



2023

Diary Dates Week Commencing 1st May

Mon 1st May	- Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd May	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 3rd May	- Sports Afterschool Club
Thurs 4th May	- Chess Afterschool Club KS2
	- Whole School Trip to 'The Matthew' Bristol
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class
	- Wildlife Quiz Team to Thrupp School 1:30
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 5th May	- Celebration Assembly
	- Kestrel Class to Rendcombe College to watch an Opera
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 8th May

Mon 8th May	- Bank Holiday
Tues 9th May	- Sports Afterschool Club
Wed 10th May	- Chess Afterschool Club KS2
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
Thurs 11th May	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 12th May	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a great week last week was for 39 of our children in years 3,4,5 and 6 who attended the residential trip to Morfa Bay Adventure in Wales, alongside our 'holiday crew' staff members! We were so lucky with the weather, having bright sunshine nearly all the time we were there. We were really, really impressed with the children for their behaviour, enthusiasm and determination in all activities as well as how well they organised themselves in their dormitories and with how well they supported each other over the three days. They were also all brilliant fun to be with. The Morfa Bay team were super with the children throughout and our staff even managed a decent amount of sleep too! We hope that everyone had a great time and welcome any feedback from parents now that the children have been home for a few days.

On the Thursday morning all of the children went bodyboarding together at the same time along with our staff and Morfa Bay staff to Pendine Sands, just at the bottom of the hill from the centre and a 5 minute trip by minibus. Luckily it was a gorgeously sunny day which made up a bit for the chilly sea temperature and the breeze on the beach. Over the course of the 3 days the children took part in climbing, crate stack, zipline, mud assault course and mountain biking as well as an evening coastal hike, beach walk and of course the last night disco. They also had a good amount of free time between activities, with the football field being very popular even before breakfast! In addition to taking part in these adventurous and active sessions, of course trips away are also beneficial for building independence and resilience. The children had many opportunities to work as a team, to have a go at new things and to look out for their friends and peers. They got to see a different side to their teachers and school staff outside of the classroom setting Mr. Dangerfield and Mr. Crocker often provided much of the extra entertainment for the rest of us, this year sporting a range of matching outfits including bucket hats and hoodies on the coach with associated 'coach dance moves', unicorn onesies and disco gear to be proud of! We were delighted to be able to take one of our student teachers Miss Daniels with us this year, who excelled herself by joining in everything with enthusiasm and excitement, matching that of any of your children. Not a bad way to end a teaching placement!

On the first evening the children walked to Morfa Bychan beach and while there (with no suggestion made by any adult present) instead of playing, Luca and Lars started a beach clean up, picking up litter and debris. Soon all of the children were joining in and before long a huge pile had been collected, restoring the beach to look as it should. The staff from Sheepscombe School were so proud of the children for this. The Morfa Bay staff were blown away about how environmentally aware our children were and how seriously they took their responsibilities even though they themselves did not cause this problem. No other group has ever done this and Morfa Bay staff were still talking about it at their morning briefing. Well done team Sheepscombe!

At school since the start of term we have been getting into the swing of our new theme of 'Oak, Ash and Thorn'. As part of this theme we will be looking at the importance of trees around the world throughout history and in our current times, via a range of curriculum subjects including geography, history, forest school and science. The older children will also be learning more about the Vikings and the younger children will be making comparisons between countries in different areas of the world and the different types of physical environment. The whole school will be taking a trip on The Matthew, based in Bristol Harbour which neatly links our previous theme of Tudor Exploration with our new theme, as The Matthew is a wooden ship, being a reconstruction of the original ship that John Cabot sailed to Newfoundland in 1497.

In other news, some of our children have just started sessions of Samba Band for their Music lessons in Early Years and in Years 5 and 6, we have a visit to a jazz concert in Cheltenham due tomorrow for Years 3,4,5 and 6, the next round of the wildlife quiz and an upcoming Opera performance to see at Rendcomb College for years 3 and 4. Of course there is the Coronation coming up too, as well as Year 2 and year 6 SATS in the coming weeks before the next half term so it is definitely full steam ahead.

Vicky Dangerfield



Morfa Bay

