



Fortnightly Newsletter



5th July 2024

Your children have once again worked very hard over the last couple of weeks. We have been very busy since the last newsletter! We hope you enjoyed sports day last week. Despite the rather warm weather, all the children were an absolute credit to our school and it was lovely to witness them encouraging and supporting each other all afternoon – I was very proud!

We were treated to a wonderful Lord's Prayer Experience at St. Peter's church last Tuesday. This was organised by Reverend Ruth and her team. The children visited six little workshops and each one was about a different section of the prayer. They ate bread, washed stones, made prayer hands and listened to a collection of different stories linked to the prayer. Each child was given a bookmark to keep, along with their 'prayer medal' to show that they had visited each little workshop. We finished with a collective hymn before returning to school in time for lunch. Reverend Ruth then consolidated the learning in her Thursday assembly. You have probably already seen a few photos from this event on my class page.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the school BBQ last Thursday – as with sports day, we were very lucky with the weather and all of the children seemed to be having a lovely time with their friends.

A huge well done to all of the children who entered one or both of the categories for their age group at East Bridgford village show last Saturday – I really enjoyed looking at all of the different exhibits and was extremely impressed with the quality – the cupcakes looked too good to eat!

The Euros are now well underway and sadly some children have now been eliminated as their country did not qualify for the next round or have not been successful in the round of 16. We are now up to the quarter final stage games which are to be played today and tomorrow... Somehow, England have made it to the quarter final stage and we look forward to yet another stunning performance from them. This time against Switzerland!

The children met their new class teacher for Year 3 on Monday. I believe that the visits went well and the children returned to me with huge smiles and excitement about becoming juniors! You will know by now that

I am also moving up to Key Stage 2 in September so we are all moving up there together – we will see plenty of each other as I will be just up the corridor in Year 5. We may meet again at some point...

We have loved observing our caterpillars at first hand. We were able to watch them feed for a number of days before wrapping themselves up before changing into beautiful butterflies! We have 5 in total and look forward to releasing them into the big wide world at the appropriate time. As part of this half term's Science, we have been able to closely observe, record and draw the different stages of their life cycle at first hand.



We are now the proud parents of four beautiful butterflies – our classroom has turned into a maternity ward!

In R.E, as well as our Lord's Prayer workshop, the children have enjoyed listening to the story of Sarah and Abraham. From this, we have had a go at retelling the story through drama and writing.

In Design and Technology, we have continued to look at different machines and their moving parts. The next stage is to design and make a greetings card with a moving part – this will be either a car or a butterfly!

Maths:

We have spent the last couple of weeks focusing on telling the time. We began with simple o'clock and half past times and then moved to quarter to and past. From this, the children have had experience of telling the time in five minute intervals on an analogue clock. Our next step will be to look at digital times as well as timetables and calendars.

English:

As well as spelling, grammar work and reading comprehensions, the children have enjoyed our latest unit of work – 'Something Fishy' So far, we have ordered and sequenced the story and from this, the children have been able to create their own story maps to show their understanding of the main features.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner – I really appreciate your support with this. As always, I am quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. I am also happy for children to read their own books from home or the library if they wish to, I will continue to be

checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading. If books need changing in between your child's nominated book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

I will be collecting all reading books in on Monday 22nd July.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children still require an indoor kit for both Tuesday and Friday sessions.
- Open afternoon – Monday 8th July
- Race for Life – Tuesday 23rd July (morning)

Please keep checking my class page of the school website for all information, photos and updates.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at our open afternoon on Monday!

Mrs Gilbey