



Milverton Community Primary School and Pre-School



Opening Hours
 School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
 Office - 8.30am - 4pm **Morning club** - 8am
 Sports clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm
 Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
 Pre-School: 9-3pm

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Friday Flyer

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Dear Parents and Carers,
 I mentioned last week that the Governors and I would be discussing car-parking, which we did. It is clear that we cannot increase the size of the car park, so we must use what we have better. Sadly, there has been a continual and chronic disregard for the rules we have in place for the benefit of everyone by a small minority of parents. This has sometimes resulted in verbal abuse of staff. Whilst we recognise the frustrations people may feel when asked to move their cars, abuse is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The vast majority of parents are very polite and respectful. I have been discussing improvements to our procedures to tackle this and there will be a letter issued jointly by the Governors and on behalf of the staff next week. **Mr R Stead**

Spring has sprung!



This term at Pre-school we have been closely watching 18 eggs and waiting for them to hatch. We have been counting down the days and during this week 13 hatched! All the children have enjoyed holding them, learning about their life cycle and what we need to do to look after them. Some of us were even lucky enough to watch some crack out of their shells. All 13 are healthy and eating and drinking lots!
Charlotte, Pre-school



Year 1 have enjoyed a visit from two lovely lambs, brought in by Becky, who is on work placement in Class 1. We have also observed our tadpoles change into frogs and have released our them into the school pond.



Science Fair Finals at Dulverton Junior School

Last Thursday, Eleanor, Maia, William, Bodhi, Isabel, Robin, Max, Alex, Joe and Tia showed their science experiments at the finals of the Exmoor Science Fair. The evening included talking to the judges, hot dogs and a science show from 'Wonderstruck' which was full of explosions. The children all did really well, with Maia and Eleanor being highly commended and Robin awarded the most novel entry. Congratulations to Tia who was overall winner of the whole event which involved 5 other schools.



Science Reward Afternoon

All the children who entered this year's science fair were treated to an afternoon of experimenting, making 'Rube Goldberg' machines. They all worked brilliantly together in teams, problem solving and exploring the laws of physics. Well done, all of you!

Mrs Calnon



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 7th May
 May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May
 KS1 trip to Taunton Deane Nurseries

**Please give your consent for your child to attend this trip through Parentmail asap*

Friday 11th May
 Year 5 Kingsmead Sports Festival

From Monday 14th May
 Year 6 SATS week

Monday 28th May to 1st June
 Half Term week

Thursday 7th June
 Year 6 photos

Friday 8th June
 School Games Day
 (Parents are not invited)

Wednesday 4th July
 Year 6 transition day to Kingsmead

Friday 13th July
 Whole school trip to Flip Out

Monday 16th July
 Sports Day
 (Parents invited)

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY IS CLASS 5

HOUSE POINTS	WEEKLY TOTAL	HALF TERM
LONDON PLANE	464	1514
CORK OAK	649	1728
BLUE CEDAR	548	1402
HORSE CHESTNUT	498	1396

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

CLASS R	Jacob, Merryn, Elsa and Jessica for fantastic 'Jack and the Beanstalk' stories and being brave and reading their stories to Class 6.
CLASS 1	Alice for answering so many questions in class and for confidently participating in a group performance at Forest School.
CLASS 2	Michael for super work in Maths this week. What a times tables whizz you are, Michael! Dexter for his perseverance in the Skip2bFit challenge.
CLASS 3	Lani for superb multiplication learning this week.
CLASS 4	George for a fantastic effort and using his own initiative to independently create and write a superb Haiku poem. Well done George!
CLASS 5	All of Class 5 for being so helpful to Mrs Brierley this week.
CLASS 6	Jayden for his fantastic effort and attitude during our editing session in Literacy.



Class 1 had Forest School this week. Megan wrote, "Today, Class 1 went to Forest School. We painted some planters and went on the balance log. I played in the nursery and did some bird watching. It was good fun!"



Class 3 Aqueducts by Kitty and Jago

As part of our teaching about Romans, Class 3 were set the challenge of designing and building a working Roman aqueduct. First, we had to plan our aqueducts. Then we made a base using an old cardboard box. After that, we had to measure the arches. This was tricky because we had to make some a bit smaller for the channel to be able to transport water. We had to put the columns in before we painted it and we had to make sure the channel was waterproof. We then painted it in lots of greens, blues, greys, black and white. Wait! Don't go! We have to tell you about our class challenge; to see if they actually worked! We tested the aqueducts as a whole class, first with a marble and then with real water. We had to get the water around all the aqueducts in the class. We managed to do this, although we lost a bit of water along the way!

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 3rd May, a fantastic Years 3 and 4 Rounders Team competed in their first tournament at Somerset College. The team players were: Anthony, Jonah, Darragh, Nicholas, Fred, Sophie, Verity, Emily, Kitty and Rosie. All players played extremely well, displaying their excellent throwing, catching and striking skills and working well together supporting each other as a team. Please see their superb results in the table below. Thank you to the parents for transporting and supporting the children.

Miss Brown

Milverton	33	Staplegrave	17
Milverton	16	Blackbrook	13
Milverton	13	Stoke St Gregory	11
Milverton	14	Trinity	10



Mrs Lewis

We had a very successful Cross County running event for our children this week, with 3 of our teams coming in the first four places for their race! Well done to all the children who part. The team who came 1st were Sam, James and Kylan. The team that came 3rd were Joe, William and Alex. The team that came 4th were Noah, Charlie and Rufus. All the other runners also did really well against so many other runners. They all behaved so well and I was very proud of how they represented Milverton School.



ACTIVE 30:30

Active 30:30 is a new Government initiative to get children active for 60 minutes a day. This has been introduced to the children during an assembly. Schools have been targeted with providing opportunities for children to be active at school for 30 minutes a day and parents are being encouraged to try and do the other 30 minutes. We celebrated all the sporting and physical activities we participate in during the school day and discovered just how active our children really are! We also came up with new ideas and ways to keep active in the future. You will find a parents' guide for ideas and suggestions on page 3 of this Flyer. In addition, we have emailed you an extensive list of sports clubs in the Taunton area, if your child shows an interest in a particular sport. This will also be displayed on the school sports notice board. Some of the children expressed an interest in becoming ambassadors for their out of school club, offering to promote them in school assemblies during the summer term. If there are any out of school clubs you would like to see promoted, please let me know.

Mrs McDonagh

Increasing your child's physical activity levels will:



Improve behaviour, self-confidence and social skills



Improve attention levels and performance at school

Did you know children should be active for 60 minutes a day?
30 minutes in school,
30 minutes at home



Improve mood and makes them feel good



Develop co-ordination

Help your family to get active & do things together:

Introduce your child to a variety of clubs and sports or try new activities

Reduce the amount of time they spend on sedentary activities like watching television (no longer than 60 minutes)

Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine such as designating time for family walks or playing active games

Provide children with active toys & equipment & play with them.

Keep activity fun. Let them have a choice & a decision in what they do

Encourage ball games to develop hand/eye coordination or running, balancing & jumping activities to develop motor skills.

Set your children activity challenges around the home. Make chores fun. Race to see how fast they can safely be done

Make over your meal plan. Families that eat healthier also tend to take more exercise

Make simple lifestyle changes. (Walk, cycle scoot to school. Park further away from school and walk. Use the stairs not a lift.)

#Active30

Some exercise is better than none. Move a little every day.

All activities should make you breathe faster and make you feel warmer!



Somerset School Games



@somschoolgames



Strengthens muscles and bones



Improve health & fitness



Maintain healthy weight



Helps them sleep better