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**I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13**

Friday 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Celebration Assembly today, we celebrated many successes in each class from children who consistently demonstrate our school values, children who have been recognised as being the 'Star Pupil' of the week, excellent sporting achievements and our conduct both in and out of school. Our school Dance Club performed for us and children shared their trophies and medals that have been given to them in their extra-curricular clubs. Whilst we recognise that we can all be successful, we are constantly modelling how to put right our mistakes. This is an important lifelong skill as it enables us to manage our own behaviours and encourages us to continually improve.

Please check the diary dates, as we have had to alter some of the dates previously published.

Wishing you all a well-deserved half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th June.

Reception Class – Inkpen

We have had a busy last couple of weeks coming to the end of our fairy tale topic. We have been learning the meaning of positional language and giving instructions to our partners to build models out of multi-link. We then took photographs of our outside area from different positions and used positional language to best describe them. In literacy we have learnt what speech and thought bubbles are and have done some wonderful writing for characters from 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Gingerbread Man.' Our PE unit this term has now come to an end and we have seen such an improvement with our ball skills. We have practised our throwing and catching of large and small balls and have been learning how to do chest passes.

2 white blocks on top of each other, a black one above the white one there. Put a dark green over the black one, there (pointing).

Kingsley.

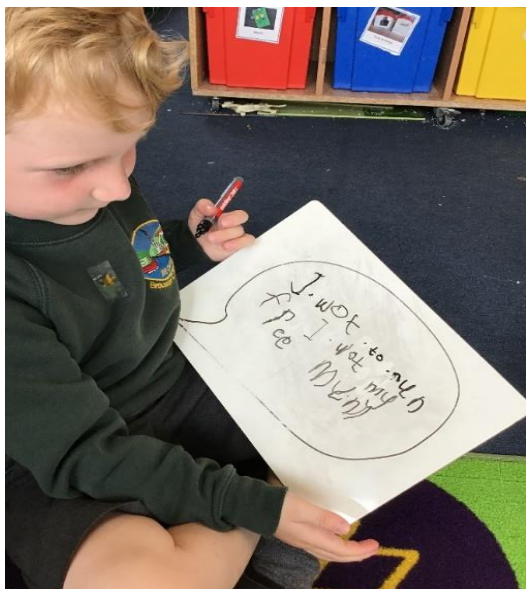
Look this is a tiny puppet theatre. The play is the little Billy Goats Gruff.

Abigail.

This is a track, hot wheels track. This is a flag and traffic lights.

William.





Class 1 - Donaldson

This term, Donaldson Class are learning all about vertebrates. These are animals that have a backbone inside their body. The main groups of vertebrates are mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds. We have learnt some amazing facts.

Did you know?

The wood frogs of Alaska do a very strange thing: They freeze over the winter. They do not freeze totally solid, but they do freeze mostly solid. Two-thirds of their body water turns to ice. If you picked them up, they would not move, they stop breathing and their heart stops.

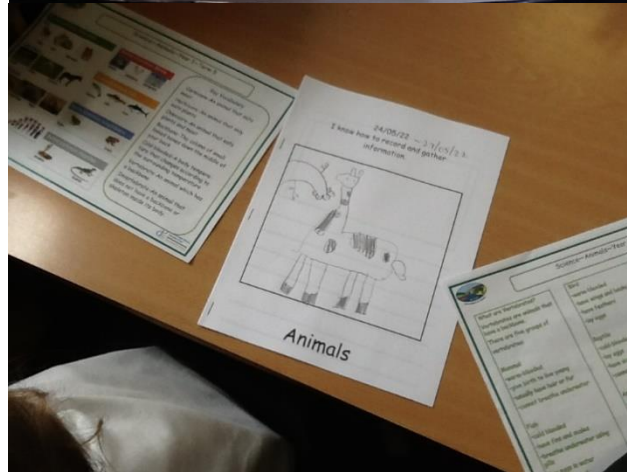
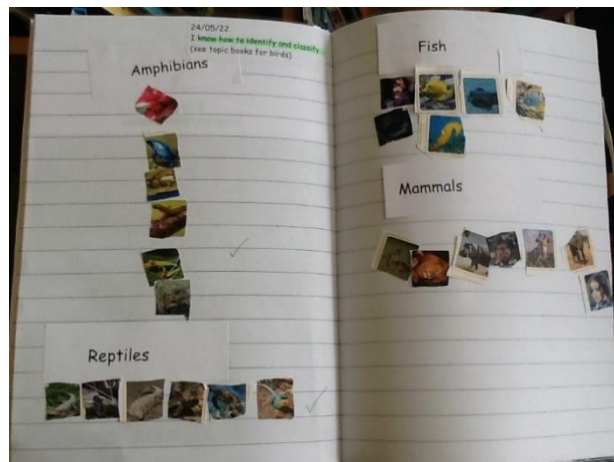
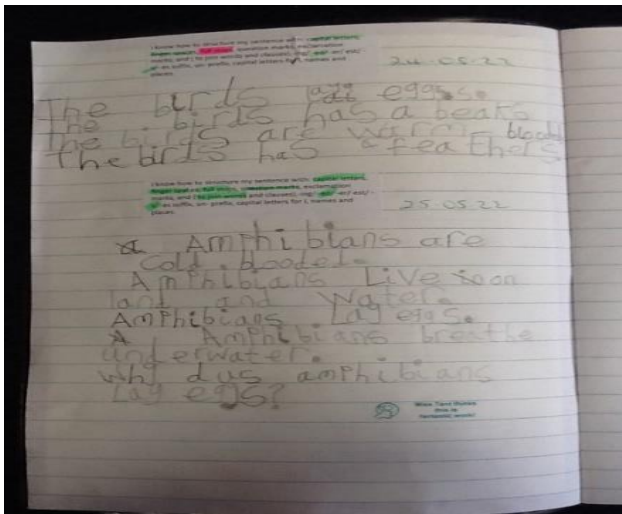
We sorted and classified animals. We described and compared the structure of the five groups of animals we were researching. We know which animals are cold-blooded or warm-blooded. We know a shark is a fish because it has gills to breathe underwater and a dolphin is a mammal because it has lungs and only breathes air. We are also mammals.



We made an amazing fact file using all of our knowledge about animals. We sorted the animals in different ways such as; legs and no legs and four legs and two legs.

We then learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and grouped the animals using a venn diagram.

We are now experts on animals. David Attenborough would be very proud of us!



Avery – Penguins are birds that can swim but cannot fly.

Lincoln – The smallest bird is a hummingbird.

Jamie - Humans are mammals.

Class 2 – Ahlberg

Well.....Year 2 could not have worked harder in the past two weeks! All SATS are now completed and we can now look forward to term 6 in Ahlberg Class.

In between completing our SATS we have been learning all about 3D shapes and 2D shapes in maths, and we have been finding out in science all about the conditions plants need to survive. We were all amazed to observe that seeds do not need light to germinate, but once they have germinated they need light urgently! We can prove this by the very yellow sickly cress we tried to grow in the dark.

Miss Basnett has been taking on class responsibility with enthusiasm and creativity – the children are loving learning with her.

Each and every Year 2 pupil deserves a treat (and a rest) – they have made me so proud. They are resilient, diligent and responsible. A real credit to their parents and grandparents.

I like doing the maths quizzes because maths is my favourite subject.
Oliver

We put one of our plants in the fridge to see if it is really true that plants need warmth to grow.
Amanat

I love listening to stories by Roald Dahl. We are reading Fantastic Mr Fox and I liked it so much I started reading it at home too!
Lottie



Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have been working really hard this term and have won all of their marbles for amazing behaviour and working together as a class. We will be having our treat this week



In maths, the children have been exploring telling the time. We have re-visited o'clock and half past. We have also looked at 5 minutes to and minutes past – being very specific with our time telling. In English, we have continued with our links to our Egyptian theme by finding out about Howard Carter. We have found out about a biography and are currently writing Howards Carter's biography.

The children had a very enjoyable Friday afternoon where we put our art knowledge about Barbara Hepworth and our knowledge about Egyptian Canopic jars together to design and make our own versions out of clay. We had calming music playing whilst we created.



I liked it when we made the heads for the jars.

Stanley

I liked making the Canopic jar as it was a challenge and something new.

Iris

I liked using the water to smooth the clay out.

Violet

Class 4 – Morpurgo

On Wednesday 25th May, class Morpurgo went on a trip to do a river study near Wolfhampcote. The children were wonderful, they really enjoyed walking over to the site we were studying and were very sensible and careful when crossing roads.

When we got to the site the class was split into 3 groups. One group was doing some sketching of the river, one group was looking at a map of the area and trying to locate different features and the other group were carrying out a river study. The children remained on the river bank, observing and recording, whilst Mr Pryce made some measurements of the river.

First we measured the width and the depth and then we measured how fast the river was flowing. This was achieved by timing how quickly a dog biscuit travelled between two markers placed 10m apart.

The children had a great morning out of the classroom and they were able to put into practice some of their learning from geography this year.

The trip was fun. We tested
the river, sketched and
looked at maps.
Billy

I liked that we could do
sketching, looking at a map
and the doggy treat test. My
favourite part was the doggy
treat in the water because it
got stuck for 2 minutes and
16 seconds.

I loved sketching the river. It
was very therapeutic and lots
of fun.
George





Class 5 – Rowling

Oh my, it has been a busy couple of weeks... We have of course fitted in our English and maths through which we have written balanced arguments and used how to use protractors to measure and draw angles – with varying degrees of success, but most of us successful! We have some very proficient protractor users in Class Rowling – one of the best classes I have ever taught at this.

On Wednesday, we concluded our technology project by transforming our classroom into 'McRowling' for the day. The children made the burgers they designed and we had all sorts of meats, flavourings, garnishes and names! It was a great morning and all the children enjoyed eating the delights they made. We even had them served in burger boxes that we had made ourselves.

On Thursday, we went to Wicksteed for PDET's Maths Enrichment Day, which was great fun. We all came away knowing maths is not all about numbers, but spotting patterns, using them, making predictions and testing them. After watching the cool Maths Magic show, we took part in two workshops. Our favourite was definitely the break out activity! We used many maths skills to decipher codes to unlock padlocks. Logan Be won the effort award, Louis the attainment award and our team of girls won the Terrific Team award after unlocking all the padlocks!

Maths days was great! I loved the padlock challenge, even though we didn't manage to open all the boxes. I want to learn more morse code! Jess P

Burger making was great! Mine was really tasty! Why can't we make burgers everyday? Charlotte

I have enjoyed using protractors in maths. Last week, I did not even know what one was and now I can use it really well. It was hard to use at first but once I'd got the hang of it, it was easy. Javier LJ





Class 6 – Horowitz

Year 6 have enjoyed their start to swimming and are showing their superb control through the water. We'll be refining their strokes through the term, thinking about breathing techniques. We're so impressed with their 'I can' attitudes. In computing, we have learnt about networking and the difference between the World Wide Web and the internet. We looked at our system in school and compared this to the system we have in houses. They researched the founder of the World Wide Web (Tim Berners – Lee) and found out his reasons for inventing it.

During our science lessons we have been focussing on the circulatory system - how the heart and lungs work together to pump blood containing oxygen and nutrients around our body. The children have been able to label the different parts of the heart including the atria and ventricles. They have also planned and conducted investigations on exercise and the effect that it has on the heart rate. They immersed themselves in various forms of exercise, remembering to take their resting pulse rate first. The children then recorded their results as a graph and wrote a conclusion from the results that they found.

Swimming is great fun!
During our last lesson we
got to show off what we
could do and I did much
better than I thought I
would but there is still room
for improvement.

Brooke

Science has been
very interesting because
we are learning about the
heart and the lungs. I
have found it fascinating
how the body works and
how nutrients from our
food goes all around your
body.

Abby

I love computing as we
had to research Tim
Berners – Lee - the man
who invented the World
Wide Web.
McKenzie





Hello from Gardening Club

The rain decided to fall at just the right time to water our freshly planted seeds. We made environmentally friendly plant pots from toilet roll tubes and planted runner beans in them. The children learned how to use a dibber to plant the beans in each one. We also planted a different climbing bean (French bean). We talked about the different types of plants the children would like to grow and this included carrots, tomatoes, herbs and cucumbers. We will start these off next week. Pippa said she really likes being outside. She loves gardening and enjoys helping out at Jetty Fields. Lottie said she grows lots at home in her garden and thought joining the school gardening club would be great fun. Sophie said she came to the club last year because she loves gardening. She said she wanted to help and support our wildlife too. Polly said she wants to learn about growing things and Mummy grows vegetables in their garden. Theo really enjoyed planting the beans using the dibber. We have now planted our runner beans out into the growing area and popped up the poles, we also have some French beans and runner beans growing by the side of the pool! Watch out for plants around the school as they are planted up and positioned for you all to watch as they grow.





Girls' Football Festival - Friday 27th May

The year 5 and 6 girls represented the school really well at the Football Festival. They have developed their skills and played really well in all areas. They were a credit to the school in every way.

We won two of our 3 matches: the first, 2-1, with goals from both Josie and Brooke; the second, 5-2, with goals from Imogen, Brooke and Sienna, as well as excellent defence from Georgia and Chloe and some great passing from Ayva; we lost the third 4-1, despite a stunning goal from Annabel.

Special congratulations to Annabel for winning our special award.



We showed RESPECT



to all the teams we played against.

We showed REFLECTION



on our game.

We showed RESILIENCE



in all our games.

We showed good RELATIONSHIPS



with our team mates.

We showed REVERENCE



wanting to learn new skills from others.

Thank you so much to Michelle Carr for all of her help with the team.

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	20.5.22	27.5.22	20.5.22	27.5.22	
R	Rory	Emily	Minnie	Mary	George, Mya-Poppy Lily Isabella
1	Blake	Harvey-Jack	Oliver	Olivia	
2	Ava	Primrose	Lottie	Tiffany	
3		Ellie-May		Alice	
4	Darcey	Sophie	Peter	Merin	
5	Bella	Georgia	Charlotte	Noah	
6	Jonathan	Abby	Braidie	Leila	
Best Attendance 3 & R Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)					

Lianna Willis
Headteacher