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With God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

This Term's value is RESPECT



Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had a lovely and refreshing half term break. We have made it to Friday of the first week back and it has been great to see all our children back with smiley faces!

Our Year 5 and 6 were excited to start off Term 4 with their trip to Young Voices in Birmingham. Although it was a long day and they didn't arrive back till very late, we are happy to see them back in school excited to learn, albeit a little tired! There are videos of Young voices on YouTube. Please take a look at what fun it has been for all participants. Thank you to all the businesses that donated, without this, the trip wouldn't have been possible. We are forever grateful.

We have 2 non-school uniform days this term, our first is a PJ day on 6th March for World Book Day. The second is being organised by FOMS. This will be on 14th March and we are asking for donations of something chocolatey for the Easter Tombola.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Scrivens, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th March: World Book Day—wear PJ's

14th March: Non-school Uniform—bring in chocolate hamper donation

4th April: TD Day—Children not in school

7th-21st April: EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April: Back to School

7th May: Year 5 trip to Ramsbury Manor

26th-30th May: HALF TERM

3rd June: Class Photos

12th June: Year 6 Leavers' Service

18th-20th June: Year 6 Residential

23rd-26th June: Year 6 Bikeability

28th June: Carnival

2nd July: Year 6 Transition day KGA

4th July: Thrive Fest

9th July: Year 5 Taster Day KGA

7th-10th July: Year 6 Swimming

14th-17th July: Year 6 Swimming

21st-25th July: Year 6 KGA Summer School

24th July: Last day of Term

25th July: SUMMER HOLIDAY'S BEGINS

TD Days for next Academic Year

1st September, 13th February, 26th June.

2 dates TBC



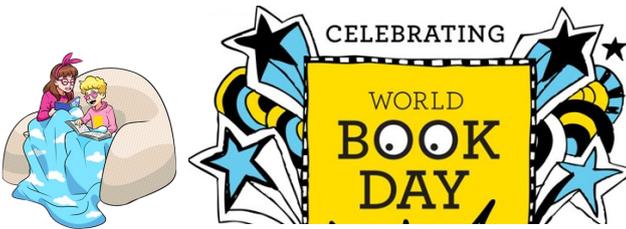
Stars of the week

28th February



TADPOLE	Wyatt M
BUTTERFLY	Farron S
OTTER	Tristan U
DRAGONFLY	Kacey-Rose C
FOX	Cadi D
KINGFISHER	Wesley T
THE HIVE	William A Jack E

World Book Day



We will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March**. Please send your child into school in their PJs/onesies. We plan to have a fabulous day reading books, discussing our favourite characters, stories and sharing our passion of reading with others.

Community Learning Courses

There are many Community Learning Courses that are available. Please refer to the attached document to the newsletter email. If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy, please speak with the office.



On Time, All Day, Every Day

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Weekly Attendance Winners

In addition to individual attendance, we like to celebrate class attendance on a weekly basis.

Term 3 Class Winners

Congratulations to our joint winners,

Otter and Fox Class with attendance of 96.4%

Winners of week ending 28th February

1st — Dragonfly 99.3%

2nd— Butterfly 98.6%

3rd— Kingfisher 96.1%

Reminders



Doors open to classrooms at 8.40am.

Registration is taken at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is in school on time. If you child is absent, please call the office to inform of the reason.



Please send your child in with their PE Kit. This will remain in school for the remainder of this term.



FOREST SCHOOL

Butterfly class, please ensure your child has all appropriate clothing/ footwear for Forest School on Wednesdays. Wellies will remain in school for the term.



All children should bring in a water bottle and coat daily. KS2 should also bring a healthy break-time snack.

Young Voices



We would like to say a massive thank you to our Music lead, Mrs Bathurst for giving our children the opportunity to take part in such an amazing event. Without the help of our Year 5 and 6 teachers Miss McDonald and Mrs Matthews, TA's Mrs Luker and Mrs Burgess, Mrs Scrivens and our volunteers, this trip could not have gone ahead. We would like to thank them for the countless hours in meetings, doing mountains of paperwork and risk assessments, helping the children with making their fundraising ideas come to fruition and to Friends of Marden Vale for providing and printing the T-Shirts.

To all those that purchased raffle tickets, thank you and to those that won, enjoy your hampers!

The Young Voices raffle and other miscellaneous donations raised £520.00, business and charitable monetary donations were £650.00. This was enough to cover the coach for our year 5 and 6 to be part of a marvellous experience.

We would like to say thank you to all the local businesses who generously donated towards our raffle and star prize. I'm sure the lucky winners will enjoy swimming lessons, meals out, massages, spa products, chocolate and much more!

Also we would like to thank the following businesses for their charitable monetary donations:

Sofa Brands
FACTORY OUTLET

Sofa brands £250 [Home](#) | [Sofa Brands Factory Outlet: Shop Sofas](#) | [Chairs](#) | [Footstools](#)

Rod Carter Roofing £200

bridge
a way forward

The Bridge Project £100 [Home - The Bridge Project](#)



Nigel Hull Reliable Plant Haulage £100 [Reliable Plant Haulage Ltd – Nigel Hull](#)

**TALK ABOUT
RESPECT TOGETHER...**

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?

**THINK TOGETHER
ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM**

"Respect - to get it you must give it"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses led the sheep across the dry and dusty desert to Sinai, God's holy mountain. But in the stillness of the wilderness, while the sheep were grazing, Moses' thoughts were never far from the plight of his people the Israelites, who were suffering at the hand of the cruel Egyptian king. Moses had left Egypt years ago. He felt guilty and wished he could help his people, but what could he do? He was not brave, he was not a **respected** leader. Who would listen to him?

And then in the distance Moses noticed something very strange. A desert bush was on fire. The flames licked hungrily around the branches and yet, strangely, the bush did not burn up. He drew closer and as he did so, he clearly heard a voice call to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes, here I am" stammered Moses. "Take off your shoes", said the voice, "for you are standing on holy ground." Reverently, Moses untied his sandals and fell to his knees. "I am the Lord God of your ancestors and I have seen how my people suffer under Pharaoh. I have heard them call out to me to rescue them and now Moses, I am sending you to lead them to freedom." "But I am nobody, I am nothing. How can I go to the king and expect him to **respect** a simple shepherd? How can I ask him to let the people go?" But God replied, "Do not be frightened, I will be with you." "But what if the people will not listen to me?" said Moses. "What do you have in your hand?" "A stick." Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground." Moses did as he was asked. To his astonishment the stick turned into a writhing, angry snake. "Now bend down and pick it up by the tail." Nervously, Moses did as he was asked. Immediately, the snake once more became a stick. "When you perform this miracle," said God, "the people will believe that I have sent you. Take the stick with you for with it you will perform great miracles. Now go and do as I have commanded."

And so it was that on that ordinary day an extraordinary adventure began for Moses and for the people of Israel. It was a story that the world would never forget.



RESPECT

I treat
others
how I
wish to be
treated

Extra-Curricular Clubs

CLUB	YEAR	TEACHER	DATES
MONDAY			
Ball Games	Y 1-3	Mr Hemmings	February: 24th March: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Choir	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Bathurst	
TUESDAY			
Geography	Y 1-2	Miss Weare	February: 25th March: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th April: 1st
SATs Club	Y 6	Miss McDonald	
Leader's Cricket	Y 4 & 5	Vickie Hatherway	March: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
WEDNESDAY			
Football	Y 1-3	Mr Culley	February: 26th March: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th April: 2nd
THURSDAY			
Dance Club	Y 4,5,6	Miss Hagley	March: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th April: 3rd

All places are guaranteed unless otherwise informed.

Upcoming FOM Events

Spring 2



Easter raffle: We will be running a colouring competition. There is a £1 entry fee with the prize being a chocolate hamper. Templates will be given to your child(ren) via the class teacher in March to be returned by 22nd April. These will be judged and winners will be announced on 23rd April. More copies will be available in the school office. Please return your entry with the £1 fee. There will be a EYFS/KS1 and KS2 competition.

We will be having a non-school uniform day on 14th March. Please bring in a chocolate donation for our tombola which will be drawn on 26th March.

Summer 1



Carnival – 28th June. Theme ‘The Greatest Marden Show’

Summer 2



Marden Vale Rocks

Summer Fair date tbc

Disco

The Valentines disco raised a massive £306.16 for Friends of Marden Vale. Funds raised are used to support the school in many ways e.g. events, school trips.

We know all the children had an amazing time.