

All Saints' News



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

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November 2017 Newsletter 3

Diary Dates

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| 06-10.11.17 | <u>NO CLUBS</u> |
| 06.11.17 | Flu immunisation for Acorns/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 |
| 06.11.17 | Parents Consultation Mtgs 15:30-18:30 |
| 08.11.17 | Governors Welfare Mtg 17:00 |
| 09.11.17 | Parents Consultation Mtgs 15:30-18:30 |
| 12.11.17 | Remembrance service at St.Catherine's church |
| 13.11.17 | Shoe Boxes for the Shoe Box Appeal to be collected |
| 22.11.17 | Governors DATA Mtg 17:00 |
| 24.11.17 | Parents Praise Assembly |
| 26.11.17 | Friends' Advent Fayre |
| 27.11.17 | Governors Pay and Appraisal Mtg 17:00 |

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the busy weeks ahead.

The beautiful banner made by the children with the support of the Friends, to celebrate the school's 20th Anniversary has been hung in the school hall. Many thanks to the members of the Friends and in particular Mr and Mrs Mansell who erected the banner during the holiday. It looks wonderful.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents, carers and friends to our first Parent Showcase on October 18th. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share your children's learning and to look at the displays and photographs in the classrooms and around the school. Particular thanks to KS1/EYFS parents for providing so many delicious cakes. Donations for tea and cake reached an amazing £80 which will be used to provide additional resources for our children.

Despite the weather the whole school enjoyed experiencing an Autumn Wellie Walk on the final day of term. The opportunity to explore the sights, sounds, smells and feelings of Autumn inspired speaking and listening activities, creative writing and art. Our outdoor worship, around a bonfire was particularly meaningful as we reflected on the "Generosity of Creation." The subsequent hot chocolate was very welcome.

Photographs of both events can be seen on the School Blog via the website. We aim to update the Blog regularly and it would be lovely if it was used to its full potential. Other items included in the Blog are photographs from the Girls in Science Day at Bruton School which members of year 5 and 6 attended. An account of the day written by one of the pupils has been included at the end of this newsletter. We have been complimented on the attitude and behaviour of all those who attended, well done everyone.

We will be reflecting on the importance of Remembrance during our worship next week. As usual the school is supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. Poppies and wrist bands (suggested donation of £2) will be available at school from Monday 6th until Friday 10th November. The school will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service at St. Catherine's on the 12th November and all children and their families will be welcome.

Our first Parent Consultation evenings take place next week, you should have now received your appointment times via your child's book bag. On this occasion all the children's books will be available to look at in the hall and meetings will take place in the library. We are not able to offer supervision for children on this occasion.

We are hoping to become more economic with our use of paper and as the photographs are better to view on-line we will be sending the monthly newsletter via e-mail in future. Should you require a paper copy please inform the office.

Mrs B Foister & Sharon Bowditch

Head Teacher Deputy Headteacher

MY DAY AT BRUTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS!



When I arrived I was given a sticker saying my name and the group I was in, my group was called Franklyn. Then when everybody had arrived we went into the hall, we were shown to our first activity. Our first activity was all about gliders and how they fly. We had a discussion about how we thought they glide. After that we went off in our groups and we each made our own glider. When everybody had finished, the Bruton teachers had a long tape measure and then we each measured which one flew the furthest. We also decorated our gliders.

After that we had a delicious lunch, I had a sausage roll and mashed potato, it was the best sausage roll I'd ever tasted!! I also had a lovely jam sponge! 😊

In the afternoon we went to our next activity and we were pond dipping. We were exploring what living thing animals and plants lived in the school pond. We then chose three cards, one was a carnivore, one was a herbivore and the other was a plant. We coloured them in and then joined them together to make a hanging display.

The final activity we did was my favourite! and it got me really interested into that part of science. We were smelling different types of food that were in boxes which we could not see. We had to guess what it was, I got eight out of ten correct 😊. The teacher who was taking the activity then took us into a different room. There we made a bath bomb using bicarbonate of soda and citric acid. I also chose the colour pink and lavender scent which we then added and mixed it. We pressed it down so it would harden and dry.

It was nearly time to go home so we all went back into the hall to collect our things. The teachers handed out the prizes to the group whose glider travelled the furthest.

Bruton school kindly gave each of us a bag which contained a pencil, an information book and leaflet about their school.

Then it was time to go home, but I had a smile on my face because it was the best day I had ever had. Bruton school had made us feel very welcome. I am now very interested to do more science and make lots of bath bombs!! 😊

Thank you Bruton School for girls.

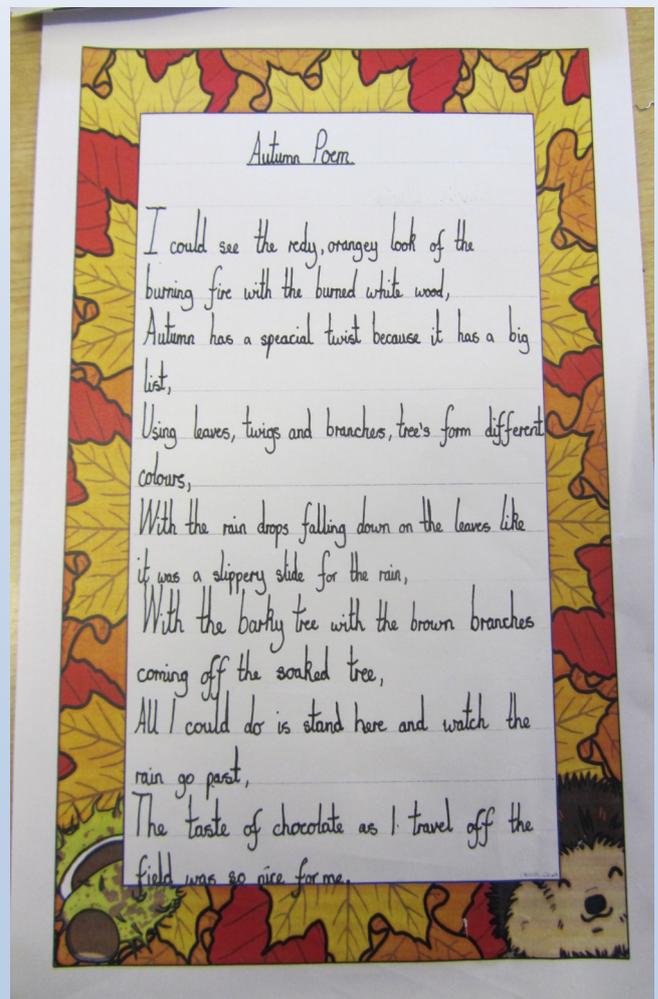
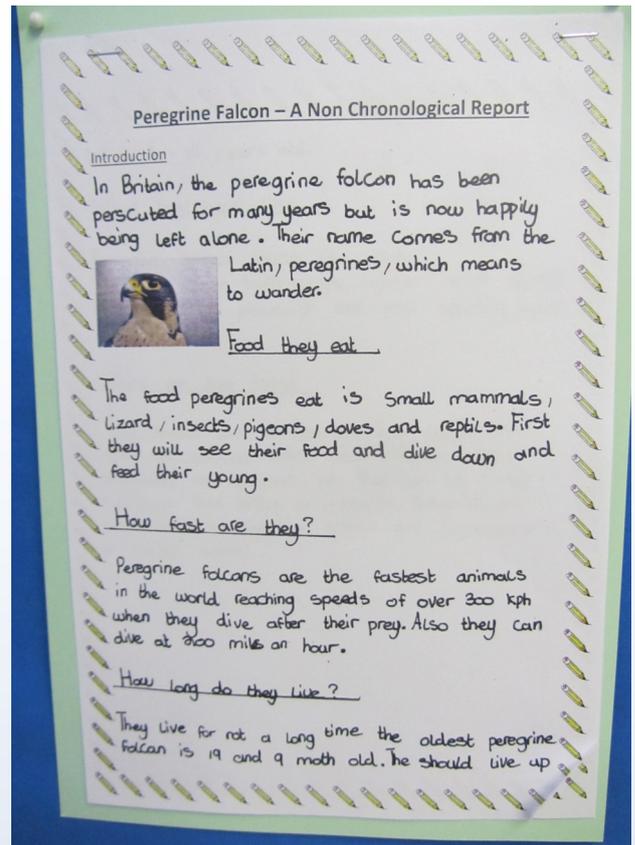
From

Poppy Wells at All Saints Church School, Montacute. 😊

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CLASS 4

It has been a busy month for Class 4 at All Saints Church School. The children have created some wonderful Autumn poems inspired by the whole school Autumn walk which took place before half-term. As well as this, they have also researched and written some fabulous non-chronological reports on the peregrine falcon. However, the highlight was undoubtedly our teeth experiment which investigated the effect of acids and a range of different drinks on our teeth which were represented by eggs. The children discovered that vinegar and energy drinks had the greatest impact in terms of colour and texture, on the egg shells and so would affect teeth that were not brushed and cleaned in the same way.



CLASS 3



I have been blown away by the amazing standard of the creative homework about Stonehenge that has come in this week. Here are just a selection of photos. Please feel free to come into Class 3 to see them all as they are in display at the back of the classroom.



To finish our topic 'Why are humans animals too' we visited Axe Valley Wildlife Park to see a range of different animals and learn about how they adapt to different environments. It was such a pleasure to take the Class out for the day as they represented All Saints in best way possible.



CLASS 5

Class 5 are just coming to the end of their topic on the Ancient Greeks. The children have really enjoyed this topic and have produced some wonderful work in the classroom and some simply stunning creative homework some of which you can see below!



In the classroom the children have used scratch art to produce their own amphora pot designs. At home the children were given a choice of a research project based on any aspect of the Ancient Greeks. We have learnt so much from the projects they have shared.

ACORN CLASS

During the last few weeks our learning journey has been called 'Once Upon a Time'. We have been learning about different traditional and fairy tales. We have been looking at the types of language used in these stories, talking about the qualities of the characters and learning about how stories are structured. Our outdoor learning area has turned into 'Fairy Tale land' where we could play in the Three Bears Cottage, the Three Little Pigs building site, a Troll's cave, a pumpkin workshop and a Fairy Tale dress shop.



Over half term the children were busy making finger puppets of characters from their own chosen story. Here are some photos. Well done, everyone. Great effort!



CLASS 2



We have been looking at life cycles and have watched some caterpillars as they went through their metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly. We found it fascinating how the caterpillars crawled to the top of the pot and hung in a J shape before building a cocoon around themselves. When they emerged as butterflies we had to wait for them to dry their wings and pump blood into them before we released them butterflies in the school grounds. As they were sleepy, we were able to hold and be amazed at this wonderful transformation.



Class 1

Class 1 have been working very hard this half-term, looking at place value, addition to and within 20, and the properties of shape. In English we have been writing poetry based on our five senses and styled a poem we learnt to recite. We are now writing using adjectives and connectives. The children in Class 1 have impressed me with their hard work and progress in phonics, well done!



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We enjoyed our wellie-walk, and used the opportunity to explore our senses vocabulary the beautiful park. Class 1 were so well behaved they earned a house point each!



Parish News

All Saints and Posada invitation

As I write in early November the season in church, is appropriately **All Saints** - the week when we celebrate the role of all the special people old and young who, through their faith, brought good to those around them; like St Francis who cared for creation and those in poverty, or Teresa of Avila who famously said:

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.*

Or the modern-day saints like Mother Teresa who understood that and worked amongst the homeless and dying in Calcutta with selfless love. Perhaps your friend, neighbour or child has saintly tendencies too?

At Odcombe on Sunday we will have an All Saints themed All Age service at 11am. [At the end of November the family service at Montacute is themed on The Good Shepherd with *sheepy* crafts at 930 and service at 10.] All are welcome to our family services.

On Monday November 6th at 0915am at St Catherine's we will be meeting over coffee for First Mondays **Prayer for our schools** – do join us to pray for the joys and challenges our children and teachers face at our local schools.

On November 12th there will be a **Remembrance** there will be special services in all our villages and on top of Ham Hill. The school will be laying a wreath at St Catherine's, Montacute at 1050: school families are most welcome – perhaps the children would like to come in uniform?

During Advent, and as a preparation for Christmas we will, for the first time, be doing **Posada** (sometimes called Travelling Nativity), in Montacute and Odcombe. This is a lovely tradition that hails from Mexico, wherein the Nativity figures (in this case olive wood carved figures about 8 inches high) travel around the parish from home to home en route to the stable in Bethlehem. Each family hosts Mary and Joseph and followers for 24 hours and then delivers them to the next family with a greeting and prayer.

The figures will start their journey at school from Monday, 4 December staying one day in each class. Two class 4 families are invited to host them over the weekend of the 9th and 10th, and then we are looking for host families for December 12th to the 24th when they will come to church. **Would you and your children like to host the holy family for 24 hours this year?** If so, and you live in Montacute or Odcombe, please email your interest and address and telephone no. to me, Rev Annie at revgurner@btinternet.com.

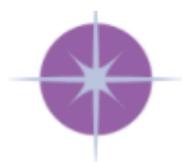
And lastly, very advance notice of two very special pre-Christmas events for your diary, the **Christingle service** on December 10th, 4pm at Saint Catherine's and the **Crib service** on Christmas eve at Odcombe at 6pm.

Every Blessing

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