



The Mendip School

Newsletter Easter 2017

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The Mendip
School Dog



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy couple of months at The Mendip School. Our newsletter only gives a glimpse into all the experiences that are on offer within the curriculum. Our sports teams have made a great start in getting The School's name on the map. We have been successful in swimming galas, football and in the Somerset Schools' games. Next term we are looking forward to participating in The Somerset Primary Inclusion Challenge. School council, with help from all the students have begun planning our official opening event in May. We are all looking forward to that.

We are sad to say goodbye to Tom Lovell who will be re-locating to Gloucester and taking up a new position after the Easter Holiday. We all wish him the best of luck in his new job and look forward to working collaboratively with him and his new school. I hope you all have a lovely Easter Holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on the 18th April for the start of term 5.

Emily Massey - Principal

The Somerset
League



The Somerset
Parallel
Athletics



Indoor Target
Games



Class 2CG have been learning all about gardening and growing foods. We have planted onions, beans and carrots at school and we are looking after them by watering and weeding. We have found out about seeds and visited the Garden Centre to buy tools compost and seeds. We also went to the Bath and West showground to learn all about farming. There were tractors, cows, sheep, pigs and our favourite was the sheepdog called Lucy. We met many different farmers and found out information about their jobs and the animals they look after. Spring is coming and we are very excited about watching our plants grow and hopefully cooking and eating our crop.



A fantastic and very busy term for 1EC and 2RM. Our topic this term has been Green Fingers and the children have loved exploring the topic, we have planted seeds, grown beans and dissected daffodil flowers and bulbs.

Discovery Time was introduced in term 3 and has been a phenomenal success. The children have all made huge leaps forward in terms of their topic knowledge but also their play and social development. This discovery approach is something we feel very passionate about. We are very proud of how the children have responded to this new initiative and the success it has had.

Our trip to Court Farm Country Park at the beginning of this term was a positive, if not slightly cold experience for all. The children loved meeting the baby lambs that had been born only hours before, experiencing new types of animals and all the fun in the play barns. Joint trips, such as these alongside the discovery time are allowing the children time and opportunities to develop meaningful and lasting relationships with their peers, which as staff this is very heart-warming to see.



Welly walk fun !



Dates for your diaries

Friday 31st March 2017

Last Day of term.

Friday 14th April &

Monday 17th April 2017

Bank Holidays

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Term 5 begins

Monday 1st May 2017

Bank Holiday

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Official Opening Day

Friday 26th May 2017

Last day of term

4IC - This term we have been learning about monetary value and tourist attractions in English and Maths. This has allowed us to take trips to Tesco learning about budgets, and to Cheddar Gorge so that we can think about advertising attractions. In Science, we are learning about Earth Science, reactions of metals with acids and are beginning to look at the atmosphere.



3MG have had a great term. We have had lots of fun learning about keeping ourselves safe and enjoyed a trip to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. Pupils were able to practice lots of skills, such as how to cross the road safely, what to do in the event of a fire at home and how to buy things in a shop. We had lots of fun using the interactive role-play areas and 3MG are looking forward to revisiting next term to focus on learning new skills.



The Friends of the Mendip School Association is a newly formed committee made up of parents and teachers of the school. We come together once a month - usually on a Thursday morning - to discuss how we can contribute to fundraising, help with events and support our school. We are also working on evening meeting times too to include as many parents as possible - watch this space! If you would like to join in with the committee's work please come along. There is more information on the school website.



This term in **3TL** we have been looking at all things green. In Humanities, we have looked at environmental issues, mainly focussing on deforestation and air pollution. We have carried out experiments to show the effects of deforestation and will be carrying out another one next week to show air pollution. In DT we have made wooden planters that will be placed around the school and used to grow various plants and flowers. Some of the pupils have used reclaimed wood from pallets used by the builders, showing their understanding of reusing materials. PE this term has been exercise, fitness, and golf, which the pupils have enjoyed. In English pupils have been writing their own books about the environment to read to younger pupils. Some wrote about pollution and others focussed on what might happen in the future.



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