

# Newsletter



## Term 6 Clubs

**Monday**  
Y5 Club

**Tuesday**  
Y5 Club

**Wednesday**  
Y5 Club

**Friday**  
Swimming

## End of Year Residential

Class 3 had an incredible time at the residential in Devon. The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school, we were incredibly proud of them. To share some more of the photos from the residential, the children have set up a Padlet, onto which they have added reviews of the trip and their thoughts on the activities. Thank you parents and carers for supporting this trip!

Visit <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/widercurriculum/> for a link to view the Padlet.

## Careers week

Our careers week started with a number of people from the De Vere Hotel to launch our careers week. The children had many questions for them and were keen to find out about their roles and responsibilities. They were very excited to find out that they get ice-creams as a treat on hot days!



The week continued with parents, grandparents, STEM Ambassadors and other adults from the community, coming in to talk about their careers. We have heard from a Statistician who uses data to analyse air pollution; a female Astronomer; a STEM ambassador talking about women in technology; the department heads of HR, Food & Beverages and Housekeeping and a graduate Emerging Leader from the Devere Waterpark Hotel; a Computer Programmer; an IT Consultant; an RAF Engineer; a Speech and Language Support Practitioner; a Pharmacist; a Baker; A Travel Consultant; a Surgeon; an Army Sergeant; an IT Security expert talking about AI and ChatGPT and a STEM female Robotics Engineer. We are so thankful for the time given by all



of these people. The children have been so excited and inspired to hear about the jobs that they might explore in future.



## Refugee week

The children read two books about what being a refugee meant and Class 3 were able to make links to their Geography work on migration earlier this year. We watched a video of birds being forced to leave their tree and making a home in a new land and thought about what simple acts we can do to ensure our community is welcoming.



As part of our year of reading, we were delighted to be invited to a webinar from Sharna Jackson, the author of High Rise Mystery.



## D-Day

The children in KS2 discovered the very important role that Down Ampney played in D Day. The two day local history study started with a classroom museum, Q and A with serving military and then research from a variety of sources. The work was then displayed at the village D Day service at the Old Airfield.



Mrs Gray had the pleasure of representing the school in the evening at the D-Day service at the old airfield. Mrs Dearsley and Mrs Gray shared the

amazing work that the children had produced. The day started with a question and answer session with some serving officers, some readers on the flying nightingales and the role Down Ampney played 80 years ago. After lunch the children visited the church and did rubbing of the commemorative stones and sketches of the stained glass windows as well as looking at the detailed kneelers. The



school day ended with a service all about our military families who shared their stories about schools they have attended previously and where in the world their families have been posted.



## Rounders KS2

Well done to our rounders team who really enjoyed this evenings tournament at Kingshill School. Lovely to see our friends from Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School



## District sports

We had a great time at district sports. Some shade was essential! Well done everyone.



## Area sports

We were delighted to have three children from our school representing the South Cotswolds in area sports.



## Colour run

What a truly amazing day at the small schools colour run. Thank you to Ampney Crucis for organising this year's small schools event.



## Swimming

As part of our weekly swimming lessons the children learned specific skills to avoid drowning such as calling for help, staying safe near water, using items of clothing to create buoyancy aid and a variety of huddle positions to float and avoid heat loss.

## Team building with Rodmarton

We travelled to our friends at Rodmarton Primary School from where we walked to Forest School where lit fires, whittled sticks and made dreamcatchers.

## Leavers service



On June 15 our Year 6 joined with others from around the county at the Cathedral for the leavers service. This is such a special service and we always love meeting up with friends from other church schools.

## In the net

We were delighted to welcome a theatre company in for a live production about online safety.



## Readathon

Over half term, the children were challenged to read a variety of genres in unusual places to promote reading for pleasure. We were delighted that four of our children were among the winners, each taking home a book token.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 2nd July - Farmor's induction Day
- Wednesday 3rd July - Farmor's induction Date
- Saturday 6th July - School Fete 1-3pm
- Tuesday 9th July - Girls Active Sports Festival
- Wednesday 10th July - Y2&3 Multi-sports
- Wednesday 10th July - School Beat visit
- Thursday 11th July - Deer Park induction day
- Friday 12th July - Deer Park induction day
- Monday 15th July - Make the Rules day
- Friday 19th July - Leavers' service & talent show

