



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 10th March 2023



We have seemed to have missed much of the snow that has been around this week but we have certainly felt the cold. Hopefully next week we will see a return to some slightly warmer temperatures, which always improves the playtimes.

We discovered that Rich Parker will be the athlete visiting our school on the 22nd of March to support our sponsored circuit event. Money raised goes towards the purchase of sporting equipment for the school and to support Athletes to pursue a professional pathway in their sports. For us it is important to showcase to children the range of sports that can be taken to a professional level and that scooting, skating and skateboarding fall into this category. Alongside this we continue to receive donations for the local foodbank as part of our giving for lent.

We are beginning to think about events that can be run during the summer term to raise funds to enhance the children's education. If you would like to volunteer to run or support an event, please let me know and we will put a date in the diary to discuss possible events.

This week, Robins have continued to do lots of writing based on the story, 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. They have been writing conversations between the two characters (the boy and the Martian) as well as writing their opinion of the events in the story. In maths they have continued to explore number bonds to ten. They will continue to work on their number bonds to ten, practically and visually so the children can commit them to memory. They have had a delivery of potatoes that have been busy, sprouting ready to be planted in the garden. They are just waiting for the weather to improve before they start planting

In Woodpeckers, they have been learning about exclamation sentences and have been trying to use them in their speech and their writing. All of the children have started their new maths units, the year 1's have started on length and height and the year 2's are looking at multiplication and division. In RE they have started looking at Lent.

In Owl class they have been writing their own versions of 'Jack and the Dream sack', the children have been shown enjoyment throughout this whole unit of writing. They are starting their new maths unit on time, please support this by asking your children to practise reading the time at different points in the day. In DT they have been looking at the food groups of dairy and sugars. Please ask your children if they can remember why dairy products are good for us

Kestrel class have found out about the different biomes in the world. They have looked at thematic maps to identify them and have begun to describe what each is like. In English they have used the laptops to research facts about an animal to use to create a page for their class book.

This week in Eagle's class they have been enjoying writing persuasively about Iceland. The children are learning all about persuasive features and how to use them. In science they have been learning about the human digestive system and this week they have learnt all about the stomach. The class will be putting on a class assembly for the whole school, so they are ensuring that they have clear diagrams and posters in order so that they can share their knowledge of the digestive system with the younger children. Please support your child by encouraging them to read and to practise their skills on IXL.

PE class days- Spring term 2023

- *Robin Class - Monday & Wednesday
- *Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday
- *Owl class - Monday & Friday
- *Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday
- *Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

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Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Dates for your diary

22nd March – Sports for Schools sponsorship event – more info to follow

27th to 31st March – Year 5 bikeability course

w/c 27th March – no after school clubs

31st March – last day of term

17th April – INSET day, school closed to children

18th April – First day back for children – no after school clubs this week

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

Stars of the week!

Robin class – Florence

Woodpecker class – George R

Owl class – Zac

Kestrel class – Leighton

Eagle class – Amelie

IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class - Pixie

Owl class - Skyla

Kestrel class - Alexis

Eagle class - Blake

Head teacher award -

Music award – Eagle class

Sports star of the week – Lewis

Homework

Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

Woodpecker

Maths

Year 1 W1-2

Year 2 K1-9

English

Year 1 Q1, set 1,2,3

Year 2 N1-4

Owl

Maths:

Year 2: BB 7-9

Year 3: W 1-4

English:

Year 2: MM 1-3

Year 3: AA 2-4

Homework

Kestrel

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

IXL Maths – DD1, G4, BB3

IXL English X1, LL2

Practice times tables

using www.timestables.co.uk or <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> Your target this half term is to get more than 18/25

Eagle

Y6 Maths: F1-10

Y5 Maths: H1-6

Y5 English: KK 1-5

Y6 English: KK 1-5

Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](http://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House. Ex13 5Bi Chard Street. Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331

Sports and other news

Stockland Cross Country

Congratulations to Blake who came first over all four races in the Stockland Cross Country event in the year 3/4 boys section. Blake was presented with his shield in our celebration assembly this morning. This is a fantastic achievement! Well done Blake



Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Good luck to our girls who are competing in a girl's football tournament next Thursday at Colyton Grammar School. This is the first time this competition has run in the Axe Valley.

East Devon Virtual Gymnastics Competition

Last term, every child in Mrs Oxley's gymnastics group learnt set routines and some of these children were chosen to represent St Mary's at the East Devon Virtual Gymnastics Competition. They all did really well, we had some outstanding results. The placings were as follows...

Year 5 & 6 Gold – Akshya 2nd, Kitty 14th

Year 5 & 6 Platinum – Bridget 10th, Emily 12th

Year 3 & 4 Bronze – Lillie-Rose 1st, Phoebe 7th

Year 3 & 4 Silver – Tharuya 3rd

Congratulations to Lillie-Rose and Akshiya who have been chosen to represent East Devon in the Devon Finals. We will let you know the date for this in due course.

Dance

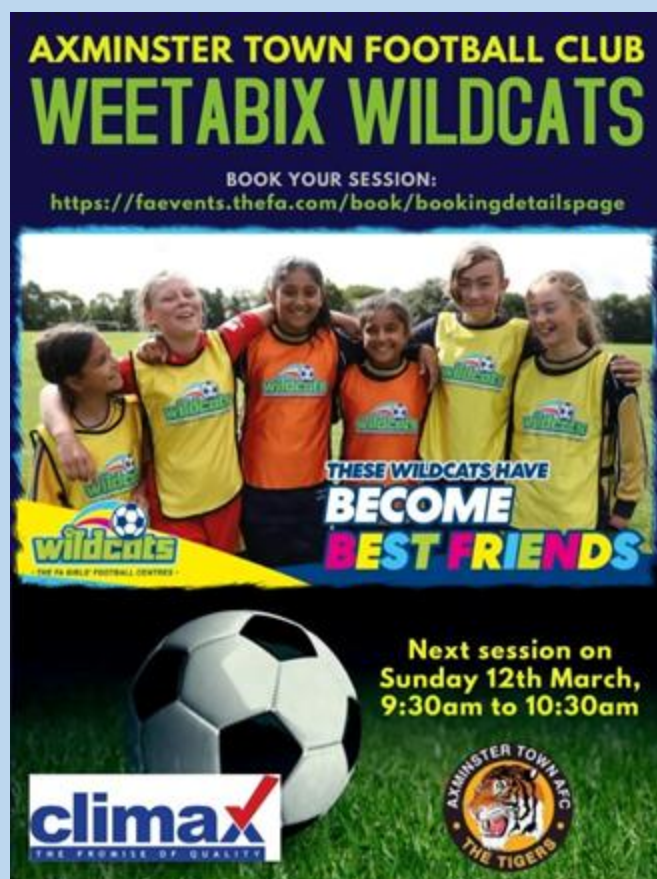
At our after school Wednesday club we have moved on from gymnastics and now we are enjoying dance. Our dancers/leaders are learning a variety of fun dance moves and songs step by step. We are learning how to break dances down, counting in beats, and useful techniques to help others learn steps quickly. The idea is to be able to lead the rest of the school in our weekly dance sessions whilst improving our leadership skills weekly.

Yoga sessions

Some children in Eagle Class have started taking part in yoga sessions where they have been learning to relax with yoga and meditation. We have been encouraging deep breathing and focusing on our flexibility, which is great for our body and minds. If you would like to try any extra yoga at home you can visit 'cosmic kids' with your child on YouTube. On here, there are great yoga classes and inspirational yoga where you can really immerse your imagination.

Weetabix Wildcats is back!

Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-11 to get involved with football? Axminster Town Football Club 'AFC' Weetabix Wildcats Centre is the place to be. Wildcats is super awesome; from the friends you'll meet to the FA qualified coaches and volunteers who deliver the sessions. What is Weetabix Wildcats? It's non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. It would be great to see girls who already attend our after school club on Sunday mornings at Axminster Town AFC. Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30pm £3 a session



Kestrel Class have thought about their responsibility to the community and the environment. As part of Lent half of the class joined with plastic free Axminster to complete a litter pick. They were surprised by the amount they collected in just 30 minutes!

