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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I was very lucky over the Easter Holidays to attend our Holiday Club at Kilve to see our children in action. It was so delightful to see the children trying out new adventures and overcoming any fears. I took part in rifle shooting with one group and observed abseiling. I couldn't believe how fearless Stogursey children are ascending 10 metres up and then scaling the wooden tower using just ropes and a harness. It was such a sight to see! The younger group, I heard had a great time grass sledging during this. I am so proud to be the Head of a school that offers so much more than the National Curriculum. I am also proud of the staff who run this and keep it all going, the community that supports us in our endeavours as well as the children who embrace the opportunities.

On a similar note, over the holidays, our new kitchen was installed. Many thanks to the Fairfield Trust for donating the funds for this excellent facility. Cooking is such an important life skill and a significant part of our curriculum offer and now having modern facilities and more space enhances this. My personal thanks to the Fairfield Trust for this.



Kind Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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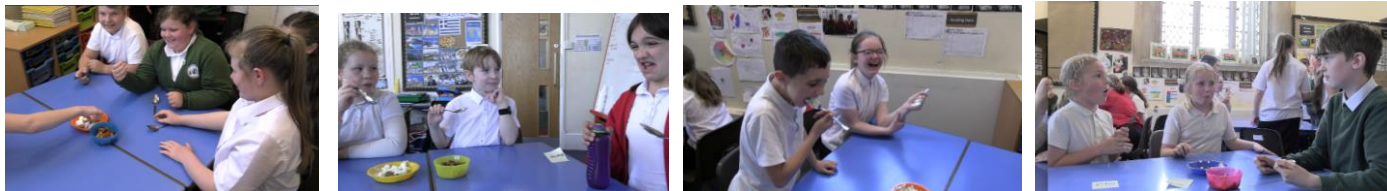
Beacon

What a lovely start we have had to our term. This term, our learning theme is Greece.

In the first two weeks back, the pupils have learned where Greece is on a world map, the surrounding countries and seas, how long it would take to fly there from Bristol and what paperwork is required to enter Greece. With this knowledge, pupils wrote a very informative letter to a friend, helping them know what to expect when travelling to Greece.

Pupils have also learned about the landscape and lifestyle of city, coastal and countryside living. Following which, pupils write amazingly detailed diary entries about their 'imaginary' trip to Greece and its islands.

This week, pupils have focussed their attention on Greek traditional foods, such as: moussaka, tzatziki, olives, and feta. Pupils have read and analysed recipes leading to a food tasting experience - which was quite funny as many pupils did not like olives at all. In fact, only Alexander and Harrison liked the olives! Using their knowledge of Greek food, pupils will be writing a review of their experience.

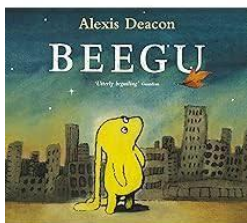


Alfoxton

The past two weeks, our teachers have been teaching us all about the enjoyment of poetry. We have read and performed poetry about Spring, disappointment, fires and other topics. We are hoping to write and perform our own ones. Perhaps Mr Tucker will give us a slot in a Celebration Assembly to perform to parents. MJ really enjoyed writing his poem about a fire and he read it to Mr Tucker in his office! In Maths, we have been learning all about statistics including bar charts and line graphs. We have also learned to collect data and present them neatly. We have been learning about the Early Islamic Empire in our History lessons and the Islamic faith in RE.

Triscombe

Last week Triscombe started reading Beegu by Alexis Deacon. We sequenced the story about how Beegu, a lost little alien, tried to find her mum and made friends along the way. We also drew pictures of Beegu's landing on earth. On Monday, we found out that Beegu had crash landed in our classroom and wrote postcards to Beegu's mum. In Maths, we have been making repeating patterns and exploring capacity.



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Preschool

This week at Preschool, we have started our 2-week topic about 'Healthy bodies and healthy minds'. We learned the importance of tooth cleaning and the children enjoyed using our new dental kit and we have also been reading a story about visiting the dentist. We have discussed what foods we need to eat to keep our bodies healthy and made our own healthy eating plates. We also made a plane out of chairs and flew to Italy, where we tried some delicious Italian food at snack time!



Adventurers

In Adventurers last week, we were unable to cook because our fantastic new kitchen was still being completed. The children from Triscombe and Beacon created some beach art with driftwood through which they wove with wool and raffia etc. Alfoxton have been continuing their animations on the Chromebooks.

This week, Beacon cooked delicious looking Orange Polenta cake. They followed the recipe within each group and produced a large cake to share.

Alfoxton continued to develop their animations and Triscombe had some time in the garden and were able to help prepare the beds for our new hedging plants.

Next week, the children will move onto new units. Triscombe will be cooking so will need containers to take home their creations. Alfoxton will be designing and building their own bridges and Beacon will move onto computing and French.



During the first week, our attendance started to climb back up again. A significant help in this progress was that everyone was turning up to school on time. Please ensure your child is in school before registers close at 9am. If you wish to discuss attendance with Mr Tucker or need support with getting your child to school, please arrange a meeting through the office.

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ENRICHMENT ECO Club

Mr Tucker went to have a look this week at the fantastic poly tunnel that is now at the back of the school. He was so impressed with the different sorts of crops growing under covers and the dedication of the volunteers and children. Eco Club meet after school on Wednesdays.

Stogursey Standards

We are revisiting our school culture at the moment through 'Stogursey Standards' assemblies. It is good practice to do this especially as we have had new staff and indeed a lot of new children join us recently. We are focusing on 'Wonderful Walking' around the school so that it leads to calm and purposeful learning environments. Mr Tucker has been around the building noticing children carrying this out. Why not ask your child what 'Wonderful Walking' means to them?

Bikeability

This week, our Year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. This training course equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. Well done to Casey M, Lilly and India, who all completed their Bikeability Course this week! Well done girls! Safe riding!



Kitchen

Over the Easter Holidays, we had a new kitchen installed which looks amazing. It is due to the kindness of The Fairfield Trust, that this fantastic kitchen has gone ahead so we would like to say a huge thank you to them for their generosity! The new kitchen will be a huge benefit to our Wraparound and the Stogursey Adventurers, who use the facilities regularly.



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Important Dates

Monday 6th May:

Wednesday 8th May:

Monday 13th- 17th May:

Tuesday 21st May:

Monday 27th May- 31st May:

Monday 3rd June:

Tuesday 4th June:

Wednesday 3rd July:

Thursday 4th July- 5th July:

Tuesday 9th July:

Wednesday 10th July:

Friday 12th July:

Friday 12th July:

Tuesday 16th July:

Wednesday 17th July-19th July:

Wednesday 24th July:

Thursday 25th July:

Thursday 5th September:

Bank Holiday

Class Picture Day

KS2 SATs

Football Match (away)

Half Term

First Day Back

Football Match (home)

Year 6 Haygrove Transition Day

Brymore Transition Day

School Production (afternoon)

School Production (evening)

Sports Day (weather permitting)

Reports to Parents

Choir Group at McMillan Theatre at 6.00pm

KS2 Residential

Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Summer Holidays

First day back

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