



Kindness, Thankfulness, Perseverance

May has certainly started in an unseasonal way, we've had morning frosts, wet play days, cold winds and even storms, which has meant that the last of the blossom has left the trees. However, beauty can still be seen all around us as buds form, plants start early flowering and the grass begins to grow and become greener. The pool is taking a little longer than we hoped to warm up however we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will still be on track to start on Monday 24th May. This week our grounds maintenance company also painted the tracks and a rounders pitch on the field. The children have already enjoyed using them!

School Council held their first meeting outside this year – socially distanced in the sunshine. They had lots of ideas to share with Mr Abbott.

This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of 'Connect with Nature'. During the week, all children have had the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities as well as enjoying our Well-being Wednesday activities. Below please find useful links which you may like to visit for further information or ideas.



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week/>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, hopefully you will have time to get outside and enjoy nature.

Get Set Tokyo

On our journey to Tokyo we are pleased to say we have reached Brazil! Our next goal is Australia!



Well done to everyone who has taken part

Remember all you need to do is get active as a family and record your activity on the easy-to use [Log Activity page](https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity) (<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>). Logging your activity is easy. Just click on the link enter the postcode (SP8 5BN) choose your child's class, then get logging- make sure to include all adult activity in there too! As our kilometres tally up, you will be able to follow our journey around the world, stopping at various capital cities along the way. Keep an eye out for new challenges as we 'visit' each country.

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 14/5/2021

William (Hedgehogs) – for showing lots of enthusiasm in Science – growing cress and then harvesting and eating it!

Leo (Squirrels) – for never giving up and always giving 100% in all he does.

Alex (Badgers) – for an improvement in focus in all areas of learning.

Daisy R (Foxes) – for incredible effort and focus, especially in Maths.

WELL DONE!

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 14/5/2021

Bea Mo for being a Persevering Penguin

Sophie B for being an Imagining Iguana



Charlotte for being a Persevering Penguin

Lewis for being a Have a Go Hyena

Ryan for being a Have a Go Hyena



Pupil of the week

Week ending: 14/5/2021

Hedgehogs: Sebastian

Squirrels: Elsie T

Badgers: Alicia

Foxes: Evie

Well done

Silver Star Awards

Ernie (Y2)

Dolly (Y2)

Robyn (Y2)

Paddy (Y5)

Bert (Y4)

Dexter (Y4)

Joanna (Y1)

Phoebe S (Y4)



Well done

Attendance

Week ending 14.5.21

Hedgehogs – 98.1%

Squirrels – 97.8%

Badgers – 98.8%

Foxes – 97.9%

This week the winners are

Badgers



Bronze Star Awards

Scarlett (Y1)

Lilly (Y1), Pippa (Y1)

Well Done



Happy Birthday



Ernest (7)

Honie May (10)

Alfie-Jack (8)

Many Happy Returns

Achievements out of School

Elsie T (Yr 1) competed in her first Tetrathlon last Saturday (It was super hard!!)

The hard work paid off as she was in the winning S&WW pony club team.

Congratulations!

House Point Scores

Sandways

709

Chaffeymoor

461

Queen Oak

662

Hedgehogs News

It has been incredibly busy in Hedgehogs this week! In maths we have been looking at pairs and counting in 2s using a variety of resources, including 2p coins. The children particularly enjoyed pairing up the socks and hanging them on the washing line. Some of the children even labelled them by counting in 2s. The Year 1s also counted in 5s using their painted handprints. In our Food Technology we have been tasting and comparing fruit and fruit-based products. We thought carefully about the descriptive words we used when writing about how they looked or tasted. We also practised using tools safely while peeling, cutting, chopping, grating and mashing apples. We made a delicious juice with all the prepared fruit and enjoyed drinking it!

Today we have been learning all about the Jewish festival of Shavuot. This is a festival which celebrates the fruits and flowers of early Spring and commemorates the Torah being given to the Jewish people. After an assembly with Lynda, a Judaism specialist, we talked about the Ten Commandments and came up with our own rules for a happy school. We made flowers and also painted them, and as dairy food is a big part of the Shavuot celebrations, we decorated our own 'ice creams' of playdoh and shaving foam, plus we made some ice creams in our outdoor kitchen. This afternoon the ice cream van visited us and we all enjoyed ice creams to round off our Shavuot celebrations, after an Achievement Assembly where we all showed some of our Shavuot work. Mrs Toy and Mrs Cuff



Squirrels News

This week in Maths, the children in Squirrels class have been investigating mass. We have compared the mass of objects using the vocabulary "lighter" and "heavier" as well as using scales to measure the mass of objects using cubes, grams and kilograms. The children enjoyed predicting the mass of objects before investigating using the scales.

In RE the children have been learning about the religion of Islam and focussed primarily on their place of worship, which is called a Mosque. The children learnt about the key features of a Mosque including the Mihrab, the Minbar and the Minaret, before they designed and created a prayer mat with Mrs Farndale.

Finally, the children have been learning the song "our imagination" in our music sessions. They enjoyed singing the funny words (especially the octopus who was climbing a tree) before using the chime bars to accompany the song. Mr Abbott



Badgers News This week in Badgers, we have finished writing sentences based on 'Stone Age Boy' and the children are now writing their own version, involving portals, time travel and descriptions of Stone Age life. We created Mini Mesolithic houses - tipi shaped - with raffia, 'animal skin felt' and clay; some even have model fires inside them. From homes to hunting, we whittled hazel sticks into spears on Thursday and even had a go at throwing them. Some children were close to the animal targets but I think we would have gone hungry in Stone Age times! We are really enjoying the Samba Drumming musicianship programme. This week the children learnt to hold a pattern on their instrument while others played different rhythms and the next step will be writing our own Samba groove. In Computing the children are being network engineers. They invented their own digital device.

Have a great weekend. Hoping for the return of the sun!
Ms Rankin and Mrs Welshman



Foxes News

This week we have continued to think about the Yellow Spotted Tree-Dragon (YSTD) and used semi-colons, bullet points and relative clauses to complete our non-chronological text about this dragon. We have now started to plan a text about our own dragon which we created at the beginning of term, and are excited to be writing about these next week; some are not as friendly as the YSTD!

Year 6 have risen to the challenge of tackling algebra this week. We looked at various patterns made from matchsticks, wrote the rule and formula then used these to make predictions for other patterns in the sequence. Year 5 have consolidated their knowledge of decimals by rounding, ordering, adding and subtracting decimals with up to 3 decimal places.

In DT we explored different making cam mechanisms to move a follower. Most preferred the snail cam which gave a sudden movement up then down. We started to think about how these movements could be integrated into a model of a dragon.

We are continuing with our Couch to 5K challenge this week, moving on to week 3: running and walking for periods of 90 seconds and 3 minutes. We started drawing a scaled 3D model of our classroom using Sketch Up - it was interesting how different they all looked!

Covid Guidance Update May 2021

Thank you to everyone for continuing to be so careful and patient with the ongoing COVID safety measures we have in place at St George's. The Government has announced some lifting of the restrictions from next week which will mean that we are all able to meet friends and family in larger groups and indoors. This is something we have all been very much looking forward to for a long time now and I am sure that everyone is starting to plan meetings as the weather brightens up.

This week the DfE published an update to the school guidance (72 pages long). Unfortunately, there were not as many changes as I was hoping for. The updated guidance for schools means that we still need to keep to staggered start times and pick up times along with the wearing of face masks. Class bubbles are still in place, as are the tables in rows, and we are not yet able to meet indoors as a whole school or invite parents into school. The staff in school are still wearing face masks in communal areas. This is deeply frustrating but we have done so well without any cases or bubble closures in school so far so we do need to continue. The updates also means our plans for the Summer term sports days, get together and leavers celebrations are also still on hold and alternative ideas are being planned.

Considerate parking

Please make sure you are parking considerately around our village at drop off and pick up times. The staff car park is not available for parents to park in (including when picking up from after school clubs) as this is the main way for the children to leave the school site and if cars are driving into the car park it is putting our children at risk.

Also, can we please remind everyone that there should be **NO PARKING** on the main road next to the church by the grassy area and school blue gates. There have been a couple of near misses as cars are having to overtake parked cars on the brow of the hill with oncoming traffic!

Please Park safely and sensibly. A few extra footsteps could prevent an accident.

Bikeability

Congratulations to the following children who enjoyed their level 1 Bikeability session on Tuesday – Sam, Lochlan, Daisy D, Elsie SR, Billy, Elliot, Keeleigh and Paddy.

They were all successful and passed with flying colours.



Uniform

A gentle reminder to everyone that full school uniform should be worn to school everyday except PE days when a school PE kit should be worn. A number of children are coming to school wearing trainers, jewellery and items of clothing that are not uniform. Although we are fast approaching the end of another school year, it is really important to keep our uniform standards high and to look every bit as smart as we did on the first day of school. Jewellery is not permitted for health & safety reasons, except for a small wrist watch. Trainers should only be worn on PE days only. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Bikeability This term we are only able to offer Bikeability sessions to our Foxes. There are 3x Level 2 courses on **Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th May** during the school day. If you have registered we will contact you next week to confirm which day your child will be taking part.

We have had a case of Headlice reported please check your children at the weekend.

Dates for the Diary:

Mon 19th April – Thurs 27th May - Summer Term 1
Mon 24th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 1
Tues 25th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 2
Wed 26th May – Bikeability Level 2 Group 3
Fri 28th May - INSET Day
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June May - Half Term
Mon 7th June – Fri 23rd July – Summer Term 2
Thurs 10th June – Gillingham Teacher to visit Yr6
Mon 21st June – Life Education Van visit

School Twitter Page:

@StBourton



A Polite Plea:

Can we please ask everyone to check and name their child's clothing this weekend, especially jumpers. We have found lots without names in!

A few reminders:

In the sunnier weather, please can the children come to school with sun hats and a named water bottle.

Rucksacks and equipment from home: Please remember that we are still not able to allow the children to bring in equipment or toys from home. If possible could the children also refrain from bringing in large rucksacks as space is limited as we are not using the corridor cloakrooms.

Volunteers:

Do you have an hour or so free to hear readers or can you help with Swimming lessons? If yes, please let us know as we are welcoming back volunteers. Please sign up via the Microsoft Form if you have some time free during the week to help us out with Swimming.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school. Please ensure your child does not have any nut products in their lunchbox—this includes Chocolate/nut spread in sandwiches and cereal bars which contain nuts. We have children in school with severe Nut Allergies.



Reminder: The Car Park is for Staff Use only this includes when dropping off for breakfast club.

Covid19 Update:

Just a reminder that if your child or any member of your household (including your childcare bubble or support bubble, if you have one) develops Covid19 symptoms all members of your household should isolate. You must book a test for the symptomatic person and phone or email the school office to let us know.

You can arrange a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- New, persistent cough
- High temperature
- Change to sense of taste or smell

If you do need to get a test for a member of your household, once you get the result, please let us know the result. If we do get a positive case in school, we will work with the Public Health Team to identify close contacts and they will be asked to isolate.

Shavuot Celebration Day

Today as a whole school we have been learning all about the Jewish festival of Shavuot. This is a festival which celebrates the fruits and flowers of early Spring and commemorates the Torah being given to the Jewish people.

Each class enjoyed an assembly with Lynda, a Judaism specialist, where they found out more about Judaism and the festival of Shavuot. They had an opportunity to ask questions.

Dairy food is a big part of the Shavuot celebrations so as part of our Achievement Assembly this afternoon, sharing our Shavuot work from the day and enjoying the signs of Spring we had a surprise visit from the Ice Cream Man!

We all enjoyed an Ice cream in the drizzle! Thank you to the PTFA for arranging the Ice Cream Van to visit and for funding the visit.

