



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear TSM Families,

I think this edition of the Bell speaks for itself - bursting with wonderfully engaging and exciting curriculum and outside experiences for our young learners! We had a visit from our County Primary Inspector, Nicky Rickman, this week, and she echoes leadership and Governor views - that this school really does **so much** for the young learners in our care. I look forward to sharing details of her report with you soon.

Coronation Celebrations!



Last week we ended our Coronation celebrations with a bang! Each team worked to make crowns in their team colours. These are fun and enriching afternoons and we are always so proud of our older pupils who show such care and kindness to their younger teammates. We wore our crowns in a short performance at the end of the day on the field before kicking off our PTA colour run.



Forest School



"At Forest School yesterday, we were continuing our theme of connections. We read a story called 'Dear Earth' and this taught us that Earth is special and we need to look after it. I really enjoyed hugging the trees and making friends with them because it was fun and something I had never done before. We learned that trees can talk to us. I also enjoyed when we have our 'Sparkle Time' where we can explore. In this time, I enjoy doing arts and crafts".

Bronnie, Sycamore Class



Christian Aid Week 2023



Christian Aid Week is upon us again and we have been reflecting on how we can all be champions for climate justice and help our neighbours around the world. The children feel passionately about caring for our planet.

We had a very successful and delicious bake sale on Monday followed by a visit from Liz Burrell from Christian Aid to tell us exactly how our donation will help people around the world. We learnt about Esther and how the drought

tolerant crop of pigeon peas is supporting farmers in places affected by climate change.

During class worship, the children discussed the iconic red envelopes and created their own personalised version with what climate justice means to them. Next week the School Council will be teaming up with our Green Team and leading an assembly to share ways that we can continue to support this important cause throughout the year! A huge thank you to everyone who has participated and donated!

We will still be accepting envelopes next week to then announce our grand total next Friday!



Cricket



The cricket team had a wonderful day out at the St Cross tournament on Tuesday. We had some fantastic weather, only bested by the team's excitement for what was to come. As we arrived the team were full of confidence and smiles, recognising and talking to familiar faces from other schools, creating what was a friendly and fun atmosphere throughout the day. We played 5 games, we won 2 and lost 3.

Knightwood School were the overall winning team. We are looking forward to our next tournament! A big 'thank you' to Mr Hawkes and Mr Simmonds for being awesome coaches on the day.

"On the 16th May 2023 ten of the school's cricket players went to St Cross Cricket club to play a cricket tournament. All in all, it was a good day out; we won a few and lost a few but overall we all played the best we could and all had a really good time. We all are looking forward to playing Twyford Prep next week"

Barney and George



Sycamore Class: Visit to the Mary Rose Museum



"On Thursday, Sycamore Class went to see the Mary Rose in Portsmouth. We had a great day and really enjoyed the 4D experience of diving and discovering the Mary Rose lying at the bottom of the sea a few miles away from where we were standing. It sank about 400 years ago and was lifted to surface in 1982. We wore special 4D glasses, the seats started shaking and the trip began. Our task was to use the high pressure hoses to clear away the mud around the timbers of the sunken ship.

Later on, we got to see the actual Mary Rose and we learned about how it is preserved in a dark and humid space. We saw how the sailors lived and worked on board, what they had to eat (hard ship's biscuits with boiled meat and fish sometimes with peas). They even found the bones of the ship's dog: he was a cross between a whippet and a Jack Russell and was called Hatch. We got to hold some artefacts from the ship, we really loved dressing up as rich people and workers from the ship and we had a photo in our costumes.

Just before we left we experienced what it was like to be on the ship during the battle with the French and when it sank!"

Poppy and Ivy, Sycamore Class.



Yew Class: Visit to Lepe Beach



"This week, Yew Class were lucky enough to take a visit to Lepe Beach. One of the beach staff (Laura) talked about how they are losing sand due to longshore drift. She talked about the balance they need to strike between letting the sea do its natural process of creating more of an intertidal zone and protecting existing infrastructure like the road and bridge.

We put our Geography learning into practice by exploring coastal processes, particularly that of erosion. We saw how soft sand erodes

more quickly than rocks by making mounds of each and pouring water on top of them. It was fun playing on the beach and finding shells and dead crabs. After that, we did an orienteering session using compasses and a scaled map and we all successfully completed the course. There was a stunning sensory garden where we ate our lunch and had a run around. After lunch, we had a 40 minute play in their amazing playground. Year 6 truly had the best final school trip at TSM and Year 5 enjoyed it too".

Eveny and Tamsin, Yew Class



Year 6 Announcement



The Year 6 are very excited to announce that the End of Key stage 2 play will be.....**Oliver!**

PTA Update



Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported Friday's coronation colour run! In particular those who gave up their time to volunteer.

The children had a blast even with the unplanned wind chill! We have quite a bit of left over stock and Pimms, but rest assured, these will make an appearance at our next event.

Special mention to Kingsworthy Foundry who sponsored our barbecue and Dybles for supporting us.

We raised close to **£1650**

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Warm wishes,

Sophie Davies
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Ash	Benedict R	For being an excellent Team Bee and encouraging his friends to perform some music to their peers.
Beech	Alasdair	For his brilliant bee information poster – such clear, detailed writing and lots of fantastic facts!
Sycamore	Jack	For showing great determination and resilience when answering inference questions in Guided reading this week.
Willow	Brontë	For always being so conscientious in her learning – I'm especially proud of your super progress in Maths this half term!
Yew	Thaleia	For her fantastic non-fiction writing showing brilliant use of sophisticated technical language.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Alice G	For a brilliant Georgia O'Keeffe inspired oil pastel drawing.
	Quinn	For being a Curious cat when exploring habitats.
Beech	Violet	For being a fantastic role model by always showing care and respect.
	Eden	For being a super Incy Independent when writing her brilliant bee information poster!
Sycamore	Ayla	For being a wonderful role model on our trip to the Mary Rose showing courage, care, joy and respect!
	Esme	For being a wonderful role model on our trip to the Mary Rose showing courage, care, joy and respect!
Willow	Daisy	For great effort and perseverance in Maths this week!
	Rio	For carefully selecting evidence from the text to justify his answers in Guided Reading. Great detail!
Yew	Rafferty	For listening well and displaying respect at all times during our class trip to Lepe Beach.
	Evalyn	For persevering really well during Art when drawing a wave inspired by Hokusai's famous 'Great Wave of Kanagawa.'

Dates for your diary: Summer Term	
22nd May	SRE Parent meeting to view materials – 3.40pm (optional)
22nd – 26th May	KS2 SRE Week (Sex and Relationships Education)
23rd May	Ash & Beech Trip to Hillier's Gardens
26th May	Cricket versus Twyford Prep School (selected pupils)
29th May – 2nd June	Half Term Break
6th June	School photos – groups/classes
9th June	Years 5/6 Penguins Swimming Gala (selected pupils)
15th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral (pupils only)
21st June	PTA Event: Summer Solstice Yoga in the Park 7.30pm
23rd June	PTA Event: Foam Party 4.30 – 5.45pm
30th June	Year 5 Music and Drama day at Twyford Prep School
3rd July	Inset day 5
6th July	KS2 Summer play - afternoon
7th July	KS2 Summer play - morning
7th July	PTA Event: Summer Fair 3.30 - 4.30pm
14th July	Sports day (morning) - TBC
17th July	Sports day (reserve date) - TBC
20th July	Year 6 TSM Leavers Service 2pm
21st July	Final day of term