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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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We have had an incredibly busy term so far, with children out on trips, competing at sporting events as well as completing their end of year assessments. There is a lot to read about in this newsletter!

Earlier this term, we held our own intra-school football tournament, where all of KS2 played in mixed teams in a round robin. There was a brilliant atmosphere with everyone trying their best with good team spirit. Many thanks to our willing referees for their help.

Thank you to Miss Grierson for all the effort she put into organising sports day today. We are very proud of all the children for being so encouraging and supportive of each other. Thank you to all the staff and PTA for carrying out their roles, to all the supporters on the side-lines and most of all, to the children for their participation. Well done to Keble, who were the winners with 219 points!

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort. The following week, there are transition days to attend for our pupils leaving for secondary school, and during the final week, there are many leavers' celebrations, including the long-awaited play. So, a busy, but hopefully enjoyable end to the term.

Staff Change for September

Ms Flood, after dedicating 22 years to Hatherop, has decided it is time to do something different and will be leaving us in the summer. We can only thank her for all that she has contributed during her time here. She is renowned for her stage productions, creativity and all the support she gives the children in a variety of classes, but especially in Kingfisher class. She was also key in setting up After School Club and works well with Ms Clarke in after school club sports as well as taking the Year 4's to swimming. She will leave a huge gap at school, but we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

Count on Nature



We followed the string for the bugs. We tried to spot the bugs with magnifying glasses. We found some little red bugs. We also made some homes for other bugs. We had a can and put lots of sticks, bamboo and leaves inside. By **Bertie, Willow and Hector**.

Cricket

In cricket Phoebe, Ebba, Noah T, Noah H, Heath, Harley, Jacob and Alfie were very excited to win the Cirencester competition of Dynamos cricket competing against 13 other teams. They then went to the County competition at Cheltenham College. This was going to be a tough event with teams coming as far away as Bristol and some big three form entry primary schools. We played really well losing our first game 107 to 97 and the second game 134 to 96, but it was a great experience that all players should be proud of.

RIAT STEM workshop

After half term, we had an engineer come in to make some cars with us. To make the frame we had to drill holes in the wood for the axils to go through. We made sure that we cut the axils to the right length using a hacksaw. After that we put the axles through the frame, using spacers so as not to create friction to slow the car down, we were ready to transform it into a recovery vehicle for natural disasters complete with a driver, food, medical supplies and water.

Finally, we launched the cars from a rubber band launcher to see who could get the farthest and whoever did would get tickets to go to the air tattoo to race against other schools at RIAT. Well done to Harley and Alfie who were the winners. **By Year 5 and 6**



Skylark Outdoor Learning

On the 8th June Skylark went to Lea woods. We learned about plants and leaves. We played games and did crafts. We put leaves between two pieces of tissue and then we bashed them with a hammer to make patterns on the tissue. At the end of the visit, we felt tired and joyful because we had so much fun.

By Clara and James



Guitar Lessons



Skylark Church Visit

Skylark class met Simon at the church as part of their RE topic: Special Places. He showed them around the church pointing out what was significant about each area. They then went back to school to find out more about other places of worship such as a Mosque, Temple or Synagogue.



Mr Meade comes into school every Friday to teach guitar, ukulele and brass to children of all ages. Should your child like to learn how to play one of these instruments in September, please email Mr Meade on

tuition@david-meade.co.uk

Kingfisher Outdoor Learning

We went to Lea Wood to learn about light and dark because it was our science topic. We did lots of activities. First, we played a game with a partner where we took them to different places blindfolded and they then had to guess which tree we'd taken them to. We then made an obstacle course in groups and guided our friends through these. After a hunt for darkness, we made darkness dwellers (animals) and build homes for them thinking about how to make it dark. We had a nice lunch and enjoyed building dens in the wood during our free time. In the afternoon, we made pictures using UV paper and choosing animals and natural objects to go on them. To finish our day, we played a game running through the woods deciding if different objects were light sources or not. It was a fun trip!

By Emma, Freja, Jessica, Evie,

Balthazar, Amelie, Henry and Freddie



Rounders

This week we competed in the Yr 5/6 rounders event winning 3 matches and closely losing 2 to Fairford and Cirencester Junior. Many thanks to all the parents for supporting this event.



Athletics

All of KS2 took part in District Sports at Farmors. Fifteen children came first or second in their events and went to the Area Competition at Deer Park against children from across the Cotswolds. Here we had some fine results against tough opposition: Albert 1st in Yr3 triple jump, Luna 3rd in Yr 5 speed bounce, Noah T 1st in Yr 5 speed bounce, Heath 1st in Yr 5 long jump and 3rd in Yr 5 600m, Ebba 3rd in Yr 6 triple jump, Perse 2nd in Yr 6 long jump and 4th in Yr 6 600m, Phoebe, Olivia, Ebba and Perse 3rd in Yr6 relay. Well done to everyone.

Year 4 Outdoor Learning - Trip to River Coln

On Wednesday we met Liz at Farmors School and we followed the River Coln. We walked around two to three miles. Along the way we stopped to measure the speed of the water and the depth. When Liz stuck a pole into the river she almost fell in! She could barely pull the pole out of the mud at the bottom of the river.

Then we followed the river to a spot where we could have lunch. On the way back we walked over the bridge at the cascades, and we saw some people black smithing. We had a good day out.



Trip To Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple

Our trip to Shri Venkateswara was so much fun. We went to Birmingham but it was worth it to see Europe's largest Hindu temple. When we got there, we were in for a big surprise. The outside was made entirely of concrete!

One of the best things to see inside the temple was all of the shrines, mostly made of gold. Everything inside the temple was painted in bright and vibrant colours. It was a beautiful sight. We got the blessing of Lord Ganesh and at Lord Murugan's shrine, we got Bindi put on our heads.

The mounds outside the temple (seven in total) were very special mounds, because each of them were named after a religion, because they respect everyone and every religion.

Shri Venkateswara was amazing with all the ceremonies, decorations and the gigantic chariot. We had a very good time and I hope we get to go again.

Leavers Service

On Wednesday 14th of June, year 6 went to Gloucester Cathedral for the leavers service.

Whilst we were there, we sang songs, said a few prayers and did some dancing. I had to carry a candle down the aisle. Olivia and Hunniee took our school banner down too. Half way through the service they gave out wooden crosses to everyone. They fitted perfectly in our hands. They told us to hold it in our hands and put it close to your heart as we said a prayer. Then we left knowing we would leave primary school this term but moving onto a new stage in our lives. **By Amelia**



Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 4 th July	New Reception Parents Evening
Wednesday 5 th July	New Reception transition visit
Tuesday 11 th July	Moving up Morning
Thursday 13 th July	PTA Rounders 4-6pm
Monday 17 th July	Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 5/6 Summer Production 1:30pm and 6pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Coln Fete Craft Morning Year 6 Pizza Party – 6pm
Thursday 20 th July	Whole School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Service am Celebration Worship/ Leavers Assembly pm End of Term 2pm
Monday 24 th July	INSET day
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET day