

Newsletter



God Save The King!



Tea Party for The King

Thank you to everybody who joined us for our picnic for the King. Class 1 pretended to be in the procession, marching, waving, bowing and then drew themselves in the crowd. It was so lovely to celebrate the occasion with families and friends, and to have another chance to see our dance troupe perform and listen to the whole school sing the song for the King!

The children in class 1 had a great week with their Coronation small world figures and dressing up. The reception children had a great time making their own red, white and blue play-dough before they then invited their friends to come and play too!

All children worked with Chef Mel from The Kitchen Club to bake Coronation quiches, Palace Garden Cupcakes and King Crown Jam Tarts to share at the community picnic. KS2 created a large timeline of previous monarchs and matched clues to identify them.

Music

Children across the school enjoy weekly music lessons taught by Mrs Walters.



In addition to this we run extra-curricular choir and recorder clubs. Peripatetic music teachers visit the school weekly to deliver singing, guitar, ukulele and brass lessons. If you are interested in these then contact Mrs Woodruffe in the office.



This term, the children in Key Stage 2 have also enjoyed a weekly Music Technology session where they have learnt how to use the Garage Band software to create digital music.

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Class 3 had a great afternoon at Far peak this month putting their team building and orienteering skills to the test.



Class 2 joined many other schools this month for an indoor sports event at Kingshill. It was great to see the children from all schools coming together to make relay teams at the end of the event - such great sportsmanship! A great chance to practice some events for the district sports next term.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Each term we run a variety of extra curricular clubs based on the children's interests and to prepare them for any upcoming fixtures or to give them a chance to repeat things that they have enjoyed in lessons. This



month sports club was very popular. Over the term they set up different athletics stations and worked our way around these, setting different challenges for ourselves. The stations included: skipping, ball throwing, hula hooping, hurdles, bean bag toss

and sprints. As you can see, we all have lots of great skills!

By the end of the term the year 6s took over sports club - they ran a warm up then taught the others how to play four square (they are very good teachers!).



We learnt how to control the ball in small areas and accurately throw the ball to a teammate.



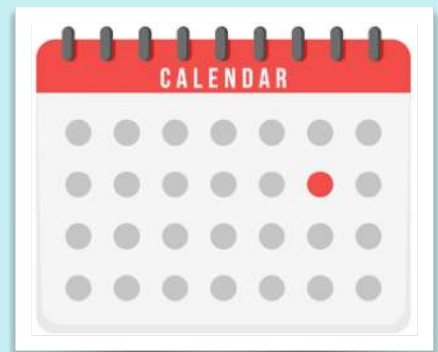
Open The Book

It's always a highlight when the team come into school to lead a worship.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday May 1st - May Day
- Friday May 5th - Tea Party for The King
- Monday May 8th - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday May 9th - Friday May 12th - KS2 SATs
- Friday May 12th - School Disco and Class 3 sleepover
- Friday May 26h - End of term
- Monday 5th June - Term 6 starts
- Friday 9th June - Sports day
- Saturday 10th June - Sponsored bike ride



STEM Final

Now in its 25th year, the Gloucestershire K'Nex Challenge Finals were held on 17th May 2023, kindly hosted and supported by Renishaw plc.

Working in pairs, students were given an introduction to the exciting world of engineering by using K'Nex to find a solution to a problem. Pairs were assessed based on their ability to work together, solve problems, produce a working model, and communicate their ideas both to each other, and to a judge from an engineering company. The team with the best solutions were invited to the Gloucestershire K'Nex final.

With 100 schools taking part again this year, competition was fierce as pupils were challenged to create an automated recycling station. The creations needed to show how the different waste would be sorted in order to efficiently recycle.



Congratulations to our winners who joined the other schools for the final.

Biodiversity

We are keen to improve the biodiversity within our school grounds and following the establishment of a dedicated forest school area earlier in the school year, we are now setting about creating different areas and habitats within it. We are hopeful that our wild flower area will attract will attract a variety of pollinators.



We were delighted to receive our Coronation wildflower seeds to help get the area started. We have put it near our newly planted trees as part of the Queens canopy.



Design and Technology

As part of our food and nutrition element of design technology we understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet and learn to prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques.



We also learn about seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. We enjoyed making seasonal soup and bread and we are looking forward to growing some of our own vegetables in our new allotment in the community garden soon.



Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors joined many others from across the South Cotswolds to launch the 'Year of Reading'. This is an exciting, collaborative project that we are excited to be involved with. We are committed to ensuring children and young people discover a lifelong love of reading. Our aim is for them to become confident, considered readers who read for pleasure.

The launch event was at The Barn Theatre on



Thursday 18th of May and included a workshop from local author, Christopher Edge, followed by a 'Flash Read' in Cirencester.

