



FRIDAY FLYER

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School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
Office - 8.30am - 4pm
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Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
Pre-School: 8am—4.30pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see, we have had a busy week at school and the children thoroughly enjoyed their Science Day. Please could I ask you to be mindful in the Infant Playground. At the busy end of the school day staff bring children across from the outside classrooms to take them to clubs. If you see a 'crocodile' of children moving across the playground, please do not interrupt their flow as this increases the chance of a child becoming detached from the group. Please could I also remind you to send your child to school with a coat. **Mr R Stead**



On Tuesday 28th January, Classes 5 and 6 went on a school trip to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. As soon as we pulled up next to the building we saw the amazing architecture and sculptures carved out of stone. We were there to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. First, Class 5 went to the Egyptian exhibit while Class 6 had a workshop about the portraits of the museum. We studied and discussed strange theories about three paintings: the Mackerel Shawl, King Charles I (as a five year old) and the Duke of Portland. We acted out being the Duke of Portland getting his portrait painted. Then we switched places after having lunch. The Egyptian exhibit was full of artefacts from 5000bc, we saw coffins, scarabs and pots. There was an Egyptian mummy in a small wooden coffin which was my favourite.

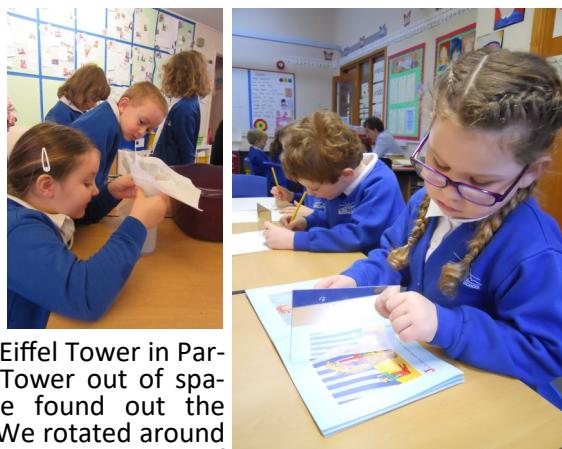
by Jonah, Class 6 and George, Class 5



On Monday it was our annual Science Day. Student teachers from SCITT spent the day with us teaching exciting science lessons across the school. Each class participated in three lessons that were based around the work of famous scientists including floating and sinking (Brunel), water displacement (Archimedes) and air resistance (Galileo). The lessons were very practical, resulting in a lot of learning. It was great to see all the children so enthusiastic and inspired by science.

Mrs Calnon

Firstly, we began with learning about Isaac Newton. He discovered that white light is made of the colours of the rainbow. Next, we got some torches and puppets and measured the size of the shadow. We then had to measure the space between the puppet and the torch. Next, we went to Class 1 and learnt about Mr Eiffel. He was the man who designed the Eiffel Tower in Paris. We had to make the Eiffel Tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows! We found out the strongest shape is the triangle. We rotated around all the other classrooms and took part in lots of scientific experiments. Thank you to the student teachers that came to teach us and to Mrs Calnon for organising such a great day! by Archie I and Rufus, Class 3



Diary Dates

Monday 3rd February

Class 1 & 2 Visit from Somerset Heritage

Tuesday 4th February

Class 3 & 4 Visit from Somerset Heritage

Friday 14th February

MSA Valentine's Cake Sale after school. 50p per cake.

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Half Term Break

Tuesday 25th February

Class 3 & 4 visit from Somerset Archives

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 25th February

All Years

5pm to 7.30pm

Year 1 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 26th February

All Years except Year 1

3.30pm to 6pm

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

We will be using a different system for Parents' Evening booking this time. We will be doing it online through Parentmail and we will let you know how to do it in the weeks before Parents' Evenings.

Thursday 27th February

Class 1 & 2 visit from West Somerset Railway Heritage

Tuesday 3rd March

Class R visit to Pizza Express

Wednesday 4th March

Class 3 Kingsmead Sports Festival

FOREST SCHOOL WEDS 5TH FEBRUARY CLASS 2

| House Points | Weekly Total | Half Term |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| London Plane | 367 | 1106 |
| Cork Oak | 304 | 1110 |
| Blue Cedar | 324 | 1050 |
| Horse Chestnut | 313 | 1098 |

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-school

Hayden for great letter sounds and being kind to others.



Class R

Alfred for his fantastic story writing.



Class 1

Luke for his excellent story writing this week. He has been focussed and has produced wonderful writing every day.



Class 2

Harriet for her great understanding of statistics and data handling this week.



Class 3

Henry for his consistent focus, hard work and sensible approach in every subject.



Brodie for the extra care and attention made in his writing this week. Well done, both!



Class 4

Adèle and **Anya** for their hard work and brilliant focus in all areas of their learning.



Adri and **Orla** for demonstrating impeccable manners and being helpful members of Class 4



Classes

5 & 6

All of Classes 5 & 6 for their behaviour on their Bristol trip. We received an email from Bristol Museum to particularly say what a fantastic, well engaged group they were. Well done Classes 5 & 6 for being great ambassadors of Milverton School.



This week Class 3 went to Forest School. First, we gathered around the fire circle to discuss the morning ahead. First, Cork Oak made five minute fires and the other children had free play. We roasted our marshmallows on our fires. Here is a step-to-step guide to lighting a five minute five:

1. Get some small tinder, mini fire sticks, cotton wool and Vaseline ready.
2. Cover the cotton wool in Vaseline and place it on a large block of wood.
3. Use the fire sticks to set it alight.
4. When it is alight, put some wood around and place tinder on top. Make sure not to smother the flame.
5. Then you can roast your marshmallows!

Some of us made some damper bread for the whole class. Some had it just how it was and some had jam!

by Nathaniel and Ava



I think most people would agree that the easy path in life is not always the best one. The same goes for success at school. One of the key factors in our school's success is partnership with you, the parents. One of the key features of that is your support for our policies, including our Homework Policy. Our Homework Policy can be found here on our website <https://www.milvertonprimary.co.uk/about-us/policies>. It has been designed to help your child reach his or her potential, but without being onerous or impacting too much on important family time. We think it strikes the right balance. To get the best things in life, to achieve your potential, takes effort and can be difficult, but it is worth it. Homework is a key part of that and so I urge you to support both your child, and his or her teacher, by finding the space and time to enable your child to do their homework on time and to the best of his or her ability. Thank you for your continued support. Mr Stead



Recently, we had 7 children selected to represent Somerset at the West of England and South Wales Championships. Amarra and George were selected for the U11 team which was 15 strong. Adri, Dan, Archie, Philippa and Finley were selected for the U9 team which was 12 strong. The U11 Somerset team placed a very credible 2nd place narrowly losing out to a strong Glamorgan team. Well done, Amarra and George! The U9 Somerset team played superbly and won the tournament to become the U9 West of England and South Wales Champions!! The shield will be on display opposite the school office in the trophy area.



On Sunday 26th January, we sent a Milverton's Bad Bishops team to Cardiff to compete in the U9 National Primary Schools Chess Championship. In this heat our children smashed it with 13 wins, 2 draws and no losses! They won the heat unbeaten and now progress to the semi finals which will be held at Prestatyn, North Wales on the 6th and 7th June.

Don't forget the 4th Somerset Junior Chess Grand Prix is on Sunday at Frome, it's not too late to enter!

Mr Beviss & Mr Collins