

Ashleworth CofE Primary School

Newsletter – April 2021



Dear Parents,

Well April has certainly brought us many delights. Not least the glorious weather for the children to enjoy during the holidays. Aside from that, there have been some other treats for us to enjoy and celebrate.

During the first week of term, the children immersed themselves in the world of performance poetry. They were shown videos of poets performing their works before working with their classmates to perform some popular poems. Both classes came together, on the playground, to perform to each other. A joyful end to their work.

Class 2 have started their series of guitar lessons. Over the next 10 weeks, they will be learning all about the instrument, reading music and performing a number of simple tunes. We are hoping that there will be an opportunity to invite parents in for a performance in July.

Congratulations to Antoni and Zavi who were crowned KENEX champions last week. The children were set the task of designing and building a fort. The brief asked them to consider the use of pulleys and to give careful consideration to ensuring they built a strong structure. Photos of the challenge are available on our website.

So, what lies ahead for us in May???

We hope that many of you have signed up to take part in the plastic survey. From next Monday, May 10th, households are being asked to collect all of the plastic they use. Once the survey finishes, on May 16th, we will be asking the children to bring in their collections ready for a grand sort. This will take place at the Village Hall.

Both classes are enjoying their topic work. Class 1 will be visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their topic. It is travels further afield for Class 2, as they are exploring life in Ancient Greece. We'll also be starting Forest School sessions for all children; as soon as it is safe to do so.

And finally, we continue to be committed to the health and safety of all members of our school family. A reminder that children do not need to bring any belongings in from home and that, apart from lunchboxes and book folders, no bags are to be brought into school. This is in line with our risk assessment and DfE guidance. Your continued support with this is appreciated.

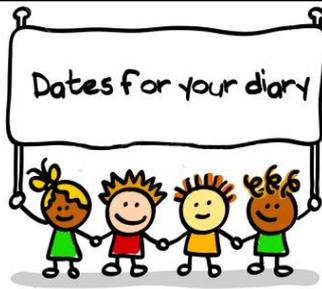
Yours sincerely,

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- 10th May - YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 parent consultations
- 10th May - Plastic Survey
- 11th May - Gardening Club cake sale
- 14th May - Life Education Bus
- 19th May - YR/Y6 Health Check
- 19th May - Class 2 to village hall to sort plastic
- 21st May - Class 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- 24th May - Class 2 workshop on Brass Instruments
- 28th May - Class 2 Forest School
- 31st May - Half Term
- 7th June - Inset Day
- 8th June - Start of term 6

Over the next term there will be lots of activities happening in and outside of school for both classes, please ensure you check your emails to keep

Being contactable

During these times if your child becomes unwell while at school, we will call you immediately to come and collect them. Please ensure you or someone is contactable during school hours, if you think you may be unavailable, please let us know and give the school an alternative number to call.

Covid Testing

If your child is absent from school because they, or another family member, have been asked to take a COVID test, or have been specifically advised to isolate due to COVID, please would you inform school at your earliest possible convenience on their first day of absence - thank you.

Pyjama Day - PTFA

Children are allowed to come into school on Friday 14th May dressed in their pyjamas for a donation to the PTFA.



Stemworks Challenge

Class 2 took part in the Stemwork challenge last week, well done to Zavi and Antoni who won the overall challenge. Here are some photos of the finished articles. More photos are on the website.



After School Sports Club

There has been an excellent take up for the after school sports club on both Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember that any payments and communication regarding this club must go straight through Fit Active Children.
Thank you

THE EVERYDAY PLASTIC SURVEY

Please remember that the school has been chosen to take part in the everyday plastics survey hosted by the Cheltenham science Festival. All you need to do is collect all your plastic items for a week from the 10th May, clean the items and bring them into school on Monday 17th May, Mrs Nulty will then take it to the village hall to sort.

Reminders:

- Please remember that masks must be worn during drop off and pick up.
- For health and safety please can we ask that no children are to climb on the wall running alongside the playground.