

Newsletter



Vaughan House



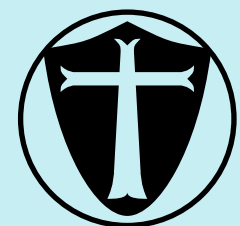
Thames House



Dakota House



Templar House



Clubs

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in our enrichment clubs this month. Science, French, Art, Brass Band, Choir, KS1 Sports Club and lunchtime FGRfootball and others were all really well attended and children had lots of fun!

De Vere Hotel Litter Pick

The Eco Ambassadors were thrilled to be asked to support the De Vere Hotel in their Eco work this month and took part in a litter pick around the Gateway lake. The children were sad to see how much litter was discarded, especially when bins were provided nearby.

As a school, we are committed to cleaning up litter and keeping our environment clean.

In the Spring, we hope that everyone will take part in The Great British Spring Clean.



Sporting events

Y5/6 Leadership workshop – the children learnt some playground games and team-building activities that were brought back to teach at school. They also thought about what makes a good leader and what we can do at school to promote being active and working together.

Bee netball – skills and development games.

Quicksticks – Skills circuit where we learnt different hockey tactics and finished with some team games. The young leaders gave out value bands and we received one for determination.



Literature Festival

Cheltenham Literature festival – Y3s with Pamela Butchart.

Recount written by Olivia and Freddie: On Monday the 9th October, some children in Class 2 went to the Literature Festival in Cheltenham. When we arrived, we saw the author, Pamela Butchart. She was a funny author and a kind person. First, she told us that she fears an ice cream scoop and shepherd's pie!

Secondly, she got different children and teachers to join her on stage to act out as some characters from her book. These characters included a dinner lady, head teacher and another teacher. At the end, we looked at some of her books called 'Demon Dinner Ladies' and 'My Headteacher's a Vampire Rat'. Our favourite part of the day was exploring the different books she has written, because they look really funny!

Eventually, we made the journey back to school on the bus. We had a great day and would love to go to the Cheltenham Literature Festival again.

Pumpkin

We cracked open the pumpkin! It was much more hollow than we predicted it would be. We then got all of the seeds out and tried to make pumpkin soup

in the mud kitchen! Thank you to Mrs Ford for



giving us the giant pumpkin.

Dem Bones!

Do not forget to visit the Corinium Museum this half term. You can follow the skeleton trail and hear our school choir singing 'Dem Bones' as you find each clue!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 6 - Bags for School & Class 3 Bikeability

Nov 10 - Y2 Reading Trip

Nov 13 - Reception & Y1 Cirencester College Trip

Nov 14 - PTA AGM

Nov 17 - Non Uniform Day for Children in Need

Nov 21 - School Beat Online Safety for Class3 & Sporthall Athletics after school.



Computing

Class 3 enjoyed a day of programming. We were very excited when our microbits arrived in school recently and could not wait to use them.

We programmed the LEDs to display our names. We wrote the code on our laptops and downloaded it to our microbits.

The next step was to add code so that when the buttons were pressed different words appeared.

We then changed the input from buttons to an accelerometer and wrote code to generate numbers randomly - a little like rolling a dice.

Some children took the dice challenge further, such as when the microbit selected below a 4 then you get a tick and above a 4 you get a cross. Sounds effects were also programmed!

The final challenge was to create a pedometer. Some children added sound when they reached every 10th step, others added a multiplier so each step counted twice.

BEST

Well done to the children who received the end of term awards that demonstrated that they have been the B.E.S.T they can be every day. We strongly believe that if all children feel that they BELONG and are EMPOWERED then we will all SUCCEED TOGETHER! Ossie was ill so not in the photo but well done to him too!



Bean Magic

We ended the term with an afternoon of play, wonder and singing. We were thinking about what brings us joy. Thank you to the lovely Lizzie Bean for sprinkling your magic with us - we love our Bean candles!

