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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that our Governors have appointed the new Headteacher for Church Aston. Mrs Sarah Pitt will be taking on the role in September. I have already had opportunity to talk to her about the ethos of our school and all the great work that goes on here. She picked up on the super atmosphere last week when she spent time in school meeting the staff, Governors and children as part of the interview process. There will be lots of chance to continue this hand over work with me and she will endeavour to meet parents later in the term, including parents of new children joining us. I aim for it to be as smooth a transition as possible as does she and I wish her well with the next part of the journey for our school.

The final draft of our school story The Church Aston Mouse is now ready, and my thanks goes to Jayne Gibbons for her time and effort with it. Her illustrations are beautiful and really enhance the story. The children will be completing some artwork next week, which will be based their own idea of the mouse and then we shall be on to getting it printed.



We are wondering if anyone could offer some help with a smallish garden project. We need to re slab our patio area as some of the current slabs are uneven and cracked. If anyone has any skills in this area, we would love to hear from you.

Have an enjoyable bank holiday.

Best wishes

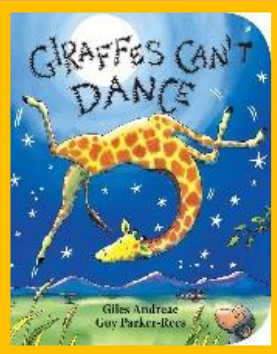
Jenny Griffiths

**HAVE A LOVELY EARLY MAY
BANK HOLIDAY AND WE SHALL
SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 7TH MAY**



CLASS 1

We have been busy bees this week with lots of lovely, exciting learning going on in Class One!



Our focus text this week has been 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. A lot of the children were already familiar with this book so it has been a popular choice! Year One wrote positive sentences with exclamation marks at the end about Gerald the giraffe's dancing to cheer him up after the other animals were mean to him! Reception wrote adjectives to describe the animals in the story. We made some lovely giraffe masks too, can you tell who is wearing their Gerald disguise in this picture?



In maths, Reception have been using a ten frame and a dice frame to show different numbers.

Year 1's have been making bundles of ten and counting in tens. They have been finding missing numbers and counting on from any given number up to 100.

In our free choice time, the children have been taking turns on the iPads. They have been independently finding their names on a tick list, setting their own five-minute timer, carrying out a set computing task and then finding the next two children on the list to let them know it is their turn. We have been so impressed with their independence when carrying out this task.



Have a lovely, long bank holiday weekend and we will see you on



**Rewarded always
amazing us with his
work.**

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS 2



It has been wonderful to see the children thoroughly enjoying their topic 'Africa' this term. In English we have written poems using 'call and response'. Through our poetry we said, **'thank you for the rain'**.



In geography the children learned about compass points focusing on the language 'North, South, East and West.' We had to move along the map, with a grid to find different African animals and places. It was quite challenging because we had to follow to or three instructions, in sequence, to move around the map. Then the children were asked to make a map with African animals and program the Beebots to move around the map from animal to animal, place to place using an algorithm.



In computing we have been listening to 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst. We discussed how the music made us feel and then we used the app Chrome Music Lab to create our own rhythms and patterns and linked them to animals we would find on safari. We enjoyed exploring the instruments.



Rewarded for sharing his love of orienteering and how he uses a compass.

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Important Dates

6th May – Bank Holiday

7th May - Reception children—NCMP Height and Weight checks in school

8th May – Year 2 Forest School

14th May – Year 2 Leaver Photos in school

15th May – Year 1 Forest School

22nd May – Reception Forest School

24th May – last day of half term

3rd June – PD day

4th June – first day back at school for second half of the summer term

8th June – Newport Carnival – further information to follow

25th June—Sports Day in school at 2.00pm—parents welcome to come and watch—please bring a chair



THIS WEEKS WINNING
TEAM IS

**BLUE
TEAM**



This week we received a wonderful e-mail from **Mathletics** congratulating the school and the children that achieved their Legend status. See the snippet from their e-mail.

"I just wanted to reach out to you and say a MASSIVE congratulations as the students in your school that have reached their LEGEND certificate!

This is a huge accomplishment which only a few pupils have done, and shows a massive dedication to Mathletics all throughout the year.

The school and students should be really proud".

Quote from Mathletics Team



AN INTERVIEW WITH MATHEMATICS LEGENDS.

Question 1) How does it feel to become a Maths Legend?

Very exciting!

Very good because I achieved it!

Question 2) What part of Mathletics have you enjoyed most?

I enjoyed it all because it is fun.

I like playing the live sections and tests because you can get lots of extra points.

Question 3) What would you tell your friends about Mathletics?

Practice your maths because it makes you better at it.

Do it at home, you can then improve a lot.



Celebrating Success

REWARDS OF THE WEEK

Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.



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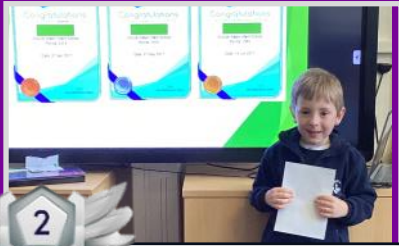
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BRONZE



SILVER



GOLD



PLATINUM



EMERALD



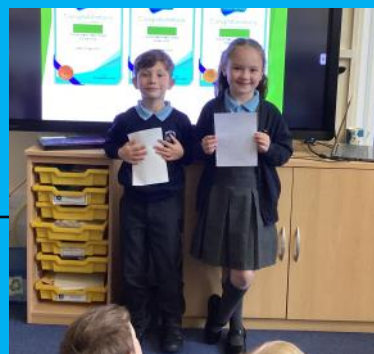
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LEGEND
You reached the top.



Well Done!