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PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance"
– Jesus, as quoted in the Biblical book of Revelation, 2:19

Dear Parents and Friends,

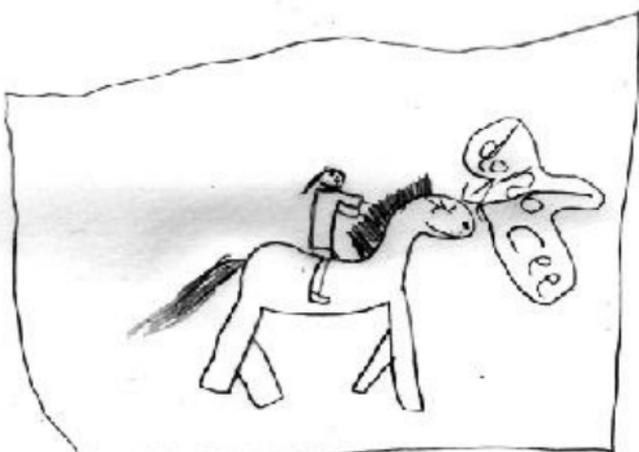
MATHS CHALLENGE

Isabella was the first to answer last week's Maths challenge – though not in the way I had imagined! She put 432 as the next numbered newsletter with consecutive digits!

THE GRAND DAY OUT!

On Tuesday we emptied our school for some much-needed time away. A BIG thank you to all of the staff who had a hand in organisation and to FONNS for subsidising the coach and Slimbridge entrance fee. The children want to tell you what happened!

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"Yesterday Class 1 and 2 went to Weston. I sat next to Primrose. I did build a sand castle. Then I went on the swing boats and then we had lunch. Then I did play. Finally, we went on a donkey."

Fantastic writing from Lydia, one of our Reception children – some correctly placed capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and a time connective! Wonderful!

CLASS 3

Class Three's Trip to The Monument

On the 29th of June, Class 3 were lucky enough to go to the Monument for just over half the day! They had fun constantly playing games on the hill after the long walk up to the Monument. Ellie May said, "It a was fun end of term treat."

Class 3 were overjoyed when Mrs Lewis told them that they were going on a walk to the Monument. Class Three had a surprise because Mrs Findlay and Mrs Kirby were coming with them instead of Mrs Pullin or Mrs Roberts.

With the other classes away on their own class trips, Class 3 would have been the only class left in school. Not wanting to let her Class feel extremely left out, Mrs Lewis thought the Monument trip was the perfect idea and the Class definitely agreed! Mrs Lewis said that Class 3 were going to have a picnic so they had to remember a rucksack, water bottle and lunchbox which they luckily all did! They were busy playing, exploring and mostly having fun! The perfect thing to do on a school day instead of having to do school work.

Everybody thought of fun games and things to take to the Monument to play with as Mrs Lewis was kind enough to let them take play equipment. Class 3 played with Frisbee, football and tennis ball to make their trip extra special. The children appreciate Mrs Lewis taking them on this outstanding trip to the Monument.



CLASS 4

Class 4 Trip: Purton Ship Graveyard and Slimbridge Wetland and Wildfowl Trust.

Our parents kindly dropped us off at Purton Car Park, where we met the adults that were coming with us. We started off by walking down the canal until we came to the ship's graveyard. We were tasked to carry-out a treasure hunt around Purton Ship Graveyard. We spent an hour looking at the different ships and understanding that they had been deliberately beached there to help stop the banks of the Severn from erosion.

Before we went Max didn't know that the ships had been put there to stop erosion. Catriona now knows the reason why the ship 'Harriett' is fenced off. Elijah found out how old the ships really were. Others found out that the Envoy wade made out of tree trunk. Maya found out that there was a ship named Nibley and we all spent ages looking for it until we realised it was one of the ones in the middle of the river.

After leaving Purton, we walked around 5 miles; happily singing and observing the nature (that we hadn't managed to scare away!). We saw swans on the canal. Luckily, the only person that nearly ended up in the canal was Mrs Shepherd as she retrieved a 'stray' water bottle!

On reaching Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands centre we were all happy to sit and eat our lunch. George W was unlucky enough to sit on a red ants nest – the rest of us quickly moved!

Once inside we were each given a bag of bird food and split into smaller groups. Some of us were eager to feed the ducks; however, some of us were scared to start with. Some of the groups pretended to be flamingos and had a competition to see who could stand on one leg the longest – after five minutes it was clear we have a class of flamingos! Sasha's group found a one-legged pigeon and a pigeon with no toes.

We entered the brand new Hawaii area and got to feed the endangered Nē Nē. We saw some baby ducks in the duckery.

We were lucky enough to see some ducks sitting on their eggs. Grace and Hannah didn't particularly like the greedy geese, some of them were trying to eat the whole bags out of our hands.

We also spent time watching the otters play in their pool. In Toad Hall, Elliot was fascinated by the Axolotl. We finished the day off with playing in Wellie Boot land! We all had a great day –but most of us were really tired afterwards.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUMMER PRODUCTION - PARENTS ATTENDING ARE FIRMLY REMINDED THAT THEY WILL HAVE HAD 3+ WEEKS TO SORT BABYSITTERS. Sorry, but pre-school children will not be allowed to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In recent weeks we have held a photography competition for the children. Miss Tyers had the difficult task of deciding on the winners in each year group, as well as those entries deemed 'highly commended'. The winners were presented with a framed copy of their work, which in some cases included digital editing.

Y1 – Ted



Y2 – Alice



Y3 – Thomas



Y4 – Daisy



Y5 – Max



Y6 – William



YOUR SPEED

This week we have borrowed a speed display in an effort to help calm the traffic passing school. When you practice patient behaviour and calm driving, you are a role model to other road users and you help to keep us safe. Thank you.

We've also been able to take it onto the field and time how fast we can run!



FOREST GREEN ROVERS – AMBASSADORS WANTED

Each local school can select two children, preferably one boy and one girl to be an ambassador. An ambassador is someone who represents FGR, their values and ethos in our school and local community. Ambassadors will receive a free season ticket and one parent will get a half price season ticket (subject to Government Guidelines). Throughout the season they will get the chance to take part in match day activities, challenges and exclusive ambassador events. If you are interested, please ask Mr Batchelor for more information. Our deadline is Friday 9th July.

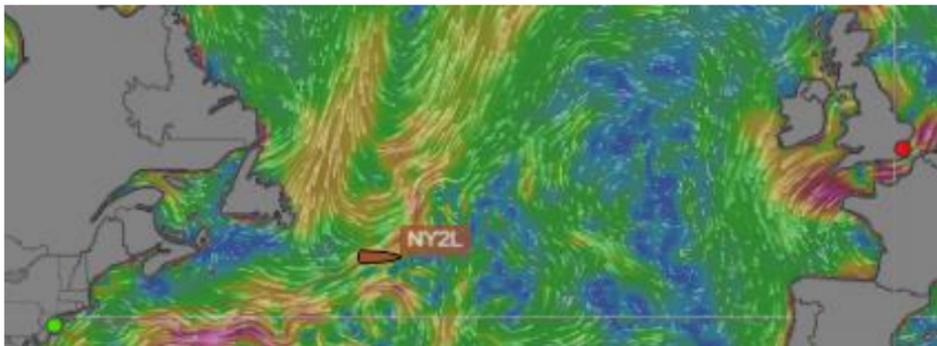
THANK YOU

Someone has beaten me to it! I took a pair of snippers down the main road towards Stinchcombe to remove ivy which has grown over the 'school ahead' flashing lights. They had become hidden in the undergrowth. My grateful thanks to whoever completed this task. It is much appreciated. Do let me know if it was you!

DRONE REQUEST

In this age of virtual visits and schools promoting themselves on line, we were astounded by the levels of interest generated by our 'Virtual Open Day' video, with over 300 viewings. Even so, I feel it needs updating for the post-covid year ahead (hopefully) and I wonder if I can borrow a drone (with or without pilot) to achieve an aerial view of the school, preferably whilst the weather is good. If you can help, please let me know.

PLASTIC OCEANS / OCEAN REVIVAL



'Uncle Matt' and the 'NY2L' (New York to London) team have now completed 49% of 'the world's most dangerous row'. Follow the team's progress on the Ocean Revival website –

<https://oceanrevivaladventures.com/>

Whilst there, watch the 'Plastic Ocean' video and find out why we must ALL play a part in saving the world.

The team would LOVE to receive (copies of) pictures and other messages which we can send to them electronically, so CHILDREN why not send them your best wishes. Hand these to your teachers next week!

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 6	Mon 7 th June	Tues 20 th July
Term 1	Thurs 2 nd Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 nd Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022
Term 5*	Mon 25 th April 2022	Fri 27 th May 2022

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday