



21st March 2025 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 24th March

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| Mon 24th March | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Tues 25th March | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 pick-up from Village Hall |
| Wed 26th March | - Voice Collectives for Eagle Class |
| | - Stay & Play Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 27th March | - 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2 |
| | - Forest School for Eagle and Kestrel Class |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| Fri 28th March | - Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club |
| | - Celebration Assembly |
| | - Eagle Class Mock Trial, Stroud District Council Offices - letter to follow |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |

Diary Dates Week Commencing 31st March

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| Mon 31st March | - Lego Afterschool Club |
| Tues 1st April | - Eagle Class trip to Music Works Recording Studio |
| | - Sports Afterschool Club |
| | - Drama Afterschool Club KS2 pick-up from Village Hall |
| Wed 2nd April | - 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2 |
| | - Yellow Lighted Mobile Bookshop Bookfair |
| | Open to Parents from 2.45 p.m |
| | - Stay & Play Afterschool Club |
| Thurs 3rd April | - Grand Designs Theme Exit from 2.15pm |
| | - Ali Heath Sewing Club |
| | - Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club |
| Fri 4th April | - Drama Club Performance at 2.30pm - pick-up from the Village Hall afterwards at 3.15 |
| | - Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club |
| | - Board Games Afterschool Club |



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We've had a really busy few weeks at school since the last newsletter and also have lots on in the coming weeks across the school. On Tuesday we all had a wonderful trip to St.Fagan's and were blessed with glorious sunshine and an outdoor picnic whilst there. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the photographs here.

World Book Day has been another highlight for the children, with a wonderful array of costumes from the fiction and non-fiction world of books. Thank you all for supporting your children with costumes and books on the day. Your children are so enthusiastic about books it is truly delightful. Before Easter, on 2nd April we once again welcome the Yellow Lighted Bookshop from Nailsworth to give a book fair for us at the Village Hall. Children will be able to browse during the day and the fair will be open after school too.

In sport since the last newsletter we've had teams competing in KS1 Multi-skills and in KS2 Gymnastics, all children performed brilliantly. Last week we saw our Year 3 and 4 children all compete in a KS2 Multi Skills Athletic event - they were great competitors all day and got a special mention from the event organisers for their enthusiasm and commitment, especially as the other teams all had year 5 and 6 pupils in. This week we have a team attending the Stroud Swimming Gala and we are still awaiting a rescheduled date for the Year 3 and 4 rugby finals.

Our Year 5 and 6's are super busy in various ways - preparing their class case for the Stroud Mock Trials coming up, rehearsing for their Music Studio recording of the class song they've been writing during Voice Collectives and our Wildlife Team are also working hard to be ready for round one of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz. On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6's had a visit from Kate Littlewood from the University of Gloucestershire, who came to inspire them with some Shakespeare and to plant 'Titania's garden' with them in the kitchen pod garden area.

Our year 4,5 and 6 children have also been to Skill Zone in Gloucester as part of their PSHE lessons to learn about keeping themselves safe while out in the community and year 4 have attended a live drama production 'Into the Net' as part of their internet safety work. Mr Dangerfield has added a new link to our website about parental controls on the useful links parent page.

Year 3 and 4 are now almost at the middle of their block of mindfulness sessions with Tara from The Lighthouse in Stroud, they've learnt about parts of the brain and their function and learn a new mindfulness practice each week ranging from 'bubble breathing' to 'mindful mouthfuls' to a practice called 'pause, be' and this week they learnt about 'finger breathing'. They've learnt that picking up mindfulness practices is like training a puppy - it's really hard at first but gets easier the more you do it! We're hoping to roll this out to other classes later in the year and to invite parents in to share some of the practices with their children.

Theme wise , our KS2 children very much enjoyed a visit from Harry's Dad, Aidan, a college History teacher, who kindly gave up his time to come in and talk about all things Anglo-Saxon. Children were fascinated and enjoyed seeing the replicas from the time, including a helmet, sword, shield and even a skeleton too. Our thanks to Harry's Dad for sharing his expertise. Our thanks also to Molly and Sebastian's parents for allowing our children from year 1 upwards to take part in their archaeological dig last week, looking for and examining artefacts from the past. We are so lucky to have such a rich variety of opportunities and expertise, right on our doorstep.

Finally, excitement is mounting for Morfa Bay and our residential trip for year 3-6 , the full details will be with you very soon!
 Have a good week. Vicky Dangerfield Head teacher



Pictures of World Book Day, Titania's Garden Session & St.Fagan's Trip

