



What wonderful weather we have had this week. The children have enjoyed being on the field again and making use of our brand-new running track. It has also been another busy week in classes with Hedgehogs and Squirrels children continuing their "Up, Up and Away" topic by making papier-mâché hot air balloons. In Badgers, the children had their rulers out as they measured and investigated perimeters of different shapes. Then in Foxes, the children have continued to learn about the history of Bourton in their "On Our Doorstep" topic.

It has also been an eventful week in Forest School. Foxes and Badgers found deer, otter, cat and pigeon prints in the Forest School Area. Then using plaster of Paris, the children cast the prints and were able to take away a 3D version of them. Squirrels practised paper folding to make paper aeroplanes and worked in teams to fly their way across the field, while Hedgehogs started off our spring planting this week; planting pea, bean and carrot seedlings.

We would like to say well done to our Year 3 and 4 football team who participated in the local tournament last Wednesday. They played against teams from Wyke, Motcombe, Mere and Gillingham, and with goals from Kenan and Elliot, they managed to finish 5th overall.



Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 football team who are playing against St Nicholas Primary School from Child Okeford tonight for a place in the Davidson Cup semi-finals.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday; we hope you all have a special day.



Easter Bingo

Mufti Day

St George's PTFA are holding an Easter Bingo event on Wednesday 6th April, to make this a success we are asking the children to come dressed in Mufti on Friday 1st April in exchange for a bingo prize.

For example, a chocolate Easter egg, a tin of biscuits, a bottle of wine, a jar of sweets, a box of chocolates.....

Please **do not** bring in money on this occasion.

Thank you in advance for your support and please put Wednesday 6th April in your diaries! It should be an evening of fun for the whole family and a chance to win lots of prizes!

Look out for further details of the Easter Bingo event in next week's school newsletter!



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 6th April 6pm
eyes down at 6.30pm

Family fun • Lots of prizes • All ages

£5 per bingo book

Bingo books to be purchased on the night

Bring your own dabber/pen!

Refreshments sold during the half-time break

Next week is the last week for ALL after school CLUBS (except Yr6 Reading Group)

Birthdays



**Florence (11), Felicity (5), Imogen (5)
Ralph (9)**

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Hollie won the South West Junior handler of the year Competition at a Dog show in Exeter last weekend.

If your child has achieved something special outside of school let us know, so we can celebrate your child's achievement. If possible a photo of them and their award would be great for our "Look how we shine" board.

Attendance

Week ending 25/03/22

Hedgehogs – 96%

Squirrels – 91.9%

Badgers – 87.9%

Foxes – 85.3%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs



House Point Scores

Sandways

675

Chaffeymoor

614

Queen Oak

721

Do you like textiles and embroidery?

Would you like to be involved in a whole school fabric hanging?

Please contact Jess LaTrobe-Bateman on 07900 194847 or catch her in the playground for further details.

Tall Tree Theatre Group



Dates for your Diary

- 30th Mar Hedgehogs/Squirrels to Fleet Air Arm Museum
Yr3/4 Netball Festival @ Gillingham School
7pm Governors Meeting
- 1st April PTFA Mufti-Day donation of Bingo Prize
- 6th April Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary
6pm PTFA Easter Bingo – more details to follow
- 7th April 9.15am Easter Service in St George's Church
Last day of Spring Term – **1.30pm finish**
1.30pm PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
- 25th April First day of Summer Term
- 27th April Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
- 2nd May Bank Holiday
- 4th May Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
- w/c 9th May KS2 SATs
- 9th May Governors Meeting
- 17th May Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
- 30th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term**
- 6th June School Closed
- 29th June Yr6 to Okehampton
- 6th July Yr4/5 to Leeson House
- 21st July Last day of the Summer Term

Hedgehogs News

It has been lovely to be back with Hedgehogs this week! We have had lots of fun! We have added more layers to the papier-mâché hot air balloons, we are hoping to paint these next week! This week in science we began making our egg drop carriers. The children are really excited to see which materials are the best to save an egg when we complete the experiment in a few weeks' time, some children were even building tall buildings to try and practice. For mastering number, reception have been thinking about the number five and how this looks while singing 5 little speckled frogs. During maths we have started height and length, using the correct terminology and experimenting with objects to compare these. English has been all about following instructions, using verbs! We had to ensure our paper plane instructions were all in the right order, Mrs Ramage got in a muddle! We have finished the week off with an exceptional PE lesson. I must say, the children were able to listen and follow instructions fantastically getting the gymnastic equipment out and working with a partner to keep each other safe! Well done!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

In Squirrels this week, we started a new unit in English: instructions. We identified some features of instructions and found out what happens if you do instructions in the wrong order or are not precise enough! We learnt about verbs and how instructions need to have bossy verbs to instruct you. In maths we have continued to learn about fractions and learnt about quarters; identifying quarters in shapes and comparing them to halves. The year 2s also looked at how to write $\frac{1}{4}$. In Art we continued with our own papier-mâché balloons and started to use our sticky mixture to create the structures. In Science we learnt about why different materials are used for different purposes, listing the properties. In PE we have been practising our brilliant ball skills, learning how to throw underarm, overarm and use a bounce pass. This afternoon the children will be watching the Tall Tree Theatre Group with their Albatross Fly By performance Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

We had an exciting start to our week in Badgers with a visit from Zoolab. We saw Gary the Giant African snail and were astounded to learn that he had over 12,000 teeth. Then Filipe, the giant hissing cockroach who actually was far more friendly than he sounded. Many of the children were delighted to hold Dolly Python, a Royal Python and Frodo an inquisitive Mongolian gerbil. We also saw a giant Scorpion and a lovely little tree frog! We learnt all about their food chains and considered features which made them effective predators. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience which I'm sure the children will remember for a long time. We were impressed at how brave some of the children were and know that some of them have already started writing their Christmas lists, many which start with a snake or gerbil at the top!

Mrs Shears and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

In English this week, the children in Foxes have been looking closely at wishing tales. They discussed what they thought a wishing tale was, before listening to the story "Giraffes can't Dance". Afterwards they created a story map to recall the key parts of the story before they rewrote the introduction, using expanded noun phrases, relative clauses and similes to describe how Gerald the giraffe looked and felt. There were lots of lovely, imaginative pieces of writing. In Forest school, Foxes were excited to discover animal prints in the Forest area. With the help of ID sheets, the children worked out which animals left the tracks and then they talked about how to keep a record of them.

Finally, in our science unit of "Living Things and their Habitats" the children have been investigating and explaining different life cycles. They drew pictures and labelled the series of changes that occurred and then were able to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

Mr Abbott



Consultation – School Transport Policies

Dorset are running a four-week consultation on their School Transport Policies for 2022-23, with effect from Monday 7th March to Sunday 3rd April 2022.

Details of the consultation are available to view at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-andtraining/school-transport/consultation-on-school-transport-policies>

Please submit all comments (both negative and positive) by Sunday 3rd April 2022, either via email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, or by post - School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.



We would like to invite you to

'Let's Talk – North Locality'

6th April 2022 - 11.00 to 13.00



Improving services that support children with SEND

Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion, Woodhouse Gardens, 9 The Plocks, Blandford Forum, DT11 1DU

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. What is a Graduated Approach?

Join us to discuss what makes up the 4-stage cycle that helps a school learn more about your child, what helps them to make good progress and how to help them achieve their full potential –Assess, Plan, Do, Review

3. Tea and Coffee

4. What is happening in your locality for Children, Young People with SEND and their Families An overview from your Locality Team

These events are information sharing sessions and as such we will not be able to address individual concerns or questions. If you would like to attend, please register your interest using the link or URL code below

<https://forms.office.com/r/RghgichVBU>

The link gives all the dates and venues for Let's Talk across Dorset Council



An Incredible Years 12 Week
School Age EVENING Programme is starting in
your area soon

When? Starting Tuesday 26th April 2022
Where? Blandford
How Long? 6.45pm - 9.15pm

The Incredible Years School Age Programme provides parenting support for parents and carers of children up to the age of 12yrs. The programme focuses on supporting parents to gain confidence and gather strategies that promote their children's positive behaviour as well as ideas to manage more tricky behaviours

If you know any families who may benefit from this support or are actively looking for an Incredible Years programme please discuss with them and refer to us using the information below

How to refer:

Please visit our website to download our referral form <https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset-services/referrals/parenting-support/>

And send completed referrals to the email address below dorset-parentingproject@actionforchildren.org.uk

For help with the referral or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us on 01202 525643

Fun With Lego

Come and join us for some Lego fun, see what you can build, and where your imagination will take you!



Gillingham Library

Tuesday 12 and 19 April
11.00am to 12 midday

Booking is essential via the Library

For more information ☎ 01747 822180

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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Gillingham Library Rocks

Come and create some rock art using small stones and acrylic paint pens. Then take your creation and hide it in our local community for someone else to find, post and re-hide! Suitable for age 5 and over.



Gillingham Library

Thursday 14 and 21 April
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Booking essential via the library on:

For more information ☎ 01747 822180

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