

# Newsletter



**Goodbye Mrs Mills**



**Goodbye Mrs Oodian**



**Welcome Miss Phipps**



**Welcome Mr Perryman.**



## Year 6 Leavers

Year Six visited Gloucester Cathedral to take part in the Diocese' annual service of celebration for those children leaving primary school and moving on to secondary school in September. We enjoyed every aspect of the service; and our readers, candle and banner holders did us proud. It is a lovely way to celebrate our time at primary and reflect on our experiences with other children who attend church schools.

## Welcome New Families

We always enjoy welcoming new families into our school community, last July we welcomed a number of new families into a variety of year groups as well as inviting all of the new reception families to a teddy bear's picnic.



## Bishop Robert

Bishop Robert visited and led a worship followed by a blessing of the Year 6 children for their onward educational journey.



## Goodbye My Friend

Class 3 entertained us with their memories of school life in their end of term production - Goodbye My Friend. There were plenty of laughter and tears shared. A huge thank you to Mrs Dearsley for directing, Mrs Walter as musical director and Mrs Paterson in wardrobe! The end of term play is such a right of passage, and this is one we will remember for a long time.





## Whole School Trip

We had great fun on our whole school trip to Slimbridge! Thank you to the teachers for organising



it, to the PTA for supporting it and the governors who joined us. Class 1 loved collecting data about how many flamingos they saw standing on one leg, spotting minibeasts and feeding the ducks. Class 2 had a great pond dipping workshop, identifying the



different invertebrates and we learnt lots about how Slimbridge breeds and protects endangered species. Class 3 worked hard at Slimbridge collecting data on migratory birds during their workshop and counting species of birds which they



turned into pie charts in Maths back at school. They also showed us that even Year 5 and 6 aren't too old to enjoy Wellyboot land!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday September 4th - Term starts at 8.30am  
 Thursday 28th September INSeT day  
 Friday 29th September INSeT day  
 Sunday 1st October - Harvest Festival at the Church  
 Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November - Half term  
 Monday 5th November - Term starts at 8.30am  
 Wednesday 19th December - Pantomime!  
 Friday 22nd December - INSeT day, end of Term





## Pond Progress

When the Powell family asked if there was something the school would like as a leaving gift, they may not have been expecting Mrs Gray to reply "A pond would be great!". With Edward clearly directing operations, they have delivered a wonderful gift to the school and we send them our heartfelt thanks and our best wishes for the future.





## Prayer and Spirituality Day

Thank you Siddington C of E Primary School for inviting us to your prayer and spirituality day. It was lovely to stop and consider the “Wows, Ows and Nows” of life alongside you.



## Eco Schools Green Flag Award

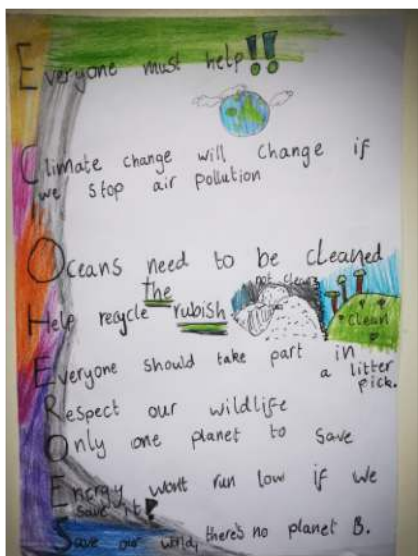
July is the time of year when we put together our submission to renew our Green Flag award. This is an Eco Schools accreditation to acknowledge the work done by our school in three or more areas of sustainability: School Grounds, Transport, Waste, Water, Biodiversity, Global citizenship, Energy, Healthy Living, Marine and Litter. This is a world-wide scheme and a prestigious award that we are proud to hold, currently with Merit, recognising that we have gone over and above the standard requirements needed to receive this award. Read more about Eco Schools here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>



Thinking about how we can protect invertebrate habitats on Earth Day.



Keeping the school grounds tidy with our litter picking kit!



The School Eco Code

We know that young people care deeply about environmental issues and have a strong desire to actively protect our planet. However, environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity-loss or plastic pollution are huge global issues. The Eco Schools work that we do enables the children at Down Ampney to grow their awareness of these important issues and to make a difference on a small scale, locally. We hope that this desire to protect the planet will carry on with them through their lives and they will be driven to continue to make change on both small and larger scales. We are proud of the work that we do across the year: You will have seen through our newsletters and Facebook posts, some of the work done this year towards our Green Flag renewal.

We have set up a Padlet to share this work with our Parents and Carers, as well as our Eco Board in school. Please do take some time to look at all of the work we have done and to view our Sustainability Curriculum which we have developed over the last 12 months to embed these values. <https://padlet.com/DownAmpney/eco-schools-2022-2023-rexpg4qx21ip9lra>

We look forward to updating you on the success of our application later this Summer.

We are thrilled to be widening our involvement with local industries and following our geography fieldwork trip earlier this year, the Eco Ambassadors were invited to attend a Green Team meeting at the Devere Cotswold Waterpark Hotel, sharing ideas and successes of our sustainability work. We have agreed to take part in a lake litter pick with the Hotel team in September!

