



Welcome Back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend. I can't believe that we are entering the final half-term – where has the year gone? The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning and have enjoyed starting their new topics. In Hedgehogs and Squirrels they have started learning about the seaside. The new topic in Badgers is Extreme Earth and in Foxes the children will be learning about The Tudors in their topic “Off with their Heads!” I look forward to seeing lots of wonderful work.

We were also extremely excited to open the school swimming pool this week and all the children have loved their sessions in the pool, even though we have had all sorts of weather. It was lovely to hear the sound of “Kick, Kick, Kick!” coming from poolside again. Keeping with the sporting theme, on Wednesday Mr Abbott took a team of children across to Yeovil for the Gillingham Family Athletics meeting. The children all performed amazingly, supporting each other in every event and showing great determination to not give up (even when running 600m.) Many thanks to Mrs Miles, Mrs Meeker and Mrs Toms who supported Mr Abbott in Yeovil.

Top Three Finishes:

- 1st in Y3 Vortex Throw = Max
- 1st in Y5 60m Hurdles = Charlotte
- 1st in Y6 60m Hurdles = Paddy
- 1st in Y6 60m Hurdles = Honie-May
- 2nd in Y4 Vortex Throw = Ralph
- 2nd in Y6 150m Sprint = Maisie-Grace
- 3rd in Y4 60m Sprint = Ralph
- 3rd in Y5 60 m Hurdles = Dexter
- 3rd in Y5 150m Sprint = Charlotte
- 3rd in Y5 Long Jump = Phoebe S
- 3rd in Y5 Girls Relay = Ruby, Hollie, Lydia and Phoebe S



Finally, a huge well done to our Year One and Year Two children who completed their Phonics Screening Check this week. Mrs Toy was really impressed with all the children for remembering their “special-friends” and for recognising the alien words. Great work everyone!

Swimming Pool

It was lovely to see the pool ready for use this week and all classes have had a least one session already. Thank you to all the people who have been involved in getting it ready, Mrs Travers who makes sure it is ready to use each day and all of you who have volunteered to help with class sessions.

If you have not already made a contribution, we are asking for £10 per child towards the cost of running the swimming pool. For larger families, please pay what you feel you can afford for the second, third or fourth children. To make a contribution please send the money in a named envelope to the office or transfer the money via bank transfer, please include your surname in the reference so we can match payments. Thank you.

The school's details are:

Account Name:- DC St Georges School, Bourton **Account Number:-** 68629109 **Sort Code:-** 60-08-36

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 10/06/2022

Harry (Hedgehogs) – for his determination and perseverance in swimming and working really hard to use sounds in sentences.

Emilia (Squirrels) – for being a super star... listening well, learning with enthusiasm and giving her all.

Chloe (Badgers) – for being kind, getting on with her work, a great role model.

Billy (Foxes) – for being an encouraging and supportive friend at Athletics

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 10/06/2022

Michael for being a Persevering Penguin

Pippa for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Edith for being a Have a go Hyena

Kenan for being a Reasoning Robin

Connie for being a Reasoning Robin

Florence for being a Reasoning Robin



Well Done



Birthdays



Mrs Farndale
Mrs Welshman
Mrs Moores

Many Happy Returns

Achievements Out of School

Congratulations to Lilly C who completed her stage 2 in swimming

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 10/06/2022

Hedgehogs: **Maddie**

Squirrels: **Isabella**

Badgers: **Jacob**

Foxes: **Phoebe P**

Well done

Attendance

Week ending 10/06/22

Hedgehogs – 97.0%

Squirrels – 96.3%

Badgers – 95.8%

Foxes – 96.7%

This week the winners are

Hedgehogs

House Point Scores

Sandways

138

Chaffeymoor

118

Queen Oak

130

Winners for Summer Term 1 were

Queen Oak

Hedgehogs News

We hope you all had a lovely holiday! We have had a very busy week back! We have started our overarching topic of 'beside the seaside', this fitted in lovely with lots of children visiting the beach over the holidays. In English we have been giving a recount of what we got up to during the holidays, with reception children producing some wonderful pictures and sentences. The Y1s have been focusing on the days of the week and using this to help their story map of the holidays. In science we were very excited to be starting animals again. This time focusing on those that live in water. We had a lovely afternoon fishing out many animals and naming them. As you all know, this term we have begun swimming! This was a massive success and the children really enjoyed themselves, especially trying to get Mrs Ramage wet with all their kicking.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls



Squirrels News

Welcome back everyone! The children were hugely excited about the prospect of swimming on the first day back and can I say a huge thank you for everyone for sending in kits. The pool was 'hot like a hot tub' according to the children and everyone enjoyed their first two sessions learning how to be safe in the water and swimming across the pool on their fronts and backs. In English we had a short week and focused on seaside poetry to start our new topic of 'Beside the Seaside'. We looked closely at the description in these poems and how adjectives and similes were used to help the reader to 'see' what we were describing. We then had a go at writing some of our own similes.

In Maths we have been recapping our place value knowledge up to 100 and using number squares to help us to quickly add and take away tens and ones. In Geography we looked at where the oceans and continents are in the world. In Science, we finished off our topic on trees and seeds, learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In science, our topic for this term is states of matter. We discussed that everything in the world was made of matter, but was it solid, liquid or gas? We looked at the properties of these matters and applied them to things around us.

In maths we are learning about coordinates and how we describe movements on a grid. Later on in the term we are going to apply this to playing battleships.

Our ukulele lessons are coming along with Mrs Ely, we are learning how to play chords - which is proving very tricky (especially for Mrs Welshman!) but there are some good rhythms being played.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

The children in Foxes began their new topic this week. "Off with their Heads" is a topic based on the history of The Tudors and the children started their learning by plotting key events from the Tudor era on a timeline. Key events that were plotted included: The War of the Roses, the sinking of the Mary Rose and the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. We had lots of Questioning Queen Bees who were curious about the monarchs of the Tudor period.

In English, the children have been unpicking the story of the Bad-Tempered Ladybird as they focus on Character-Flaw narratives. They recognised how these stories have a main character who has some sort of flaw which lands them into trouble, before the story ends with the character learning their lesson and changing their ways. Over the next few weeks they will be editing and changing the aspects of the story, before they create their own.

Finally, in Forest School with Ms Rankin, the children finished their sewing project using recycled material to make cushions. They completed their logos and stuffed their cushions before doing a final running stitch. The final results looked great.

Mr Abbott



Key Assessment Dates for the term ahead:

Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June KS2 Statutory Times Tables Screening - Year 4

If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 13 th June	KS2 Times Table Screening ~ Yr4
14 th June	YrR – School Nurse visit 3.30pm Okehampton Meeting 6pm New Parents Meeting
15 th June	New Starters Story time sessions
18 th -19 th June	PTFA Stourhead Catering Weekend
20 th -24 th June	Sports Week
20 th June	3.30pm Leeson House Meeting
21 st June	7pm Governors FB Meeting
22 nd June	Yr3/4 Tennis @ Bryanston
23 rd June	10am Sports Day
24 th June	Wellbeing Summer Games
27 th June	1.30-3pm New starters session
28 th June	Mini Olympics @ Milton School
29 th June	Yr6 to Okehampton
5 th July	Yr6 Leavers Service @ Salisbury Cathedral
6 th July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House Gillingham School Yr6 Transition Day St George's Transition Day 9am-12 noon New starters session
8 th July	NO Achievement Assembly
11 th July	1.30-3pm New starters session
21 st July	Yr6 Leavers Service Last day of Summer Term - 1.30pm finish



The Daily Mile

This week the children have started to complete their 'Daily Mile'.

Each class travels around the field path to see how many laps they can do in 10 minutes. It is social, non-competitive and fun!

This also provides a break from learning where they can enjoy their surroundings and get some fresh air before returning to their classrooms ready to continue their learning.

The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children.

Simply put, The Daily Mile is 10 minutes where children can walk, run or jog at their own pace, during the school day at a time of the teacher's choosing (it is done during lesson time). The Daily Mile is not Sport or PE, but rather health and wellbeing through physical activity.

The next PTFA Meeting - Tuesday 14th June 2022 from 1:30-2:15pm in the school hall

The meeting is to finalise the end of year party

If you are able to help or have ideas but can't make the meeting then please let a member of the PTFA know ~ All parents are welcome to attend

