with vegetables and man-made objects. The children also made their own collagraphs - a technique where they stick different textures to a piece of cardboard and use it to print with. They have had lots of messy fun!

PE class days- Summer term 2023

*Robin Class – Swimming Monday & Wednesday

*Woodpecker Class - Monday & Friday swimming

*Owl class - Monday & Wednesday

*Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday

*Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link below to the parent's newsletter.

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

Dates for your diary

4th July Axe Valley transition day

4th July Woodpeckers Multiskills

5th July fire safety visit year 2 and 5

6th Music picnic 3.45pm

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		Have a go
Responsible	Curious		Self-belief
Caring			
Value each other			

Stars of the week!

Robin class - Logan

Woodpecker class – Whole class

Owl class -Cameron

Kestrel class – All year 4's for showing resilience and making the most of all opportunities offered to them., Year 5's in Kestrels for aiming high

Eagle class – Year 6 Eagles

Music award – Eagle class for there music concert last week

Sports star of the week – Whole of year 5 sports leaders

IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class - Evie

Owl class – Nancy

Homework

Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

Woodpecker

IXL

IXL:

Maths

Year 1: t1-7

Year 2: V1-5

English

Year 1: DD1-4

Year 2: DD1-4

Owl

IXL

Any uncompleted sections.

Homework

Kestrel

IXL

Choose a skill you need to work and practise.

Eagle

IXL

Any uncompleted sections

Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](https://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Financial Support and Advice - Help with household bills - East Devon](#)

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

[The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here](#)

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House, Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ Tel:01297 32331

School office email: admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk School tel: 01297 32785

School website: www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk

IN OTHER NEWS

Sports News

Multiskills Festival

On Wednesday afternoon, Robin Class took part in a multiskills festival organised and run by our year 5 children. Year 5 created their own activity to practise a certain skill, for example, jumping, dribbling with a ball, throwing etc. and the children in Robin Class went around to each station with a partner to complete each activity. Year five did a great job at being sports leaders.



Year 5 Playground Leader Training

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 spent the afternoon with Mrs Hunt from Colyton Grammar School to receive playground leader training in preparation for September when they will be helping our younger children to be more active at playtimes by creating games for the children to play.

Rounders

Rounders is resuming on Tuesday 4th July for the Year 5/6 rounders team at Colyton Grammar School

Girls Football

Axminster Town AFC are looking to enter an Under 13s all girls team in the Devon Girls Football League for the 2023/24 season. Why not come along to their open training session on Wednesday evening.




#TIGERS
#AXMINSTER

**NEW FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON: FOOTBALL
FOR GIRLS IN CURRENT YEARS 6, 7, 8 & 9**

Axminster town AFC Girls would like to enter an under 13s and under 15s team in the Devon Girls Football League for the 2023/24 season. Why not come along to our open training sessions?

**OPEN TRAINING SESSION @AXE VALLEY 3G
7PM UNTIL 8PM WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY**

For more info please register your interest with Rachel Burrough by text or phone 07749989583 or email rachel.burrough1@gmail.com so we have an idea of numbers.

Flamingo Pool

St Marys had the opportunity to decorate a flamingo for the pool who used these as a flamingo hunt at the Axe Vale festival, we are super happy to learn that we come joint first place with Musbusy Primary school. We received a voucher for the Archway book shop.

Our Year 5 gift team will choose a new book for our school with the voucher.

We wonder how many children may have attended the festival and spotted it.

Our children made hand prints and thumb prints to make the flamingo and kept it within the school colours, what a great job.

