



Primary Post

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The newsletter of
Malmesbury C of E Primary School
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It was great to share our SIAMS report with you earlier in the week. We felt that the inspector really understood our school and appreciated the caring ethos which we work so hard to maintain. It says so many lovely things about our school as a community, which includes the children and parents and carers. There are always points for development identified, although in our case there was just one. This is about the very important need to stop, take stock, reflect and be still sometimes. In the modern hectic world, with so much competition for our attention, it's something which we all need to remember. It will be really valuable to take time to teach and practise this with the children.

Our school value in focus this term is Independence. This is the one which applies to all the other values - we ultimately aim for the children to show every value independently. It is especially applicable to Year 6, for whom this is their final term at primary school. But everyone's growing up and moving on. The summer term part 2 is an opportunity to finish the year with happy memories.

We are still awaiting planning approval for the school expansion project. If and when this comes, we will move ahead swiftly to make the most of the summer holiday and minimise term-time disruption. The project has now been over four years in the making, with an enormous amount of work behind the scenes and we look forward to it becoming visible very shortly. But there's plenty else happening every day in school. Read on and find out...

Mr Heal

KEEP LEARNING. KEEP CONFIDENT. BEAT THE SUMMER SLIDE!

SUMMER FUN WITH NESSY!

FREE CAMP NESSY RESOURCE PACK
Packed with fun activities to build reading, spelling and confidence!

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Track your achievements!
- COLOURING PAGES**
Get creative with Nessy and friends!
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Dates for the Diary

Friday 26th June - TD Day
Monday 29th June - TD Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th - Half Term

JUNE

Tuesday - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Tennis Year 4
Friday 5th, 12th, 26th Jul 3rd, 10th Swimming Year 3 (Group 2)

Friday 12th June - Monday 15th - Morfa Bay

Thursday 18th June Sports Day
AM: KS2
PM: KS1

Friday 19th - Fathers' Day Shop

JULY

Friday 3rd, 10th Swimming Year 3 (Group 2)

Fete 10th July

Monday 13th - Reports Out

Monday 13th - Yr6 Production to KS1 (am)

Tuesday 14th - Yr 6 Production to KS2 (am)

Tuesday 14th - Yr 6 Production to Parents (6.30pm)

Wednesday 15th - Yr6 Production to Parents (6.30pm)

Date TBC - Year 2 Move up Ceremony

Thursday 16th - Proposed Move up day depending on Secondary School

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Service at the Abbey

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

THE BIG FUTURE

YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE. MAKE IT COUNT!

The Children's Commissioner has launched a survey aimed at **EVERY CHILD** in the country, asking a range of questions which will **HELP SHAPE THEIR FUTURE.**

TELL US WHAT MATTERS TO YOU ABOUT:

- YOUR WELLBEING
- YOUR EDUCATION
- YOUR COMMUNITY
- YOUR VOICE
- YOUR FUTURE

TAKE PART TODAY!

SCAN ME!

You can access further information and the survey here:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL CHILDREN.

It only takes a few minutes but can make a **BIG** difference!

Wild Acres

at The Butts Farm

HOLIDAY CLUB

- ★ Thursday 30th July
- ★ Friday 31st July
- ★ Thursday 6th August
- ★ Friday 7th August
- ★ Thursday 13th August
- ★ Friday 14th August

9am to 3.30pm

FARMYARD ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- BUNNY CUDDLES
- DONKEY GROOMING
- CHICKEN FEEDING
- NATURE ART AND CRAFTS
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- PLAY AREA
- OUTDOOR GAMES
- PLUS MUCH MORE!

FOR BOOKING ENQUIRIES
⇒ PLEASE CONTACT ⇒
wildacresbuttsfarm@gmail.com

FOR AGES 5-14 YEARS | RUN BY TWO FULLY QUALIFIED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS | COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

LEARN EXPLORE MAKE MEMORIES!

FRESH AIR, FRIENDS & FUN ON THE FARM!

Year 6 Sewing Club



Sewing Club is now in full swing with its 3rd group!

Back in the autumn, we were very lucky to have been supported by Malmesbury Carnival and given funds to buy six brand new sewing machines! With the machines bought and ready to be used, the only thing left was to find budding sewists and some resources...

Thanks to very generous donations from The Fabric Shack, we were able to get masses of fabric and enough child-safe fabric scissors to go around – so as a thank you, it would be great to support this wonderful local resource. So far we have made bunting, made handy notebook pen holders and drawstring bags!

We are also very thankful to the FOMPs for financially supporting the club with an iron and board, elastic, interfacing and more!

Mrs Wyatt and her Year 6 Sewists



Raising Money for a Good Cause

Betsy and Jackson have been growing plants (mostly tomatoes) from seed since February half term and in Saturday 30th May they held a charity plant sale, for Cancer Research and raised over £300! The stall was open for 2 hours and we had a steady flow of customers!





Early Years



Welcome back to our final term in Reception! We can hardly believe that we only have one term left before the children move on to Year One.

This term, our learning will focus on the theme **"Blue Planet."** Throughout the term, we will be exploring a variety of fascinating topics, including different sea creatures and their habitats, how we can help keep marine life safe, the impact of water pollution, facts about seaside animals, and how the seaside has changed from the past to the present.

We are also busy preparing for our class assembly and can't wait to share our learning with you. The children have been working hard and are very excited about showcasing what they have been learning.

We would also like to share some photographs of the wonderful learning that took place before the Half-term break. One of the highlights of the term was a visit from a beekeeper. The children learnt so much about bees, their importance to our environment, and how they work together within a hive.

This experience inspired some truly amazing artwork. The children explored the mathematical concept of **fractals** and used this as the basis for their creative designs. Each child created a hexagonal pattern, inspired by the structure of a beehive, before transferring their design onto clay. We are currently planning to assemble all of the individual pieces together to create one giant collaborative beehive display, and we are excited to see the finished result.

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead, with our class assembly, Sports Day, and transition visits to Year One all coming up over the next few weeks. There is certainly lots to look forward to, and we know the term will fly by in no time at all!







MILEPOST 1

The start of Term 6

Term six has got off to a busy start in year 1 with the launch of our theme of Journeys. We are learning about the continent of Africa.

In art and D.T, we have made our own snakes out of clay, focussing on repeated patterns and mark making on the snake's scales. The children are very excited to be painting these once dry!

In our English, we have been writing reports on African animals. We have loved learning facts about Lions and Elephants and have really shown our teachers everything we have learnt so far in Year 1.

In computing, we have also been introduced to BeeBots, and have been looking at programming and creating algorithms.



Our clay snakes being created!



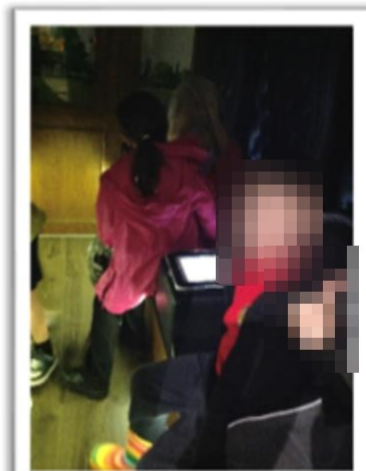
We programmed our BeeBots with the help of the Year 6s



Year 2

Brilliant Brunel

Finally, the hugely anticipated trip to Brunel's SS Great Britain had arrived this week. We all had a fabulous day and the weather was very kind. I'm sure your child came home full of excitement of what they saw, things they did and lunch! Lunch and the toilets are always a highlight on the trip, especially the talking toilet! We even had time for a little rest but the beds weren't very comfy. A huge thank you to all the volunteers for all the trips too.





We even had time for Top Trumps! The cards were of Brunel's famous achievements. It kept the children entertained.



MILEPOST 2

Brilliant Brunel Yr 3

This term Year 3 are looking at Brilliant Brunel. We have had a fantastic start to the term when we acted out what it must have been like at the launch of the SS Great Britain. Armed with lots of knowledge about this great engineer we visited the ship, where we were taken on a guided tour. We found out what life looked like, sounded like and even smelt like on the two week voyage to America or the six week voyage to Australia!

Later on this term, we are hopefully looking forward to working with some engineers from Dyson to investigate making bridges. Who knows, we may have the next 'Brunel' here at Malmesbury!

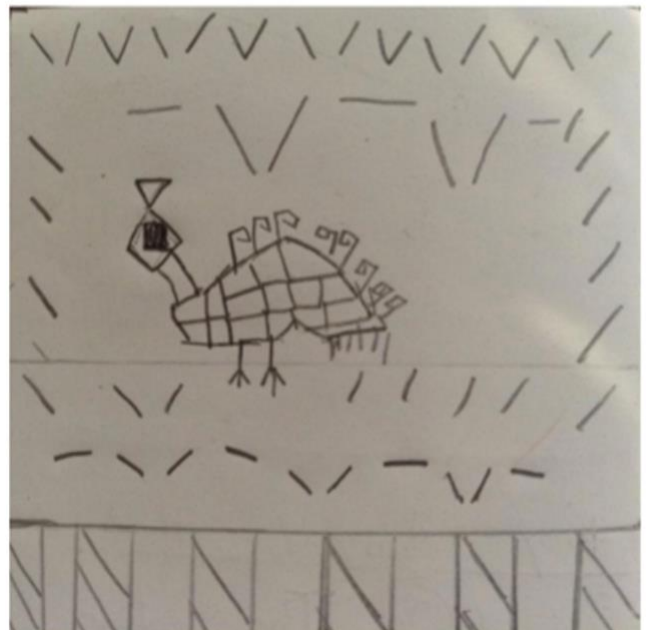
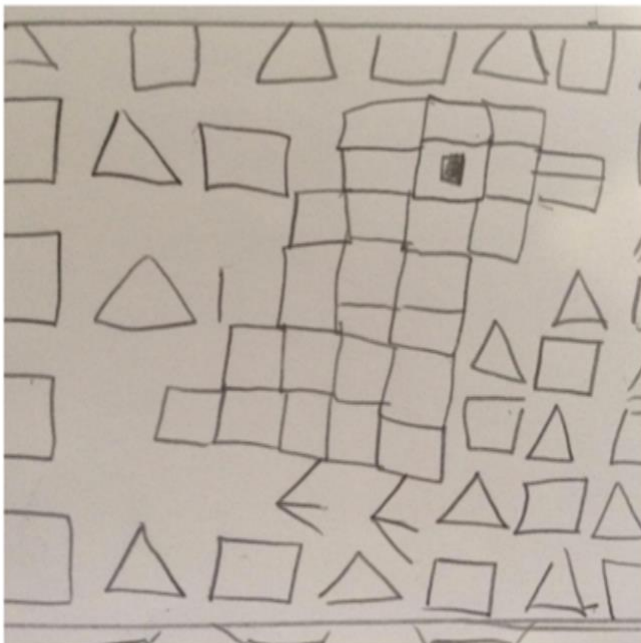




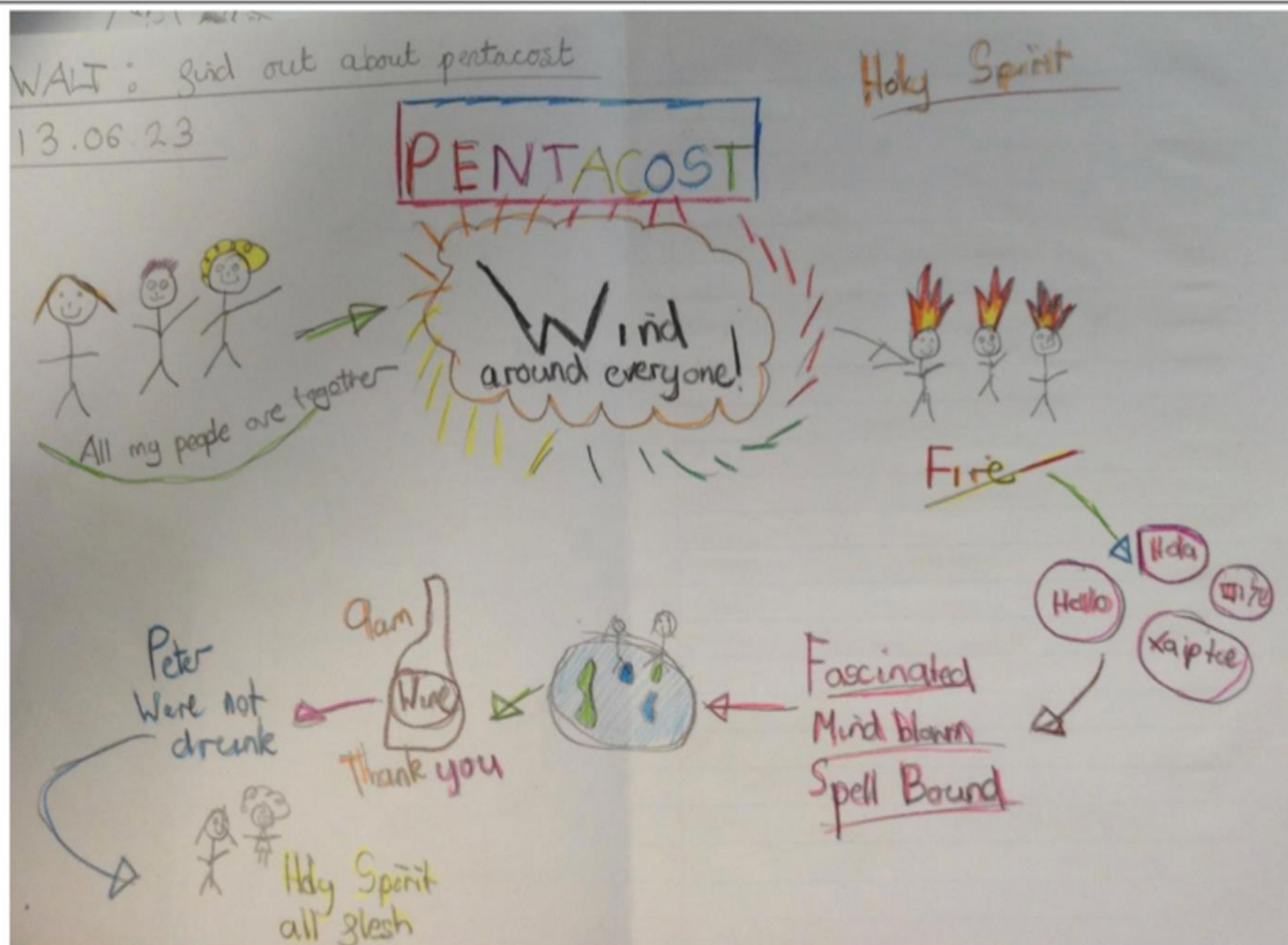
The Maya - Year 4

Year 4 have started their learning by thinking about some of the aspects of Maya daily life, such as religion, buildings and their number system. We will continue with talking about their language and their diet. We will then round off the term by designing and making our own Maya inspired balanced meal.

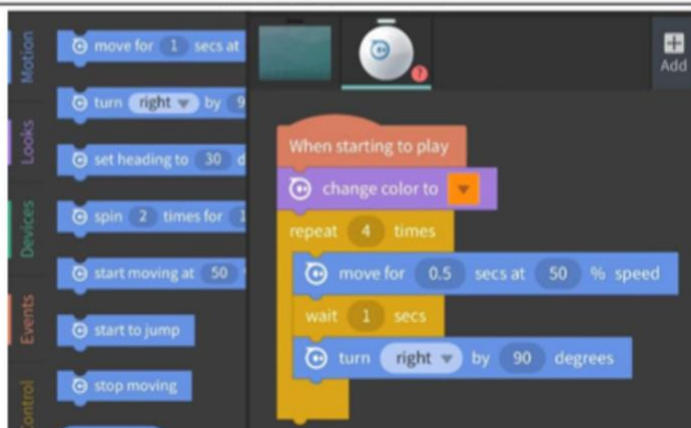
We have also made a start on our T-shirt printing project and have designed our Maya inspired pattern. We will transfer them onto a printing block and have a test run, to give us an idea of what our final pieces will look like.



In our RE lessons this term, we have been learning about the events that took place on the day of Pentecost. We used a story map to explain what we discovered.



Year 4 have also had the chance to use their coding skills to get to grips with the Sphero robots. They learned how to program them to move around a set course and then completed some challenges.





MILEPOST 3



All the children have made a great start to the new term and indeed the end of last term was also very busy. During the last week of last term in both year groups, all the children were able to experience something new to our school with a visit from the 'I Can, I Am' double decker bus. The focus of the workshops that the children took part in was on positivity and how to build their self esteem with the children especially enjoying the pizza making activity where the 'fruits of their labour' were consumed with gusto! We are very much hoping to repeat this great experience again next year.

Towards the end of last term, we were especially proud of the hard working positive approach that the children in Year 6 demonstrated in undertaking their SATs assessments. In completing the tests, a highlight for the children was definitely the pre-test tasty treats that were kindly provided by the kitchen team each day! It has also been exciting to hear the Year 6 classrooms echoing with the sounds of music and singing and scenes being rehearsed as the children have begun learning their parts for the upcoming Year 6 summer production. As well as that, when you read this, the children in Year 6 will be on their residential trip to Morfa Bay - fingers crossed for sunshine! Last term, the children in Year 5 were showing their design and sewing skills in creating some colourful mobile phone covers, some examples of which are shown below.

Additionally, the end of this week has been marked by the children in Year 5 enthusiastically performing their rendition of 'The Highwayman' poem as part of their sharing assembly which was very keenly supported by parents and carers and it was wonderful that so many of you were able to attend.

Finally, for our Year 6 parents and carers, we just wanted to remind you of a few key dates for this term:

8th and 9th of July - Malmesbury Secondary School transition days

15th and 16th of July (Evenings - 6:30pm) - Year 6 Production performances

21st July (morning - commencing at 10:00am) - Year 6 Leavers Service at Malmesbury Abbey

21st July (after school) - Year 6 BBQ at the Cotswold Water Park

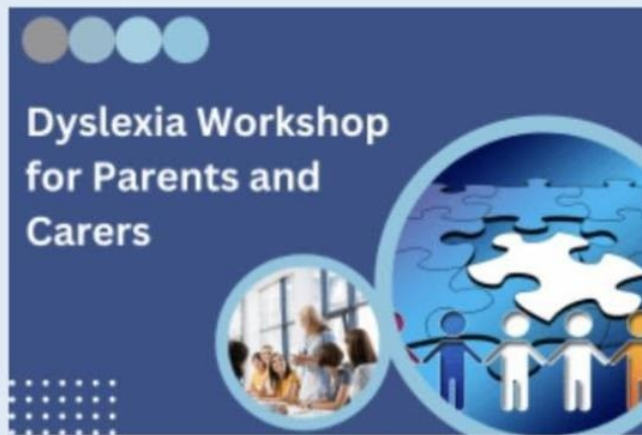
As the term proceeds, we hope that the lovely weather we saw during the half term break will return and that the children can enjoy all the outdoor fun that always marks the summer term.

Mrs Hampton.









Dyslexia Workshop For Parents And Carers

Tuesday 16th June

5.00pm – 6.30pm

Wiltshire Council County Hall

Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 8JN

Presenter: Alison Szalay (Specialist SEN Service)

Find out what dyslexia is, how schools and other agencies in Wiltshire identify and support literacy difficulties, and ways to help at home.

Schools - please share the course information with your parents/carers.

Booking Information:

School staff can book on through Right Choice at:
[Dyslexia Workshop For Parents And Carers \(Face to Face\) | Right Choice](#)

Parents and carers can book by emailing: DFS@wiltshire.gov.uk

Audience: Wiltshire Primary and Secondary School staff, parents and carers.

Some visitor parking is available at County Hall: [View on map](#) 

The closest car parks are at St Stephen's Place Multi Storey and Court Street:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-trowbridge>.

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