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# Newsletter 22

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Dear Parents/Carers

**A note from Mr Reeves**

As there seems to be some genuine signs of Spring, excitement is very much in the air about the prospect of lunchtimes on the field for the foreseeable future. Let's hope I'm not tempting fate, but we are incredibly lucky with our school site, so having the children utilise it over lunchtimes is a genuine delight to see.

This week, we have had a successful lockdown practice involving all children. Whilst this may seem extreme, I feel that this is an important safeguarding measure to ensure that the children are aware of what to do in this situation, should, for example, a swarm of bees enter the field, and we all need to lockdown inside. Should you have any questions about the procedure or any relevant questions, please do get in touch with the office to ask to chat with me.

This week, we have also conducted some interviews for lunchtime supervisor staff, where Zara Glennon was successful in taking the post. We welcome her to the staff team and look forward to them enhancing the children's lunchtimes.

Finally, a huge thank you to the teachers and all the PTFA who put on a wonderful event yesterday morning for World Book day. The stories with breakfast was a really lovely event, and children having dedicated time to sit and relax, listen to their teachers telling stories was a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone involved.

| House Points | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chestnut | Oak | Sycamore | Willow |
| 569 | 550 | 576 | 679 |

## School Certificates

**Well Done to the following children who have received certificates in assembly today.**

**Headteachers Award**
Melody Cygnets
Ivy Y1
Noah Y2
Bella Y3

**Reading Award**
Celianne Y2
Noah Y4

**Writing Award**
Reuben Cygnets
Ralphie Y3
Toby Y4
Ella Y4
Oscar Y6
Alexander Y6

**Maths Award**
Milena Y1
Evie Y2
Monet Y3
Rosie D Y6
Jude Y6

**House Points Certificates**

**Silver**
Billy Cygnets

**Gold**
Clemmie Y1
Troy Y3
William W Y3
Chloe Y3

**Platinum**
Lexi Y3
Lucy Y4
Toby Y4
Alexander Y6
Oak Y6
Rosie D Y6

**Diamond**
Lucas Y4

## World Book Day Poetry Competition Winners

| Class | Year group winners | Class Winners | Judges' Choice |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cygnets | Nathan, Tilly & Tatiana | Tatiana | Tatiana |
| Year 1 | Isabella, Isaura, Sofia | Isabella | |
| Year 2 | Toby, Isla, George S, Jaxon | Toby | |
| Year 3 | Bella, Arthur & William W | William W | William W |
| Year 4 | Aneirin, Hannah & Iris | Aneirin | |
| Year 5 | Monty, Thea & Javi | Monty | |
| Year 6 | Bridget, Tahlia & Ollie | Bridget | Bridget |

## Sports Report

A huge congratulations to our netballers that attended the Chenderit Netball Festival last night. The 16 players that attended showed amazing teamwork, resilience and netball skill. Whilst on this outing we weren't the winners, we are proud of all of them, especially taking the time out of their lunches this week to practise and get to learn the game of netball.

Well done to Darcie, Eadie, Matilda, Rosie M, Theo, Monty, Harry, Ellie, Aneirin, Reuben, Lucy, Francesca, Poesy, Rafa, Bella and Immi. An even bigger well done to Rafa and Bella, who showed what amazing sportsmanship Cropredy kids have, by volunteering to play for the All Stars team who were left with only 3 players on the day! Thank you as well to all the parents and grandparents who came and supported the team on the day!

## Next Week In School

Don't forget to order your child's Hot Dinners through ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

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| **Monday** | • Clubs: Mark Andrews Football & Gardening Club |
| **Tuesday** | • House reward (Blue) come in PE kit<br>Clubs: French Club |
| **Wednesday** | • Clubs: Football Club |
| **Thursday** | • Clubs: Tennis, French, Construction, Mindfulness & Colouring Club |
| **Friday** | • Year 4 Funding Friday<br>• PTFA gift amnesty |

## PE days

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| Cygnets | Forest School – Wednesday<br>PE – Wednesday |
| Year 1 | PE Session 1 – Tuesday<br>PE Session 2 – Friday |
| Year 2 | Forest School – Wednesday<br>PE Session 2 – Thursday |
| Year 3 | PE– Friday<br>Forest School – Wednesday |
| Year 4 | PE Session 1 – Monday<br>PE Session 2 – Tuesday |
| Year 5 | PE – Wednesday<br>Swimming – Thursday |
| Year 6 | PE Session 1 – Wednesday<br>PE Session 2 – Thursday |

## Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 11th March: House reward Sycamore (Blue) come in PE kit
Friday 14th March: Year 4 Funding Friday
Wednesday 19th March: Year 6 and Cygnets School Nurses visit height, weight & (Cygnets only) vision
Wednesday 26th March: Year 4 Showcase – 2:30pm
Thursday 3rd April: Open afternoon
Friday 4th April: Easter service Friday 4th April: End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)
Tuesday 22nd April: Term 3 (1st half) begins
Friday 2nd May: Mayday celebration and picnic
Monday 5th May: May Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May: Class Group Photos and Year 6 Leavers
Monday 12th May: KS2 SATs --Friday 16th May
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May: Year 6 residential
Friday 23rd May: End of term
Monday 2nd June: Start of term
Friday 18th July: End of term (finish at 1:15pm)

# Our Week Of Learning

This week Cygnets, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are sharing their learning.

## Cygnets

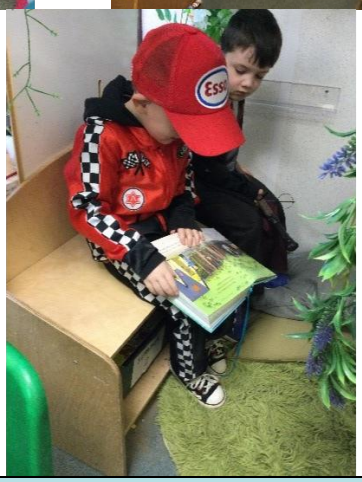
We are off to a flying start this half term and as always have been ready, respectful and responsible learners!

Last week we started our new topic 'Habitats of the World'. To make some links in our learning to last half term, we compared Australia and the United Kingdom, by looking at the kinds of animals that live in Australia. We learned about kangaroos, koalas, emus, echidnas and the platypus. Using describing words, we wrote sentences about the animals, making sure to try and include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops too!

In RE we have started to learn the Easter Story. We learned about Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. We heard that Shrove Tuesday is also known as 'Pancake Tuesday'. We practised our measuring and mixing on Monday to make some pancakes for snack on Tuesday! We enjoyed some delicious pancakes and then made some so promises for Lent, such as 'tidying my toys away' and 'helping my little brother'.

This week we have loved getting back outside with the drier and sunnier weather. We have been in the garden building lots of challenging obstacle courses, tackling the rope climbing and enjoying rolling down the hill. Forest School in the sun was much more enjoyable than the rain too!

On Thursday this week we all loved dressing up as colourful and creative book characters for World Book Day! In the morning we shared our costumes telling each other which book character we were and which book we were from. We made some lovely bookmarks and enjoyed sharing stories with our family to end the day. You can see some more photos on our learning page here.



## Year 2

Year 2 are really enjoying their Forest School sessions with Mr Pemble! This week they spent the lesson working on their map reading skills. They worked brilliantly in their pairs reading the maps they were given to locate some treasures hidden around Forest School.

We've had a busy week completing our spring assessments. We have been so impressed by Year 2's super attitude to their tests; trying their very best to have a go at everything and show us just how much they have remembered so far and lots of great progress being made! We're really proud of your achievements Year 2!

In Science we have been exploring habitats and thinking about why different living things live in different places. We have looked at which living things depend on each other within different habitats and have developed a very good understanding of how basic needs are met depending on the habitat.

In PSHE we are looking at keeping ourselves healthy. This week the focus was on our mental health and strategies we have to help us to feel calm and relaxed. Year 2 had some super ideas including listening to calming music, drawing, going for a walk and spending time with people who make us feel happy and safe. On Wednesday we had a lovely morning listening to the poems Year 2 have been practising at home. We know some children were nervous about doing this and were so proud of their effort! They all performed their poems clearly and confidently which made choosing the winners very tricky! A huge well done to all the children who took part.

## Year 4

The first two weeks of this term have been lovely. The weather has improved, bringing some sun and joy. We have begun reading our new book, The Wind in the Willows, in English. The children have written and are ready to proof-read, edit, and publish a fact file about one of the animal characters in the story. They have included information about its habitat, looks, behaviours and special skills. The children have been working on their inference skills in Blended Reading ready for their next writing learning journey to compose a character description.

In Maths, the children have begun a unit on fractions. They have learned to understand, identify, compare, order and convert mixed numbers and improper fractions.

The children have started their new Science topic called 'Animals including Humans.' During this unit they will cover food chains and the digestive system. So far, we have completed food chains and have begun an experiment to see how acidic and sugary drinks affect our teeth. Images below.

World Book Day was brilliant! The children really impressed me with their performances of a poem for the poetry competition. We had to have a second class round to narrow it down to three children as it was such a hard decision for me. Congratulations to Hannah, Iris and Aneirin who got through to the Lower Key Stage 2 round. Well done Aneirin, who was picked from this to compete in the whole school round. Books and Breakfast went down a treat on Thursday morning too. Image below.

## Year 6

I have been so impressed with the most recent writing outcome, with many year sixes producing their best piece of writing so far this year. Please see below several examples of a persuasive speech, said speeches were designed to be impactful and emotionally appealing, to convince their fellow islanders into joining the character from Floodlands (our class text) in battle. Very impressed!

The class are working hard at consolidating all areas of the maths curriculum and extending themselves with the more complex areas of maths. Booster sessions have started as we run-up

towards our assessments in May – these are taking place in the first part of the afternoons and during lunchtime.

We welcomed a new Mandarin teacher this term (every Friday afternoon) who has been continuing to build their knowledge of numbers, months, days and years. They really enjoyed using rice paper and black paint to calligraph the characters used in the Mandarin language.

Mrs Harris has been teaching the class all year (on Tuesday afternoons) how to sing and play an array of instruments in the style of folk with much joy, fun and success. The songs that Year 6 are currently perfecting are: Mary Mack, Rio Grande, Shepherd's Hey, Hey Ho! The range of musical instruments that the class have played include Harp, Shruti Box, Spoons, Accordion, Tin whistles, Baran Drums and Ukuleles. This will all culminate at the performance that Years 4 & 6 will be doing at the Cropredy Fairport Convention in August this year.

Just to clarify, as discussed in the recent parents' evening, the next two months are crucial to maintain and build upon the work that has built up so far this year, with any extra little 'one percents' being beneficial. CGP books and past test papers are an excellent way to top their knowledge, confidence and understanding.

Primary curriculum, key stage 2 - GOV.UK

Past papers are available through this link to download or see. I'd recommend particularly using 2022, 2023 and 2024 to familiarise with what the most recent assessments have been like.

Key Dates for Year 6 – including Production (Summer Term)

SATs Week – Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

Hoodies Given Out and allowed to be worn – Friday 16th May

PGL – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May

Production

Monday 07th July – Dress rehearsal to the School

Wednesday 09th July – Performance One to Parents – afternoon 13:30 – 14:30

Thursday 10th July – Performance Two to Parents – evening 17:30 – 18:30

## PTFA Updates

**Friday 14th March** – School gift amnesty & year 4 funding Friday

Cropredy school Gift amnesty
FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
Do you have any unwanted new gifts from Christmas or previous birthdays? We're looking for donations of gifts to use for our 'WONDERFUL WOMEN' & 'MARVELLOUS MEN' shops. Please drop off at school on 14th March
Thank you!

**Yours sincerely,**
**Cropredy School SLT**

## School Nurse newsletter Link

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