



Newsletter 17th June

Dates for your Diary

June 20th Global Awareness Week, Head's Tea Party and Swimming - Y3 & 4

June 22nd Bristol Zoo – R, Y1 & Y2. Cricket at Wycliffe – Y6

June 24th Summer Sizzle 3.30 – 7.30

June 27th Swimming Y1 & 2

June 29th to July 1st Viney Hill – Y6

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Club Cancellations

Please note the following club cancellations:

Thursday 30th June – Cookery Club

Monday 27th June & Monday 4th July – Film Club

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, after school care will be available as normal.

Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

School Tie, shirt, sports shoes & water bottle – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Jumper – Ava McDougall

PE Tracksuit bottoms & top – Emi Huertas-Mason

School Jumper – Sebby Tangye

Summer Show – 13th July

For the summer show at Westonbirt, please note each family can have up to a maximum of 4 seats in the audience. Please let the office know asap if you need transport home from the concert for your child/children. Thank you.

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Head's Update

NFER

We have been busy this week with our NFER tests, but they are finally finished. The results will be on the end of year report which will go out a few days before the end of term. This will allow us to answer any questions you may have before we break up for the summer holidays.

Westonbirt

We have now had our first venture into Westonbirt. Years 3 and 4 spent the morning in the pool and KS1 had their first experience of Forest school. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was great to have a swimming pool all to ourselves. The younger children could have stayed all day and are already looking forward to their next visit.

Everyman

Today three year 5 and 6 pupils went with their parents to the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. Miss Porter has joined a new scheme, Reading Teachers = Reading pupils which is run by Cheltenham Festival. The year 5 and 6 children wrote a creative piece of writing based on the books October, October by Katya Balen and When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kareen Getten. Three of our them were chosen to read out their stories to the authors. Miss Porter will be there, and I am sure she will be listening with a good deal of pride.

Global Awareness Week

Next week all the children will be looking at various aspects of Mexican culture, art, history, and traditions as part of the curriculum. On Thursday, we will be off timetable. The children will be put into different age groups and experience Mexican food, games, history, and art to name but a few. This is always an enjoyable and exciting week and one which gives children an insight into a vibrant and colourful culture.



Forest School by Mrs Jobanputra

On Tuesday morning Reception and Key Stage 1 children went to the beautiful grounds at Westonbirt for Forest School. Our first session was an introduction to the amazing woodland, gardens and forest within their grounds. The children explored the different areas and marked their journey on a stick. For example, at the beginning we explored the “spinney”, followed by the “manor” and then the “lake”. We chose an object from each area and attached these to our stick to create our first forest school experience memory. It was so much fun.

We cannot wait for our next session where we will be toasting marshmallows!



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Maths by Mrs Elmore & Mrs Stevenson

Since the end of SATs we have brought their maths skills to life by using them in real-life contexts. Before half term, we explored the cost of baking cakes in bulk and compared them to the profits we could make. As a result, the children persuaded Mrs Elmore and Mrs Charles to try out their scaling up and down recipes to bake cakes.



Now, the maths skills have really stepped up. With a bank loan of £500,000, the children have worked in pairs to design a theme park with a combination of rides, activities, and places to eat.

They have so far calculated the total cost of building the park, the daily running costs, price of the entry tickets and the profit and loss depending on the number of visitors.

Now, Y6 groups are calculating their annual profits and reinvesting 40% of that into improvements to their parks. Soon they will learn about tax on profits and insurance.

We are definitely seeing some entrepreneurs in our class....

Match Reports by Mr Kirby

Y5 and Y6 cricket

On Monday 13th June, we took 3 teams to Rendcomb to play a round of cricket matches and the pupils did extremely well. We won 1 and lost 2 in some extremely tight games.

Team 1: U10 girls

Hopelands 236

Rendcomb- 250 Rendcomb win by 14 runs

The U10 girls finished their season with a narrow loss to a good Rendcomb side with plenty of positives to take forward to next year. Hannah smashed a six, producing a lovely comment from the opposition's umpire: "I have never seen a Y5 child hit a 6 before!" Well done, Hannah. There were other boundaries but a hard hitting Rendcomb side managed to squeeze in enough runs for the victory.

We also took two mixed U11 teams with one winning and one losing.

Team 2: Mixed U11's

Hopelands - 258

Rendcomb - 257 Hopelands win by 1 run!

In the one of the closest matches of the season (and there have been some close ones!) we managed to get a win thanks to some brilliant fielding and bowling. With both teams scoring a similar number of runs, it came down to the quality of the fielding as we managed to take five crucial wickets. Noah produced some very good fielding and backing up, including a great catch. Staying alert in cricket is the key to success as Matilda showed with her brilliant catch. Harry also produced a great all-round display as the Year 6 pupils earned a hard-fought victory. Very well done.

Team 3: Mixed U11's

Hopelands- 238

Rendcomb- 270 Rendcomb win by 32 runs

in our other match, we managed to take more wickets than our opponents but, again, the power of the batting was the difference. Toby and Cara both bowled out the opposition whilst Alice and Daniel combined to quickly run out the batter in the final over. However, quick singles and boundaries were the difference as both teams connected with the ball a similar number of times, but Rendcomb took the opportunity to clock up an impressive total. Eoghan deserves a mention for a couple of fantastic overs and an impressive four as the Y6 have one final match against Wycliffe next week.

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Y1 and Y2 dodgeball!

Y1 and Y2 had a wonderful Wednesday morning in the sun! Thanks to Atlas Camps, we took the children to participate in a morning of dodging, weaving, throwing, ducking, diving and, most importantly, fun! The confidence in the children grew as the morning progressed as there were one or two pupils unsure about giving it a try but, by the end, we couldn't get them off the court! Mrs Jobanputra, Miss Cook and Mr Kirby were all extremely impressed with their behaviour, dedication and throwing skills. I think all children managed to get someone 'out' during the matches and everyone certainly moved quickly to avoid being hit. A wonderful morning - well done Year 1 AND Year 2.



Year 2 Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 2 put their science skills to the test this week and set up an investigation looking into what seeds need to grow.

They used cress seeds on cotton wool and set them up in different boxes so that some seeds had light, some had darkness, some were wet and some were dry. Once we had set up the seeds, the children made predictions about which ones they expected would grow and which would just stay the same.

The children recorded their predictions in a table ready to make observations after the seeds have had a week in the different boxes. Everyone worked very scientifically and sensibly - well done Year 2



Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Year 1 children had great fun making a root vegetable salad in their Design and Technology lesson. They have been learning about the importance of healthy eating and enjoyed exploring all the different flavours which can be added to a salad. They look delicious Year 1, well done!



Hopelands Community



Eoghan and Vandamai (Birthday Twins) shared a joint 11th birthday party this year at Ninja Warriors. They both decided that instead of presents they would like to collect funds for Ukraine... Thanks to the generosity of their classmates they were able to raise a staggering £230.

This money is being passed onto Stroud Ukraine Support <https://stoudukrainesupport.com/> who make frequent trips to Ukraine to deliver much needed items and equipment.

Well done Eoghan and Vandamai, a lovely and kind gesture and we are all very proud of you.

A message from Orla and her Mum:

“I am taking part in Miles for Refugees this June, to raise money for refugees who have lost their homes, families, clothes, and money. I will be swimming 22 miles in June which is the same distance refugees have to travel when they attempt to cross the English Channel. This is roughly 1,500 lengths of a 25m pool”.

So far Orla has swum just over half the distance of the channel so far and is on track to complete her 22 miles of swimming in June. She has achieved her target of raising £150 for the Red Cross with a grand total of £301. She’s raised her target to £400 and would be super grateful for any contributions. Every mile she swims counts, just like every penny raised will help create meaningful change for refugees fleeing violence, conflict and climate-related disasters. Thank you.

<https://miles.redcross.org.uk/fundraising/orlas-miles-for-refugees-challenge>

Well done Orla, a brilliant achievement and we are all supporting you. Please note there is also a collection tin in the office for this cause so if anyone would like to donate, please pop it in the tin, thank you.