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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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It has been a busy spring term, with inter school sports, serving the local community by litter picking, visitors coming into school for science week and art week, as well as a visit from Ofsted. With regards to Ofsted, we are still awaiting the report and will share it with you in due course. Thank you for taking the time to complete the surveys, which were overwhelmingly positive.

The internet safety talk was well attended, and hopefully even more of you watched the recording. The feedback from some parents was that they would like more advice on where to go if they have a concern, as well as more support with parental controls. We will compile further information to send out next term.

A huge thank you to the PTA for all the events they have arranged this term, ending with Easter Fun in the playground today, which included an Easter picture hunt and some fun races! The children especially enjoyed their Easter treat at the end. Thank you also for all your generous donations of glue sticks this week. We now have plenty to keep us going for a while!

We wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school on the 17th April.

Bee Netball Tournament

The bee netball tournament took place on Wednesday 22nd of March and it was held at Kingshill school. It started after school and there were 5 schools attending. We played all the teams and won four, drew one and lost one. We played five aside and switched positions every five minutes. Due to our four wins, overall, we ended up coming second place! By Phoebe

A big thank you to all the parent supporters who came along. We think there were many more of you than any of the other teams had!

Litter Picking

We recently had a visit from the Clean and Green Engagement team, where Milly and Joe spoke to the children about the importance of looking after the environment and the impact litter has on the animals. They then took the children out on a litter pick in Hatherop.



Kingfisher Visit to the Corinium Museum

We went to the Corinium Museum on our school trip and had lots of fun. (Freja) We arrived by bus and walked to the museum. We learnt a lot about what Roman citizen life was like and life of the gladiators. (Wilfred) The first workshop was lots of activities such as dressing up, food sorting, mosaics, games and re-building pottery. (Henry) We went to the Gladiator workshop and we got to wear the helmets and hold the pretend weapons. We were even allowed to do pretend Roman battles against each other! (Jessica) I loved it where we got to dress up as Gladiators. (Ollie) Even the teachers were allowed to dress up! (Wilf) My favourite part was when he threw water on us and pretended it was blood from a battle and I got soaked! (Myrtle). I loved the whole trip but that bit was my highlight! I loved it! (Digby) I had great fun at the museum and we got to do lots of acting and we got to do lots of activities in the activity room. (Willa) We also got to look around the Roman gallery – it was fun! (Balthazar) That was our day and I loved it! (Freja)



Experience Easter

If you want to learn more about the history of Easter, what better way than to do it in a real life slideshow of Holy Week. We learnt all about how Jesus told stories and how he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as the King of Jews. We also learnt about how the Romans were not impressed and at the last supper Judas committed a betrayal and became a traitor to Jesus and the disciples for thirty silver coins. We all placed a stone around a pine tree and made a cross to resemble the crucifixion. In the church we learnt some history of the school. We found out how Jesus took our sins by dying on a cross but after three days he came back to life for forty days. The story of Easter has many twists and turns as we found out, but in the end Jesus is always with you, in heaven or on earth. That is what we learnt from Experiencing Easter. Thank you to Clare and Jackie for organising. **By Harvey**

Red Kite/Year 4 Outdoor Learning

On the 15th March, Years 5, 6 and 4 went to outdoor learning. We went to Lea woods with Mr Russel, Mrs Cook and the leader was a lady called Liz. There was also another helper called Toby. First, we had to try and build a bridge in groups of six/five. Then, after all the struggle of trying to build a bridge that we had to step on and crawl under, Liz and Toby showed us how to build a proper bridge which is the one that Leonardo DaVinci invented! In the afternoon, we went on a walk to see nature and we had to look for animals (represented as puppets) and learnt about them. Some even had sound to press inside them. **By Amelia**



Art Week

On the 27th of March a man and a woman came to the school to help us make some amazing art in a really amazing way. Toni and Gordon from no added sugar assisted us to make some spin art with a machine that Gordon made himself. Spin art is a type of art involving a tile that gets spun very quickly whilst you squirt paint over the tile.

On Thursday we held an exhibition so that all our grownups and people from the local community could see all the art work we created this term. It was great fun, thank you Mr Russell for organising. **By Noah T**



Movie Night

I really enjoyed the movie night as the film was very funny! The film was called Animal Crackers and it was a great movie for all the children to watch. There were lots of snacks such as popcorn, flapjacks and sweets we also had squash if we wanted to. When it was about half way through we got to go outside for ten minutes for some fresh air. I think we should have more movie nights. **By Maddie**

Cross Country

Following the cross country at Far Peak, 5 of our children ran at the County Cross Country Competition. A huge well done to Ebba, Luna, Zac and Noah T. We were also very proud of Perse, who came 10th overall securing her a place in the nationals, which she participated in recently!

Science Dome

On the 20th of March a Science Dome came into our school. It was a big black dome which took up more than half of the hall! When it was our turn to go in we were all very excited! We had to take our shoes off and crawl into a tunnel which led to the entrance. It was very funny watching the teachers' heads pop up out of the tunnel! When we got into the dome there were two men who were teaching us and said that the sound travelled differently in there so we could hear everything. It was so cool! They taught us all about forces, friction and gravity and we made our own pop-rockets, which were bits of liquid nitrogen (which was -90 degrees!) and we trapped it in a container until it expanded and popped up into the air it made us all jump! They also made a light show which had stars and it looked amazing on the side of the black dome! It was really fun and a great experience, I learnt a lot! **By Harley**



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 17 th April	Term 5 starts
Wednesday 19 th April	Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher Class
Thursday 20 th April	Skylark visit to Cogges Farm
Friday 21 st April	Red Kite Residential/SATS talk 2:30pm
Wednesday 26 th April	Life Space visit
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Week Commencing 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 11 th May	Outdoor Learning: Skylark
Wednesday 24 th May	Outdoor Learning: Red Kite
Tuesday 6 th June	Count on Nature at Church
Wednesday 7 th June	RIAT Stem workshop Year 5/6
Wednesday 14 th June	Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher
Wednesday 14 th June	Yr 6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral
Wednesday 21 st June	Outdoor Learning: Year 4