



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,

Next Monday is St David's Day and to all of our families of Welsh heritage, **Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus!**

We are counting down the days until all of our pupils are due to return. Wider reopening will be under the same conditions as in the autumn term, with staggered starts and ends of days, and detailed safety measures in place as before. You will have already received a letter via ParentMail earlier today, containing information and reminders as to how things will run. When we return to face to face teaching, Mrs Zahid, will be the teacher in 6N on Thursday and Friday, until Ms Edwards is well enough to return to work.

PE & Games

PE days will remain the same as the autumn term and children are welcome to attend school in kit on PE days. The PE timetable can be found in the diary dates section at the end of this Newsletter.

Uniform & School Shoes



Some children will have outgrown their uniform and shoes over the last 8 weeks. Should you wish to buy uniform, please order online by the end of school on Thursday. You will be able to collect your items on Friday between 1.00 and 3.30pm.

Shoe shops are not due to re-open until 12th April and if your child's shoes no longer fit, please do not worry about sending them in wearing trainers or other footwear suitable for a day at school. This will give all of our parents the chance to purchase school shoes before we come back after the Easter holidays on Monday 19th April.

St David

St David is the patron saint of Wales and he is celebrated on the 1st March. Welsh people often mark this day by wearing one or both of Wales' national emblems - a daffodil and a leek. Special concerts and parades are usually held in his honour.



David - or Dewi Sant in Welsh - was born on the south-west coast of Wales, near to where the city of St David's is today. He is believed to have been born some time in between 462 and 515 AD and there are many stories about miracles happening around him.

His last words to his followers are thought to have been: "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do." The phrase gwenwch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd - 'Do the little things in life' - is still a well-known phrase used today.

Comic Relief – 19th March

We have some fun activities planned for throughout the day, and will be celebrating with a 'wear something red' non-uniform day in return for a voluntary donation to raise money for this very good cause!



Robot Competition Winners

Congratulations to all of our entrants to our Robot Competition. Judging was very difficult and we had to enlist the services of three different staff in the decision making.

Our winners are:

Year 3: Ella, 3L

Year 4: Michael, 4C

Year 5: Tilly, 5S

Year 6: Evelyn, 6B

Staff Prize: Mrs Judd.

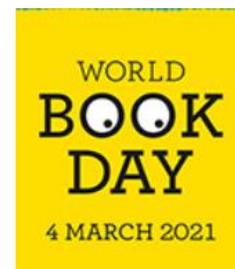


We were also so impressed by the efforts of sister and brother, Amelia, 3B and Jasper, 5P, that we also included them as winners for a joint prize.

Photos of all the entries can be seen on the Gallery page of the website [here](#) and prizes will be presented in school next week.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

Don't forget it's World Book Day on 4th March, and the children and staff working in school and at home are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the winner from each class and also a staff prize! Please remember to send in a photo of your child in costume for our Gallery page. There will also be several special events organised throughout the day. Full details can be found in the ParentMail sent on 22nd February.



The children might also like to create their own reading den. We would love it if you can email us photos of the children reading in their den so that we can share them on our Gallery page or in the newsletter.

Story Box Competition to Celebrate World Book Day



Calling all pupils ... to celebrate World Book Day why not get creative and recreate your favourite picture book or novel in a story box? You can use any items from your home (please ask for permission first), or be inventive with your arts and craft materials!



Entries should be emailed to: competitionentries@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

with your name and class in the subject line. The competition closes on Monday 15th March. Only one entry per child is allowed and all photos received will be uploaded to our dedicated Gallery page on the website for everyone to enjoy. There will be one winner per year group. We are looking forward to seeing all of the entries!



Junior Bake Off Applications

Love Productions, the company behind The Great British Bake Off, have recently opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 – 15 years old. Filming will take place from July 2021. **Applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.**



iRock and Berkshire Maestros

iRock and Berkshire Maestro music lessons can resume from 8th March. If your child has music lessons with iRock/Maestros you will be emailed timetables directly from the provider. If you have any queries over the timetable for your child please contact iRock and Maestros direct.

Meadow Early Morning Breakfast Club and Energy Kidz After School Club

Both clubs will resume from 8th March, and there are spaces available. If you wish to book a place for your child, details can be found on the website [here](#).

Wonderful Work!

Here are just a few examples chosen by class teachers.

Year 3

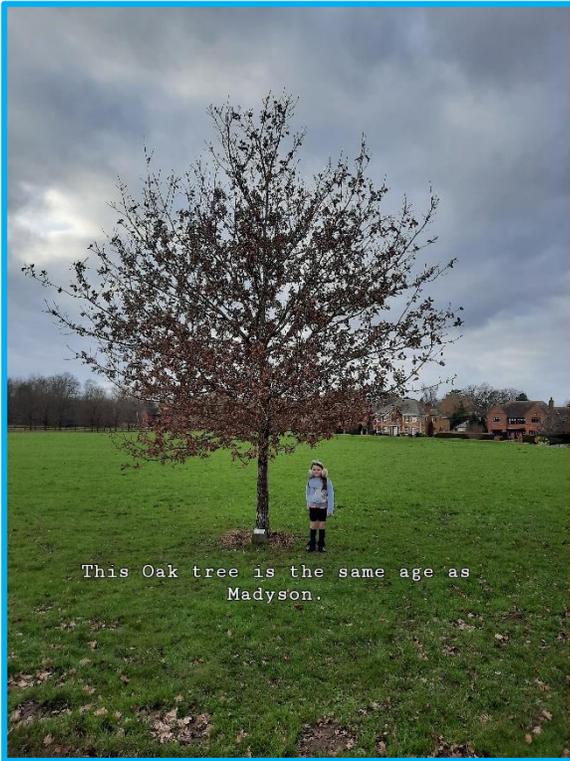
Stripey Zebra

I'm a stripey zebra, a noisy zebra, a cheeky zebra, I live in a herd;
I'm a naughty zebra, a jumpy zebra, as quick as a bird.
I'm a muddy zebra, a smelly zebra, mane tatty and knotted;
I love to roll in mud and water, I'm stripey not spotted.

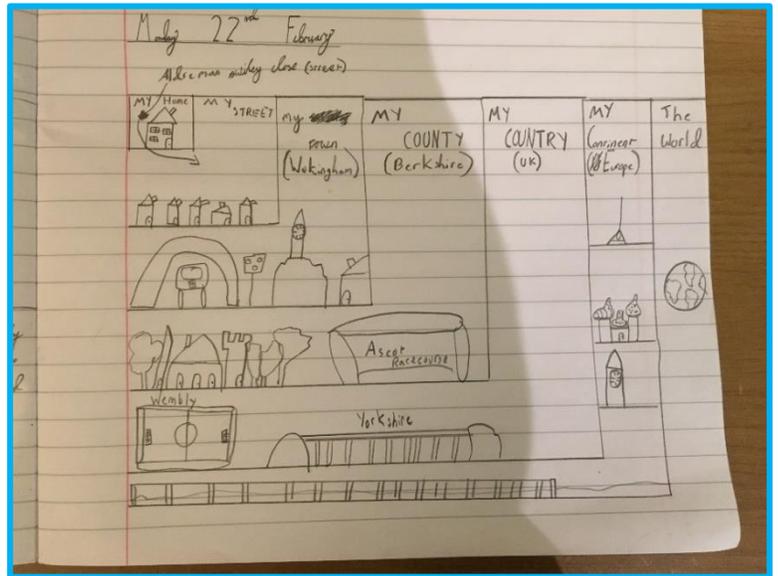
I'll never be a pet zebra, or people ride on my back;
A slow zebra, a sad zebra, or food from a sack;
Not for me the zoo, or safari park;
But wide-open spaces, and sleeping in the dark.

Freya, 3B

Madyson, 3L



Oniesh, 3D

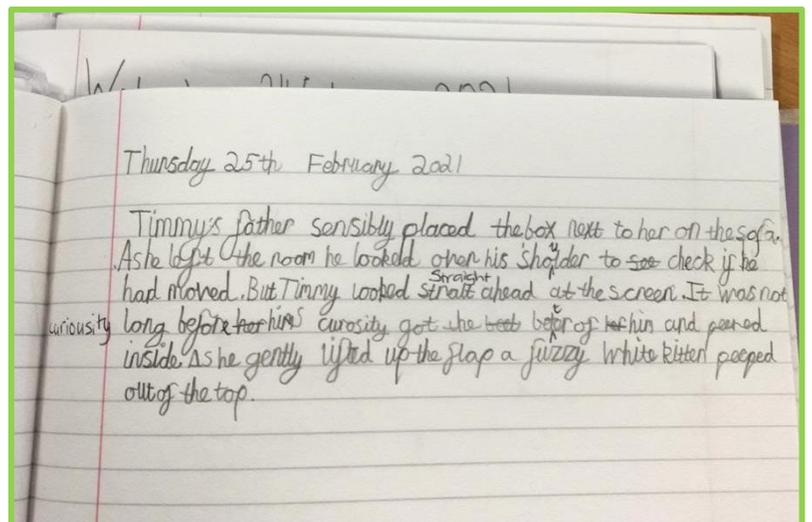


Year 4

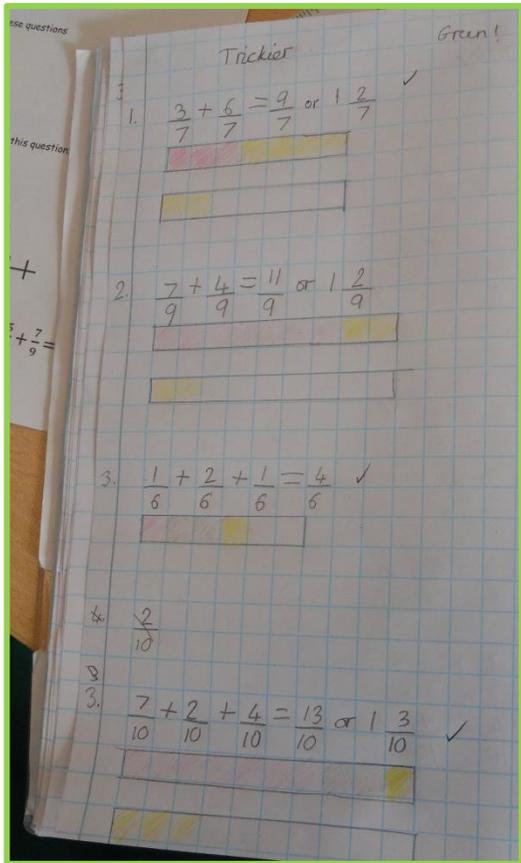


Sophie, Marco, Erin, Ethan and Dolly (4M keyworker class)

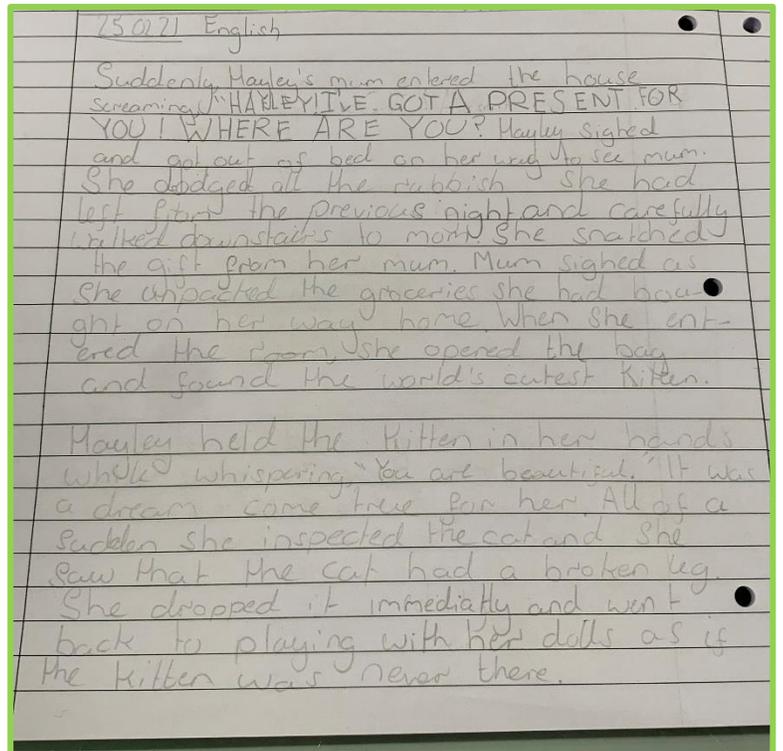
Ethan 4M



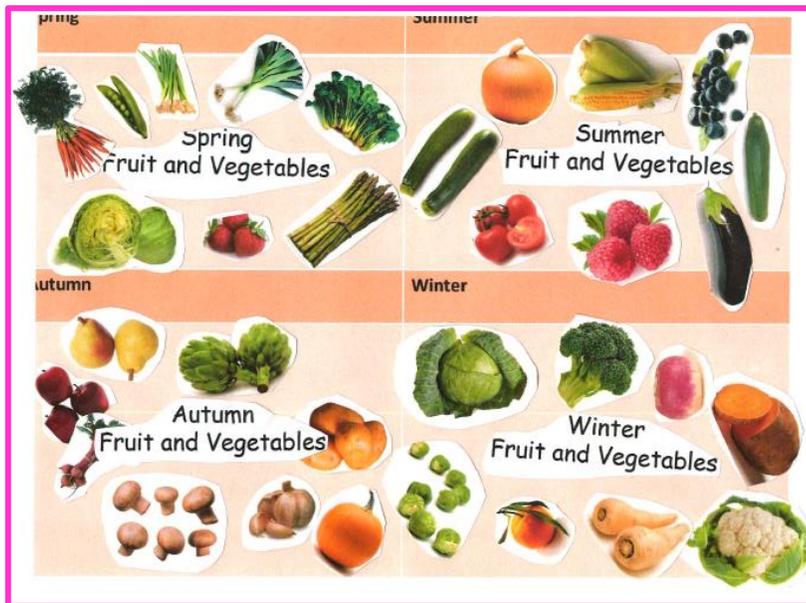
Eloise, 4C



Hayley, 4L

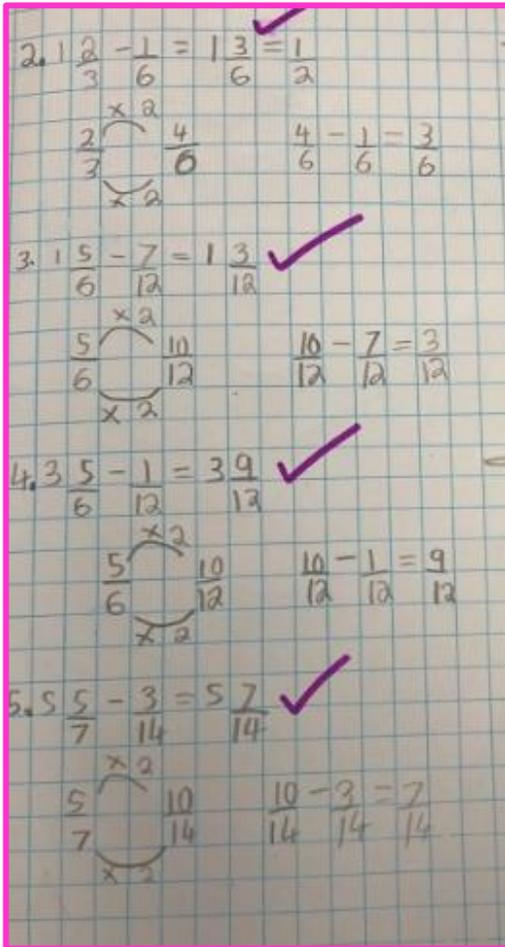


Year 5

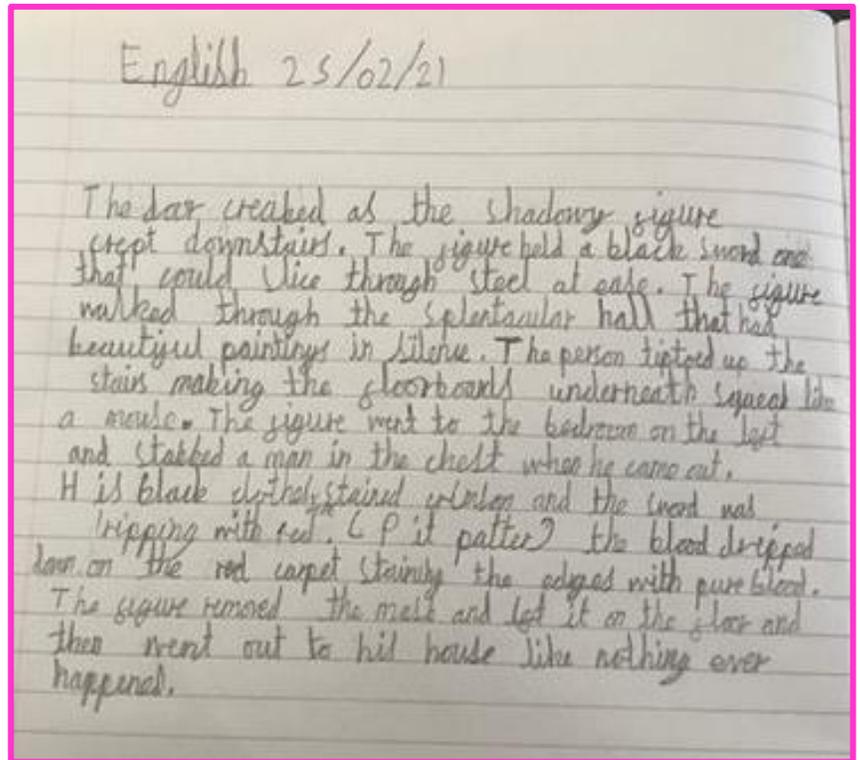


Tilly, 5S

Ellie, 5P



Nulan 5K



Year 6

Year 6 spent last half term learning all about bridges and their construction. This culminated in a final project where the children had to design and make a prototype of a bridge to meet a certain design brief and set of design criteria. Here is some of our wonderful work:

Lucas 6N



Alex, 6N



Mackenzie, 6N



Freya, 6G



Jack, 6G



Evelyn, 6B

Marcus 6G and Xander 6B

My final bridge

Two car lanes
One animal lane

Bridge is 50 cm long

Ramp on/off the bridge

Holes for the rain to wash mud and animal poo off the bridge

Cattle grid

Animal gate

Bridge is 20 cm high to allow boats to travel on the river underneath

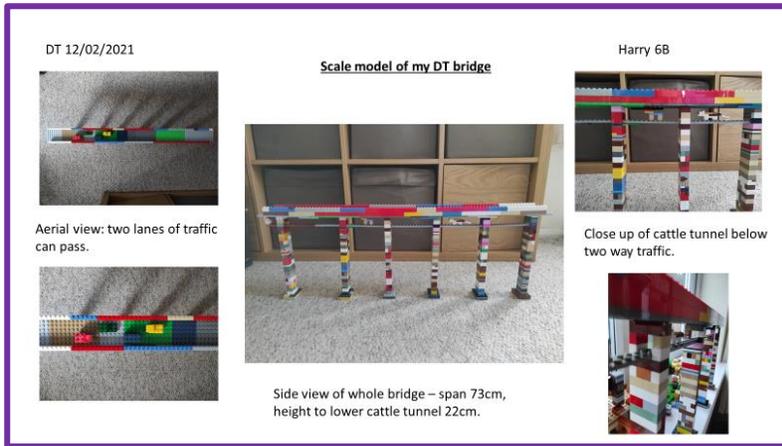
Scale of my bridge structure is 100:1 (vehicles and animals not to scale)



Frankie, 6B



Harry, 6B



Year 6 also took part in a fabulous cookery class hosted by Mrs Bond and Miss Gilder, making Caribbean chicken with rice and black beans. The aromas around school on Friday were wonderful.



6B Keyworker Group



Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the children in this week's Roll of Honour - well done, everyone!

Year 3

- 3B
- Mohid - making a fantastic effort with his presentation and producing great work as a result.
 - Udbhasita - for being unfailingly bright and positive at all times and making valuable contributions to remote lessons.



- Dhruv - your earnest attention to detail and carefully executed work throughout lockdown.
- Willow - working incredibly hard and always being ready to make positive contributions to remote lessons.

3D

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- Taigan - For bravely volunteering to read a poem to the class in English.
- Oniesh – For always completing his work to a high standard.
- Fraser – For pushing himself to take on more challenges in maths.
- Anaya – For creating a beautifully illustrated diagram of 'My World' in Geography.

3L

- Cruz – producing amazing art work in the style of Andy Warhol.
- Tommy – fantastic geography work looking at how Wokingham fits into the world.
- Rory – showing independence and enthusiasm for all his learning.

Year 4

4C

- ◆ Michael and Sreeja – their enthusiasm for learning.

4L

- ◆ Tomas and Daisy – their hard work and great progress with our fractions work.
- ◆ Isla – working hard on her change of heart story in English.

4M

- ◆ Dolly, Ethan, Sophie, Marco and Erin – their fantastic teamwork in making an aqueduct.
- ◆ 4M Keyworker Class: Sophie, Ethan, Marco, Dolly and Erin – producing an amazing water aqueduct together. Their collaboration and consideration of one another was excellent.

Year 5

5S

- Ella - a conscientious and positive approach to all her home-learning
- Ffion - a conscientious and positive approach to all her home-learning
- Luke - his fantastic fractions
- Rohit - his regular and thoughtful contributions to live lessons
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5K

- Charlie, Edward and Mohammad – a fantastic paragraph in English creating atmosphere.
- Alina – being a great mathematician when working with fractions.

5P

- Harry – his fantastic effort and the excellent presentation of his Maths work.
- Thor – his enthusiastic engagement and fantastic contributions to our English lessons this week.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Erfan – contributing great ideas to discussion and working hard to produce his newspaper report last half term.
- ❖ Brajan – his conscientious attitude towards his remote learning.

6G

- ❖ Lanie-Rose – being so resilient throughout online learning and always trying her best.
- ❖ Jack, Konstantin, Freya, Maya, Surya, Edie, Callum, Carlos, Marcus, Sophia, Oliver, Dhir, Emilia, Shayna, Varad and Judy – their impressive bridge models which showcased their DT learning from last term.

As I said in my letter earlier, we are fast approaching the end of remote learning and, once again, I would like to thank you for your help and support with school work since 5th January. You have done a fantastic job!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back and are busy preparing for their return. Just a reminder, that next Thursday's session will be the last live class catch up and, on Friday, lessons will be in the form of videos. This is to enable class teachers to work in school, planning and organising resources and rooms, ready for the children's return on Monday morning. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Online Learning mailboxes will close on Monday 8th, as the children will be back in classrooms.

The weather forecast is fair for the weekend and, hopefully, we will all be able to spend some time outdoors in the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020	
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 4 th March 2021	World Book Day
Thursday 1 st April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19 th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	

PE/Games Day Timetable – Spring Term 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4C	4L	3B	All Classes	3L
4M	5S	5K		3D
6N		5P		6G
				6B