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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is often the small moments that bring the biggest smiles—and I've seen plenty of them around school. One that stood out came from Triscombe Class, where children have been learning to write and follow instructions by making jam sandwiches. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and it was lovely to see them not only enjoying the final product but taking real pride in the process. I even heard that one child has since made a jam sandwich independently at home, carefully using precise instructional language while doing so! A joyful moment indeed—and a brilliant reminder of how learning can be practical, purposeful, and lots of fun.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

Well!! They did it! Super well done to the Year 6s on a very fabulous effort with their SATs. I have been so impressed with their attitude, resilience, and perseverance with what was a very exhausting week. They have performed with their very best efforts and I couldn't be prouder.

A massive thank you to Miss Day for hosting the Year 5s and giving them an excellent week of Forest School and making it so lovely for them.

A huge thank you to the whole school team for rallying round and being involved, whether that was moral support, re-organising their timetable, or just a friendly word and smile. It takes a whole school to make this week happen and we have all pulled together in exactly the right way.

An enormous shout-out and thank you to Mr. Maskell, Mrs. Burghes, Mrs. Moorsom and Mrs. Jones for invigilating and administering the tests and supporting the Year 6's, we couldn't have done this without you.

And finally, a huge thank you to Georgia Turner and the Year 6 parents for organising and providing an afternoon of food, relaxation and sunshine that the children hugely appreciated and thoroughly deserved!



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Alfoxton

It's been a bit of a busy week this week with the Year 5s joining us for lessons in the mornings whilst the Year 6s complete their SATs. We would all like to say a huge WELL DONE to all the Year 6 pupils for all their hard work!

Morning

On Monday morning, we all went down to the field to create some beautiful nature mandalas. We collected a wide variety of plant and flower samples and arranged them in patterns. Then we laminated them to turn them into window displays. After break, we used our knowledge of shading techniques to create some still life sketches of plants and flowers in detail.

Tuesday

On Tuesday morning, we went to the field to make some toadstools for a fairy garden. We painted and varnished rocks and placed them in the grass. We think they look really cute!

Wednesday

On Wednesday morning, we learned about chemicals that are affected by sunlight. Miss Day bought us some cyanotype paper to create prints with. We collected natural objects and placed them on the paper, in the sunlight. We waited for ten minutes, making sure our objects didn't blow away in the breeze. After ten minutes, we soaked our paper in water to fix the print. It was amazing to see the paper turn blue where the light had hit it and stay white where the opaque objects had blocked the sunlight! After break, we created frames for our prints so that we could display them.

Thursday

On Thursday morning, we learned how to make dreamcatchers from wool, paper plates and natural objects. First, we created a net shape by weaving wool in and out of holes around the plate (we cut the centre out of the plate). Then we wrapped the circumference with wool and finally, added natural objects we collected to decorate our dreamcatchers.

Art

In Art, we are studying Leonardo Da Vinci. We learned that Leonardo was quite skilled at many things, such as drawing, painting, music, architecture and Maths. We followed in his footsteps by learning how he observes nature closely to learn about it. We created sketches with pencils of differing degrees (H - B range) of animal skeletons. Using the pencils we could achieve very dark tones and fine lines.

We also looked at Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man (He was wearing shorts!). We learned that he superimposed two images of a man with arms and legs in different positions and looked at the shapes of the body. Leonardo did this in pen and ink in his journal and wrote all his notes backwards - like a code! We had a go at recreating the Vitruvian Man in pen and ink and writing backwards. Miss Day said we were all VERY focused during this lesson.

Science

In Science, we wondered whether adding more and more bulbs in a series circuit would have any effect on the brightness of the bulbs. We decided to create a series circuit to find out what would happen. Some of us believed that all the bulbs would light up equally because the battery might share out the power, whereas some of us thought the bulbs would get dimmer as the series went on because the electricity would run in one direction and the first bulb would get all the power. Our investigation showed us that the first bulb did indeed light up the brightest but it changed as we added more bulbs - some flickered, some were dim and some bright! We think that some of our bulbs may be old and some give more resistance as each should get a share of the power.

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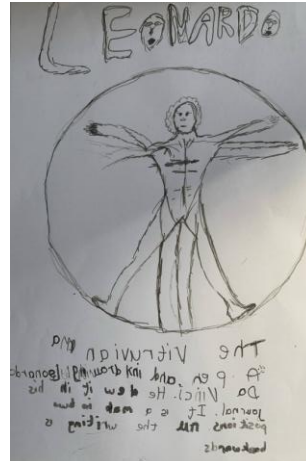
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Alfoxton and Year 5 pictures



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Triscombe

This week the children have been exploring a variety of exciting topics and activities.

The children engaged in a creative potion-making activity, using various materials to concoct their own magical mixtures. Following this, they practiced writing instructions, enhancing their literacy skills through imaginative play.

Our studies on castles led to a hands-on project where the children built their own castles using cardboard. They applied their knowledge of castle features, such as turrets and drawbridges, to create detailed models.

In Religious Education, the children learned about the significance of synagogues to Jewish people. They explored the key features of a synagogue, including the Ark and the Ner Tamid, gaining an understanding of Jewish places of worship.

In Science we conducted an experiment to discover what plants need to grow. They observed the conditions required for flowers and plants to thrive, fostering an interest in the natural world.

Upcoming Trip to Dunster Castle

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming trip to Dunster Castle on Wednesday, May 21. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the day, in full school uniform. The weather forecast for the day is sunny, with temperatures reaching up to 21°C, so sun protection is advisable.



Preschool

This week the children have been practicing their fine motors skills by tracing the various patterns on castle themed pen control sheets. Using tweezers to pick up various media, the children decorated their castle pictures, finding that the wooden tweezers were much easier to use than the bigger plastic ones! The children made castles from multi-link cubes and have been learning a new rhyme about the Queen of hearts. We found out some fun facts about castles - Windsor castle has over 1000 rooms, 52 bedrooms and 78 bathrooms! We then discussed how many bedroom and bathrooms we have in our houses - nobody had as many as Windsor castle!

We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor play - finding objects by using prepositions such as 'Next to', 'Behind', and 'In front of' and playing games such as 'The freeze game' and 'The floor is lava!'

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Preschool Pictures



P.E Reminder

Please ensure your child is in P.E kits on P.E days. This includes providing tape for earrings that cannot be taken out. Children must cover earrings themselves so please ensure that they know how to do this prior to coming to school on P.E days.



Toys

We have noticed recently that children are bringing into school toys from home again. Please ensure your child does not bring these items to school under any circumstance. Children are becoming upset if they mislay them or they get broken and it is detracting from the main purpose of school and that is learning. Please check your child's bag when they come to school as some are doing this without parents knowing.



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VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations

It was so lovely to see the community out at the Victory Hall this weekend for the events. A wonderful children's tea party was set up by the volunteers with an entertainer keeping everyone entertained. It was so good to see children from our school attending this as well as adults from the school and the community. The photos below show everyone in high spirits and is a good start to the work the school is doing on British Values and general patriotism. We hope to add our own contributions over the rest of the year to commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and generally working on patriotism and being proud of where you come from!



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Monday 26th May:

Tuesday 27th May-Friday 30th May:

Monday 3rd June:

Wednesday 13th – Friday 13th June:

Wednesday 18th June:

Friday 27th June:

Friday 4th July:

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Inset Day

KS2 Residential

Parents Meeting at 4.00pm

Sports Day 9.00am-12.00pm

Sports Day (Back up-weather dependant)

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