



92 St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary
School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

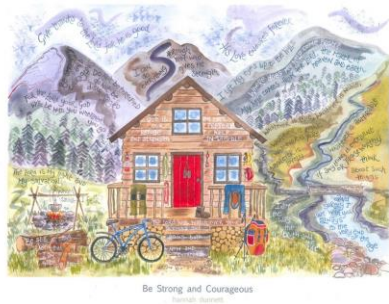
It is wonderful to see the updates from our class teachers below, sharing photos and information about our curriculum this term. I have the very privileged position of being able to see many of these things first hand and share the successes of them with the children as they happen. There is nothing more uplifting than going into a classroom to have a child rush up to me to share their learning or to have a child sent with their book to show me something that they and their teacher are proud of. At the start of the term, you should have received via Tapestry or Seesaw your child's class curriculum plan. This plan will take the children through to Easter. If you haven't and would like to see what we have in store next half term, please go to our website [Wye Forest Federation - Home](#) and find your child's class page.

Our value this term has been courage and we have thought about what this looks like for different people and different situations. In our Bible worships we have looked at how Christians turn to God when they need to be courageous and I have asked the children to consider who they turn to find strength and courage when they are finding things tricky. We all recognise that life is seldom a straight path and not everything will be easy, but with courage and the right people to turn to, we are able to navigate even the most difficult of challenges at home, in school and in the world beyond.

As we head into our half term break, I hope you all have the opportunity to take a pause and spend some time together doing something you all love. I look forward to seeing everyone back after half term.

With love

Natalie Frey



Sunflowers



The Sunflower children have started the year by welcoming three new friends and have helped settle them in very quickly. We have talked about our emotions and thinking if we are “happy”, “sad” or “cross” and how we can help our friends feel happy.



Music

We have been exploring music inside and outside, not just in the play area but down in the woods.

Rosie has brought in several different musical instruments for us to listen to and play: Charlie the cello, chime bars and a variety of drums. The children have also learnt several new songs to go with these instruments.







Maths

Numbers have been a strong focus for us this term and the children have been discovering new ways to count, recognise and problem solve

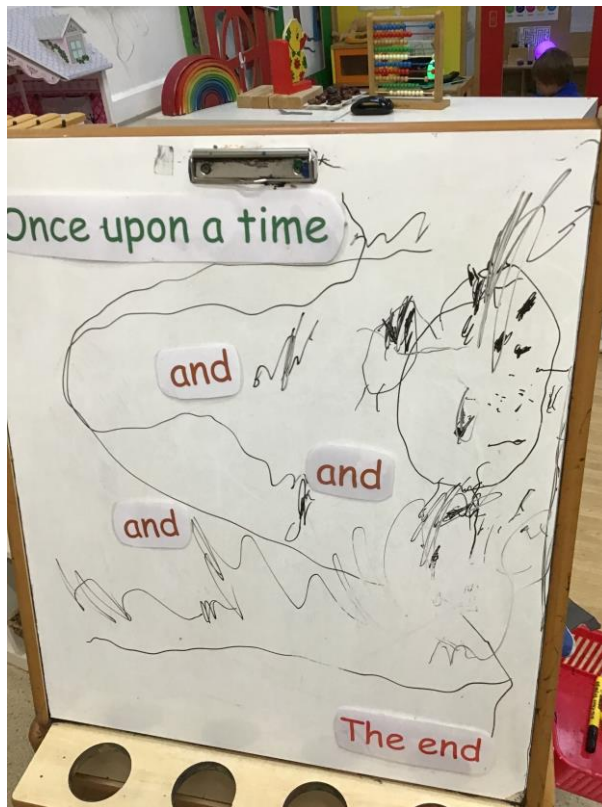




Literacy

The Sunflower children have engaged with our core text this term of 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' and can now help retell the story using the book and the story bag, using the prepositions of 'over', 'under' and 'through'. There has also been some wonderful independent reading and story making by the children. As the children have shown a strong interest in Africa, we have changed our core book of the Tiger Who Came to Tea and replaced it with Handa's Surprise, Handa's Hen and Handa's Noisy Night.





PE

During our preschool sessions the children have been continuing their independence skills of getting into and out of their PE kits. In these PE sessions the children are working on their listening skills,

following instruction skills, balancing and spatial awareness skills, phonics, and their health. This is all done with games such as not treading on the lava to get to the requested animal or object.



Understanding the World

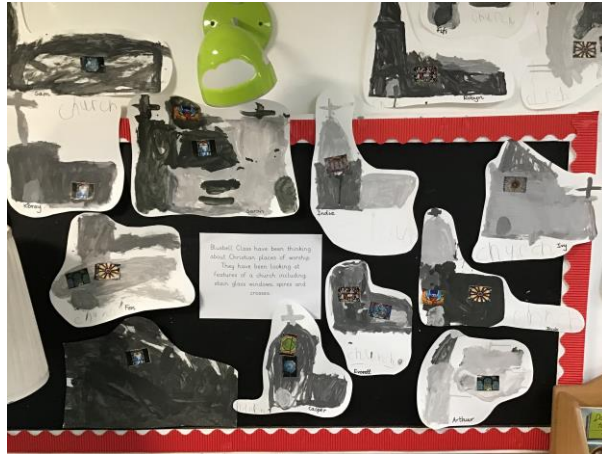
The children have extended their inquisitive skills this term by looking at maps and where we are, where Africa is and looking at the sizes of various countries. We have played with ice outside but as that got too cold, we explored inside and experimented with a variety of substances to see which would melt the ice first. We looked at and drew our shadows and discussed how they are created, and we looked at, cooked and ate some lovely popcorn.





Bluebell Class





Bluebell class have been thinking about places of worship this term. They have made some beautiful paintings of church buildings and thought about the features, such as a spire, a cross and stained glass windows. They have also been thinking about modes of transport and places to visit.

Outside, some of our bikes, trikes and scooters have come to the end of their usable life and we are looking to replace them. If you have any bikes (balance or pedal) or scooters that you are wanting to donate, we would be very grateful to have them here. Many thanks, Bluebell team.

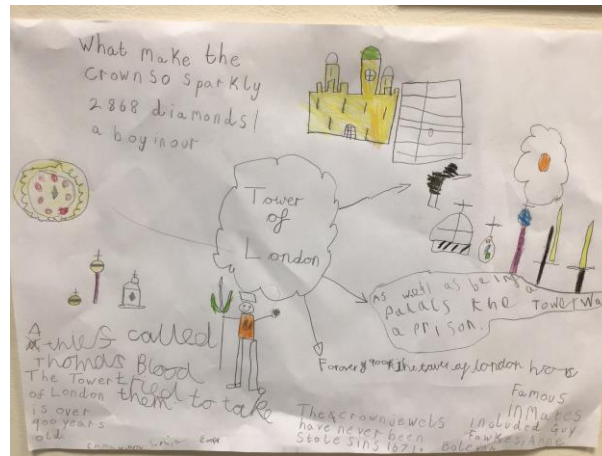
Daisy Class



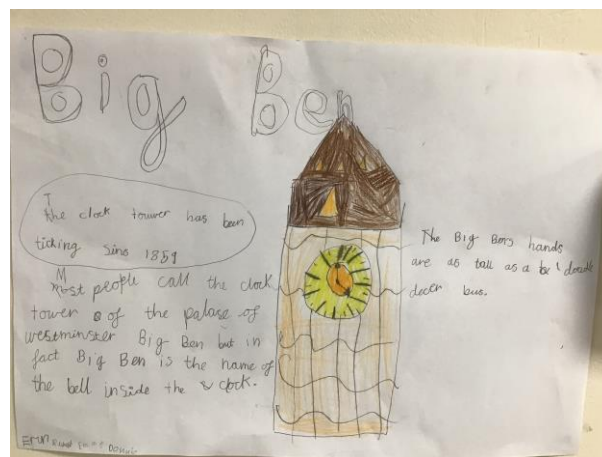
Daisy Class has been learning about the landmarks of London this term. They have worked brilliantly with each other to create information posters about what they have learnt and researched to share with others.

During PE the children have been creating different kinds of animal dances imaging themselves as monkeys and elephants wandering and swinging through the jungle.

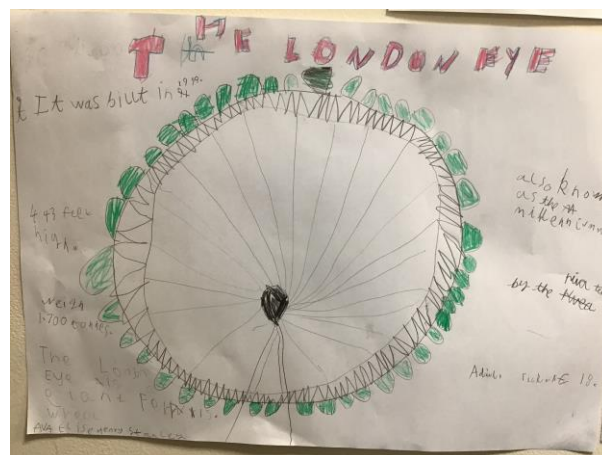
In RE we have been learning about the good news that Jesus brings to Christians. The children created some lovely art work to remind everyone of the peace and calm that Jesus and God can offer.



1 - Tower of London



2 - Big Ben



3 - London Eye



4 - PE - Monkey dance



5 - PE - Monkey dance



6 - RE



7 - RE



8 - PE



9 - All the children had lots of fun on our Treat Day!

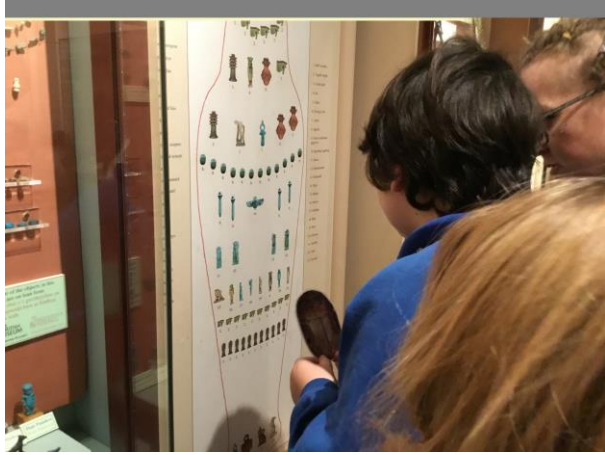
Poppy Class



Poppy Class are having a great time learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We had a very informative trip to the Egyptian Centre in Swansea. We were able to mummify King Bob, dress up as Ancient Egyptians, look at artefacts and retell the story of the Gods. A huge thank you to Mrs Morse and Mrs Blair for supporting us on this trip.

Mrs Kear





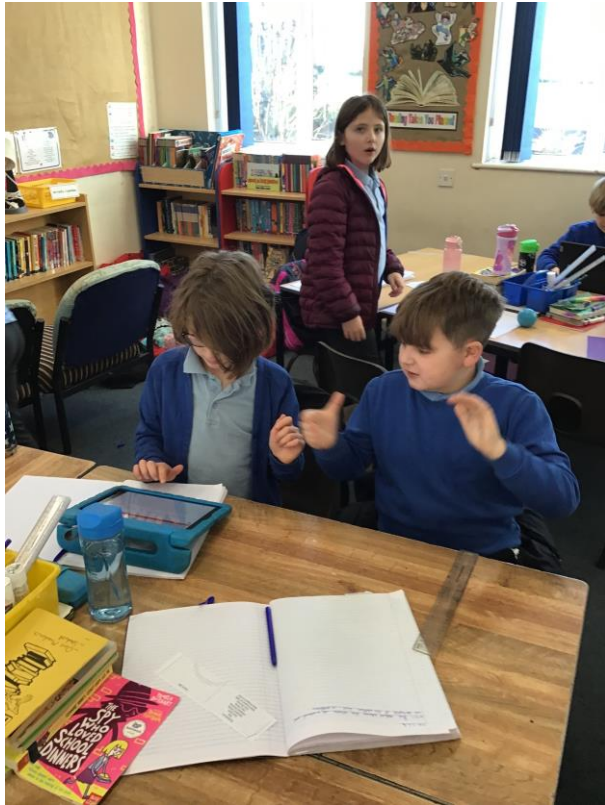


Speedwell Class

Speedwell have had another successful half term. We've been exploring the Vikings and the children have enjoyed learning about how you can identify where the Vikings settled in the UK from different place names. They also especially enjoyed raiding Foxglove and taking their hard fought loot (pencils) back to Speedwell.

In Science, Year 5 have been looking at space and they created some fantastic PowerPoints on the difference between the heliocentric and geocentric models of the Solar System. Meanwhile Year 4 have been looking at Sound and exploring how sound is created and the different mediums it can pass through. We also looked at how the Earth's landmasses change over time through measuring the impact of asteroid impacts!

I also have to commend the Year 4s in particular for their performance during Open the Book and in particular Arthur's acting skills. I've never seen a better Goliath being toppled by David!





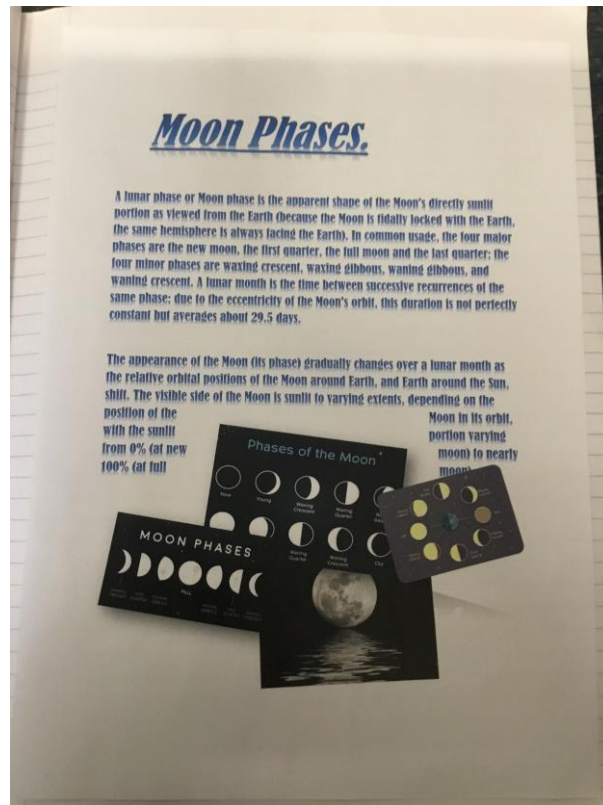
Foxglove Class



This half term the children have had great fun learning the clarinet and they are improving week on week.

Year 6 have been learning all about light. The children have created shadows, seen what happens when a pencil is put in water and what happens when light hits an opaque object.

Year 5 have been learning about space. They have created PowerPoints about the phases of the moon and how the moon orbits the earth.





ELSA News



I have continued to enjoy my time in the ELSA room this term, with all the children and we continue to work on understanding our emotions and managing anger, as well as doing some friendship groups across the key stages.

During some recent training, I was shown a new app called 'Lumi Nova' which is now available to Gloucestershire families for FREE from NHS.

It's a new programme aimed at 7-12 year olds who suffer with anxiety. It is a therapeutic digital game that can help your child grow in confidence, check it out below: luminova.app/glos

Hopefully it can help some children with their worries.

Mrs Hill

Choir

Choir News

The choir enjoyed a fantastic trip to perform at the Birmingham Resorts Arena with the Young Voices Choir. Over 50 St Briavels parents and family members travelled to hear them sing alongside over 6000 other children. The songs included hits from Moana, a medley from Matilda the Musical and a 90s mashup where the audience had the chance to show the kids their singing and dancing skills!

The choir are now working towards a summer showcase..... all will be revealed in due course!

From Team Choir



It was a joy to accompany the choir to Young Voices last month and be part of something so diverse and huge. The experience will doubtlessly stay with the children who went for many years to come and I know that the families who came to Birmingham had a wonderful time too.

I would like to say a big thank you to Claire, Charlotte, Jo, Olivia, Amy and Caroline for giving up their time to organise the event and accompany the children. They had done a wonderful job of teaching the songs and actions to the choir which showed throughout the performances.

Going forward as a school, we are deeply aware that Claire will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. I have already discussed with Claire and Charlotte the plan for the choir from September 2024 when the school has committed to take over the running of the group. We will of course be in touch in the new academic year about this.

We would also like to open up the opportunity of attending Young Voices to more of our children and plans are being built into our music curriculum for Years 4, 5 and 6 to enable this to happen. As yet, we haven't decided whether this will be an annual event, but do intend to attend in 2025.

For now though, I look forward to the choir's summer showcase and hope that the children enjoy preparing for it. Again, a big thank you to the adults involved with this. I truly appreciate all of the hard work and organisation that such an event requires.

Natalie Frey

[Save the Date](#)



The poster features a central image of several piglets in a race starting gate. The text is overlaid on the image and includes the event title, a 'SAVE THE DATE!' notice, details about the charity (Wye Forest Federation), the location (Malvern School Garden), and the date and time of the event.

Family Pig Race Night

SAVE THE DATE!
All proceeds go to the
Wye Forest Federation
Malvern School Garden
(More info to follow)

St Briavels School Hall

Friday 15th March

5:30-8:30

Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

Thursday 8 February - Maths morning: all classes - come and undertake some maths challenges in class with your child

Thursday 8 February - Speedwell Class Cake Sale

HALF TERM - Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday 19 February

Monday 4 to Friday 8 March - Book Week

Monday 4 March - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm - Appointments now available to book

Wednesday 6 March - Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm - Appointments now available to book

Thursday 14 March to Wednesday 20 March – Book Fair

Tuesday 19 March – Year 5 & 6 visit to Slimbridge WWT

Thursday 21 March - Poppy Class Cake Sale

Friday 22 March - Easter Services – more information to follow

EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday April 8th

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications

Term Dates 2023-2024

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/372930

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