



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very exciting week in school with the arrival of 10 eggs in an incubator and now 10 chicks who hatched in the middle of the week. Well done Adventurers for all your care and consideration in looking after our arrivals!

Our year 4 reading ambassadors interviewed applicants from year 3 to join them and the successful candidates were: Ivy, Isla, Eleanor and Sam. We look forward to hearing about your planned projects for the year.

Next week is the start of 'Black History Month' and our assemblies this year will explore significant figures including Mary Seacole, Harriet Tubman and Joseph Chevalier. Next Thursday is National Poetry Day and the children will be sharing poems throughout the day. We would like to run the same activity as last year where children learn a verse, rhyme or entire poem to share with their class teacher – Miss Hill has some small prizes for those children who take part!



Macmillan coffee afternoon!

Thank you to all those who bought cakes and drinks on Friday and to the parents and friends for organising another very successful fundraiser for cancer research. The total raised was £325.00. A great result!

School Grounds morning

Thank you to all those parents who gave their time on Saturday to spruce up our school grounds. This is such an important and helpful job and I know everyone will see the impact of their hard work on Monday. Our next day is planned for the Spring term so watch this space if you would like to take part.



Parents and Friends

We will send out a flyer on Monday about the Bag 2 School event. Please fill a bag with unwanted clothes and fabrics and the school will earn money per kilo for school funds.

Current fundraising project – 2 new iPad trolleys and 30 iPads!!

Requests!!

- If you have any all in one water proofs or waterproof trousers that would be suitable for 5 and 6 year olds we would be very grateful to receive them and use for Forest School in Adventurers.
- Adventurers would be grateful for any cardboard boxes (helmet sized!).
- Allsorts would appreciate and small world play

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been reading 'Stickman' and thinking about all the places he visited. They have painted and created using sticks and even made rafts. This week in forest schools they found out about birds and made feeders. Explorers have also visited the Adventurers classroom to meet with our chicks!



In Adventurers there has been even more excitement than usual this week as we have been looking after 10 eggs! On Wednesday the eggs started to hatch and by the end of the day we had 8 very tired but fluffy looking chicks! The Adventurers have been reporting their news on Tapestry and have kept a daily diary. They have blown us away with their super recall of facts and the engagement and interest they have shown in taking such great care of our visitors! We have had lots of discussions about what else comes from an egg, to help us answer our question this week. Latest update : by Thursday we had hatched 10 chicks!



Voyagers have enjoyed looking at London landmarks and monuments; explored the story of Saint George and the Dragon; and also baked some delicious Chelsea Buns!



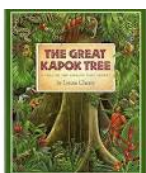
Navigators and Pioneers have been learning the names of rainforest creatures in French and recognising french adjectives!

A snapshot of learning for next week:

In Explorers we will be discovering all about spiders in our play and reading 'The Very Busy Spider'.

In Adventurers we will be focussing on the start of the Autumn season and our theme question, what happens in Autumn? We will be going out and about and exploring our local area and also thinking about Autumn around the world and whether this is the same or different. We will also be extremely busy taking care of our chicks and carrying out their daily routine, filling in our diary and of course fitting in lots of chick cuddles!!

In Voyagers we will be looking at maps of the local area and will have a go at creating their own.



In Navigators and Pioneers we will be proofreading, editing and improving our writing around 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will also be drawing self portraits and refining our balances and jumps in gymnastic routines.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 5th October National Poetry Day

Monday 9th October Sports Ambassador training @ Ferndown Upper School

Thursday 12th October Whole School Flu immunisation

8am Bag 2 School collection

Friday 13th October Year 4 wellbeing trip to Moors Valley 'Adventure Valley'

Wednesday 18th October Shoebox Assembly to launch Christmas appeal

Year 3 and 4 Fun Run @ St Michael's Middle School 4pm

Thursday 19th October Year 1 maths information evening for Y1 parents

Friday 20th October INSET DAY

Monday 23rd October HALF TERM

Monday 30th October INSET DAY

Tuesday 31st October Back to School

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November Parents Evening in school (see calendar on website for timings)

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)