St. Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Friday 9th October *Newsletter 5*

Colmers hill fun run

Last Saturday, 10 children from Year 5 & 6 took part in the cross country event at Colmers hill. Incredible determination and perseverence from our children and a big thank you to parents for supporting.



Harvest food bank collection

We have already received lots of food donations in the hall - thank you! If you have any food you can donate to our collection, please bring it to school. Poster to the right!



Bikes

We are so pleased we have so many children riding bikes to school, but just a reminder to please make sure your child is careful with lots of pedestrians around at the end of the day. We will remind our older year groups in assembly too.

Trips and experiences for this year

We already have lots of experiences booked in for all year groups, with thanks to the PTA for funding these. We are currently finalising our trips, enrichment and experiences offer for the year, to ensure that every year group has a trip or an in school experience per term.

Ethos team

We have created a new role in school called the Ethos team. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 could apply and the children then had to be interviewed by Mr Gawen, Rev. John and our house captains. All the children were brilliant and everyone was recognised for putting themselves forward.



Have a great weekend!
Miss Foote



Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 13th - Harvest Festival - St. Mary's church 1.45pm
- Wednesday 14th - 16th - Y6 residential
- Monday 19th October - Fire safety workshops in school for years 1-6.
- Monday 19th & 21st - Parents evening
- Friday 23rd Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November - Non-pupil day
- Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school
- Friday 13th - Children in Need (non-uniform)

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Reception






We have had another fantastic week of learning! 🌟 In Phonics, we have been practising the sounds ck, e, u and r, along with the tricky words into and to. The children have been working incredibly hard on their writing and letter formation, and we are so proud of their efforts!

In Maths, we have been exploring I more and I less, using balance scales to investigate more and less in a hands-on way.

Our continuous provision has been full of creativity and exploration, from handprint-inspired artwork to building roads and ramps for cars and revisiting our tennis skills outside. We have also introduced Dough Gym into our morning routine, which has been a big hit!

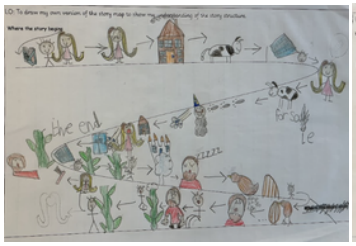
We have loved sharing 'The Button Book' together and look forward to another exciting week of learning! 💛

Year 1




In Forest School this week, we learned about fire safety, had a campfire and toasted marshmallows! In literacy, we wrote sentences about 'The Tiger that came to Tea'.

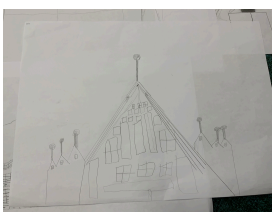
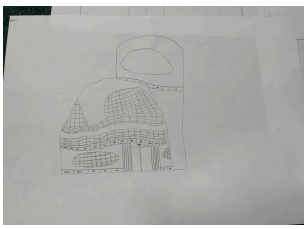
Year 2




Year 2 have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have enjoyed acting out the story and creating our own story maps to help us remember the key events and characters.

We know the story really well now and are excited to use everything we have learned to write our own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk next week.

Year 3

This week, year 3 have been developing their understanding of architecture in Art. After exploring a range of buildings designed by different architects, the children recreated some buildings in the style of one particular architect using pencil.

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been exploring Aboriginal art and discovering the meaning behind traditional dot painting. They have experimented with patterns, symbols and colours to create their own vibrant artwork, using dots and repeated designs to bring their ideas to life.

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Year 5





This week included a music lesson influenced by the Caribbean. The children were introduced to the style of music and intruments. We created a 'polyrhythm' (more than one rhythm played at the same time) using drums, maracas and claves.

Year 6



This week, we reused toilet roll tubes and transformed them into a wonderful variety of animals. The children loved seeing how an everyday recycled item could be turned into something imaginative and unique.

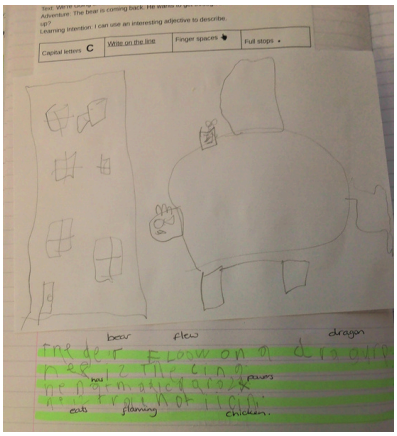
Inclusion hub











We have had a great week in the inclusion hub using the children's interests to support their learning. We have made playdough, played a throwing number recognition game and represented numbers creating lego towers and ordering them by size.

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Values Champion

Our values champion is awarded to someone who has shown one of the school values throughout the week in their actions and words.

Reception - Kaine
Year 1 - Ivy
Year 2 - George
Year 3 - Jake
Year 4 - Ronnie
Year 5 - Amelia
Year 6 - Flo

Learning Champion

Our learning champion is awarded to someone who has excelled in their learning throughout the week.

Reception - Joseph
Year 1 - Melodie-Rose
Year 2 - Freddie
Year 3 - Coby
Year 4 - Freddy
Year 5 - Ethan
Year 6 - Luke