

# Class Updates - 22.09.2023



## Reception Butterflies update

Wow, such a busy week Butterflies have had. The children have enjoyed getting to know their Year 6 Buddies and have had lots of new experiences- break in the playground with the rest of the school, Forest school, first PE lesson (dance) and their first sponsored event!



The children are learning about the daily routines in school.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came to our **Phonics and Independent workshops** on Tuesday.

As mentioned previously, Little Wandle, Revised Letters & Sounds, has a website page just for parents and you can hear how the letter sounds are taught:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Have a super weekend, let the children get some well deserved rest!

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Our Ladybirds have focused really well this week, getting back into the swing of school! We've had lots of fun playing games to help us count forwards and finding one more or less than a number. We were really impressed with their self-portraits –the children had to listen really carefully to instructions and did well placing the features on their faces. High winds meant that we couldn't access some of the forest school area but we had lots of fun nonetheless—making kites using plastic bags and string and watching ribbons fly through the air! The children loved raising money for school with Prostrike and had a fantastic time trying to kick the fastest goal. Our record was 47km per hour. Please remember to send the reading records into school every day so that they are available for us to read with them. Thank you!



***Mrs McInnes, Miss Nicholson & the Year 1 Team***



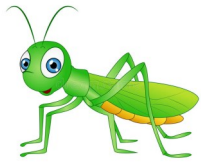
## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have been working really hard this week across all subjects and have started getting used to Year 2 routines.

We had a fantastic time at the Pro-Strike event. We were all given the chance to kick a football three times whilst our speed was measured. We all tried really hard and cheered each other on. In English this week, we have been using capital letters and full stops correctly in our writing and have been discussing similes for a range of emotions. We have also identified features of diary writing and enjoyed finding out the ending to our class book– Beegu. In geography this week, we located North and South pole on our world maps and discussed the differences between them. This week in maths we have continued our place value unit and have begun using expanded form. We will continue this skill next week too. In RE, we have continued looking at creation and how we say thanks to God the creator. We have enjoyed singing Harvest songs and learning about why we say thank you during Harvest time. The children have really enjoyed art this week, focusing on texture and patterns. Please remember to bring reading records to school everyday, so that we can record children's wonderful reading. Spellings have been stuck into their reading records ready for their spelling recap next Friday.



*Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team*



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

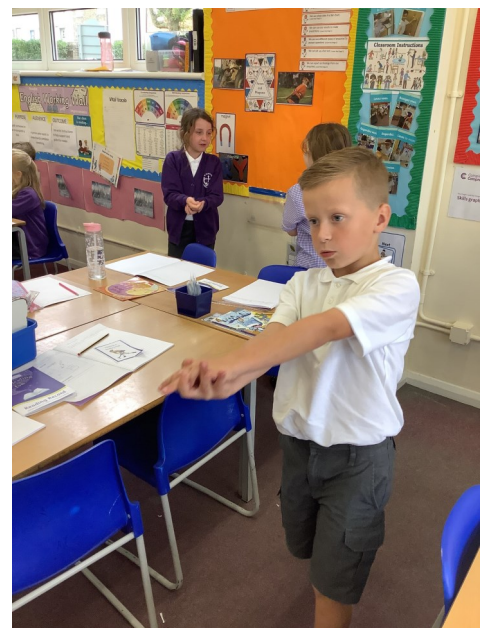
The children in Year 3 have had a fantastic week. In Maths, we have continued to look at place value. We have looked at ordering and comparing numbers from smallest to largest and largest to smallest. This is a very tricky concept; however, the children did extremely well.

In Science, we looked at forces, more specifically learning about push and pull. The children used drama in order to act out different forces and if they were starting or stopping the force. They then used their knowledge to label other pictures and create examples of different forces.

Finally, on Thursday, the children enjoyed their ProStrike event. The class's scores were fantastic, and it was lovely to see everyone persevering and trying their best.

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and the Y3 team**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

In English, we have been looking at adjectives to develop the children's vocabulary for descriptive writing. We are compiling a class word bank to help make their writing more interesting. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 and today we started rounding to the nearest 10. In science, we got out all the equipment and the class built their own circuits using bulbs, motors and buzzers. This involved a lot of problem solving, especially when it didn't work and they had to work out which component was faulty.

On Thursday, ProStrike came into school for the fundraising event and each child had 3 attempts to kick the ball into the goal and their most powerful/quickest was recorded. The class really supported each other and cheered each other on which was lovely to see.

### ***Mr Pike & the Yr4 team***



## Year 5 Busybees Update



*Year 5 have had a great week! There was lots of excitement on Thursday with the sponsored shooting competition. Top score was 74 mph – well done, Blakely! In the afternoon the girls participated in the football competition and back at school the boys experimented with aerodynamics to find out which paper aeroplane design was most effective. The open cylinder turned out to be not as successful as we had hoped, but the aeroplane design was a hit!*

*In English the children have worked very hard on writing their non-chronological reports and have included lots of features to capture the reader's attention. Well done, Bees!*

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll**





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

*The Dragonflies have packed in lots of activities and events this week!*

We've been looking at evolution in our science unit, and have got onto how fossils are made and show how animals have changed over time. To help the children remember how fossils are created, we used some playdough, some toy dinosaurs and a plaster of Paris mix to make our own cast-and-mould fossils! Ask your child to see if they can recall how fossils are made and what the other types of fossils are.

Dragonflies loved our Computing lesson this week, where we used the Chromebooks to mimic remote learning—the children are creating their own presentations on the laptops, but are only allowed to use chat functions to coordinate with one another (a side-effect, completely unplanned by Mr Clarke, is that the whole lesson is also conducted in silence!).

We also have had lots of sports activities. The class took part in the Prostrike tournament and cheered each other on really well. They have also been working on their gymnastics skills, where they have challenged themselves and persevered when things got tough.

Finally, the class met their buddies for the first time! Year 6 have been great in showing them the ropes and are being great role models to our new St Mary's students.

Have a great weekend and we'll see you on Monday!

*Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton*

