



NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

We are now approaching the end of the first half of summer term, which again has been full of learning, experimenting, challenges and problem solving. Even though the weather has been a bit temperamental this hasn't stopped the children taking their learning outside. They have been bug hunters, map readers, den builders, bird watchers and gardeners, finding out about living things and identifying plants and animals. We all hope for a warmer and brighter second half of the summer term, which will include lots of transition work, moving up days, sports afternoons and productions. More information on these will be sent out after the half term break.

- Mr Jory



PRE-SCHOOL TADPOLES BRILLIANT BIRDS

The Tadpoles had a very exciting visit this week to watch the baby birds being fed by their mummy bird, as well as them getting ready to fly the nest. The children then practiced flying around Pre-Prep like birds. Back in the room, the Tadpoles made their own pictures of birds in a nest with their eggs, and counted how many eggs they used as well as all of the different shapes. They were so inspired that they made their own make-shift 'nest' in the room!



DIARY

Friday 28 May
End of half term - 12pm

Monday 7 June
Return to school



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory:

Pre-School
Foy G
Romilly P

Year 1
Arthur C
Freya W

Reception
Alfred W
Laurie L

Year 2
Oliver H
Trinity B

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

There has been lots of excitement in Pre-School this week. The children returned to school on Monday to discover one butterfly had emerged from its cocoon. By lunchtime there were three - great excitement! There are now nine Painted Lady butterflies. The children have studied the butterflies and noticed the different patterns and colours on the back and front of their wings and caught a glimpse of the butterflies' long tongues as they fed on a banana. The butterflies have provided some amazing learning for the Pre-School children. Please do ask your child about them!

After the excitement of the caterpillars changing into butterflies, Pre-School have been thinking of other things that change and grow. They decided to plant some sunflower seeds. The children are wondering if their sunflowers will grow taller than them!



BUGS TO BUTTERFLIES

Year 1 have been learning about the life cycle of insects. They made a model using clay, to illustrate the different stages in a butterfly's life cycle. Then they looked at non-fiction books to choose which butterfly they wanted to make. All of the butterflies are native to this country and the children are learning their names. Do you recognise any of them?



AMAZING ARTWORK

Following on from Mental Health Week, the children have been looking at themselves and created these amazing pieces of unique individual artwork showing their likes and dislikes.



BUILDING HABITATS

Year 2 have been designing and making their own minibeast habitats. They made their plans in the classroom and considered the important aspects of a perfect habitat including temperature, light, moisture and safety from predators. The children then went to the Forest School to set up their habitats. We will see if any mini beasts have made them their home after the half term break!

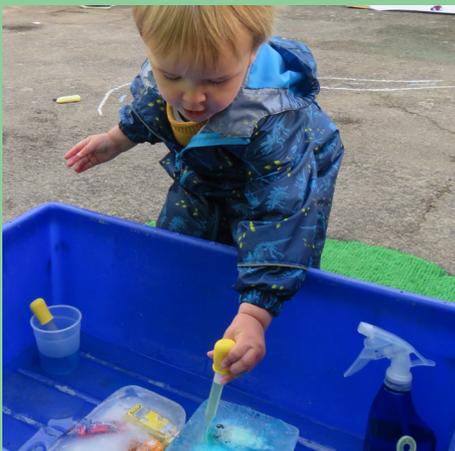


Well done to Year 2 who recorded their performances on the recorder for the Summer Concert this week!





MINIS NEWS



MINIS MINIS TRANSPORT

The Minis were very excited to drive their cars through the car wash and scrub them clean. They were busy rescuing frozen cars, making tracks with paint and pushing vehicles down the mini racer wall ramps. Some Minis were even brave enough to explore our muddy sensory tray! Our Friday Minis enjoyed sticking shapes to make different types of transport and pushing their cars over the popping bubble wrap road in the Pavilion. What a fun week!