

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

What a fortnight! As we reach the end of term, I wanted to reflect on some of the lovely learning this term. The whole school Nature trail was a real highlight and it was great to have so many parents volunteer to help make this event possible. The world book day dress up the next day was very impressive with some fantastic costumes and effort made. I flew back to Wraxall in the afternoon in my butterfly costume and had a great time checking in with the children and sharing their excitement. On Wednesday we had lots of parents join us for the afternoon to share the children's amazing poetry (see below for some examples of the high standard of writing the children produced). For me, a highlight was hearing the children talking about their poetry. Tom P shared some really interesting facts about moles with me and used this to help inspire his poetry – including his particularly grizzly fact about moles ripping off worm heads! Naomi took a more thoughtful approach and chose a very subtle theme of deforestation for her poem, with an owl losing his home. She said it would be a good way of making people understand why they shouldn't chop down trees. Both are brilliant poems and truly unique – well done to all of the children for their amazing language and words.

This week the children have been full of fun with the Easter service on Monday, kindly led and organised by All Saints' Church. We had a special visit from the Easter bunny who set up an Easter egg hunt for the children.

It has been great to get outside and enjoy the change in weather. Check out the diary dates below for some more outdoor events taking place at the start of next term. We are looking for gardening volunteers on Monday 24th April to help with our planters and allotments.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break – see you in April.

Amy Townsend

Dates for April/May 2023

Monday 17th April - First day of term 5

Wednesday 19th April - Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons at Parish Wharf

Thursday 20th April - Kidscape workshops across the school

Monday 24th April – Parent Gardening Afternoon

Wednesday 26th April - Final swimming lesson for Year 3 and 4

Friday 28th April - Coronation Picnic 1pm – Weather permitting. Late lunch for children on this day. All children to bring a packed lunch. All parents and families invited to join us in celebration. There will also be time to see the children's work.



Stars of The Week

Reception - Amber

Year 1 & 2 - Jesse

Year 3 & 4 - Daniel

Year 5 & 6 - Lily



Go on a family walk
through the woods



WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Plant wildlife-friendly
plants



North Somerset Dance Festival

A massive **Thank You** to the teachers and volunteers who helped out at the Dance Festival on Wednesday the 29th March. It was a huge success and below is an extract of an email received at school by an audience member:-

“Congratulations on your two amazing performance’s at The Playhouse last night. Your energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through. Well done to all involved”

A big Thank you to Hayley for organising and teaching the children the dances.

COMIC RELIEF DAY

A big Thank You to everyone who took part in Comic Relief.

We want to say a huge Thank You to those of you who either baked a cake or donated shop bought cakes to sell at the end of the day. Also a big well done to the Year 6 girls who ran the cake stall amazingly. We managed to raise the fantastic amount of:-

£192.00

This will really help good causes and will be much appreciated.

What have we been learning in class this fortnight?

Maple Class have been...

We have been learning about nature and have been making nature trail art using lots of different items including wool, finger printing and making a collage.

Willow Class have been...

We have been learning about nature and the different seasons.

We have been writing diary extracts based on Samuel Pepys.

Pine Class have been...

Testing the strengths of magnets.

We have been talking about tea and have pretended to taste tea and then wrote descriptions on what we thought it would taste like.

Oak Class have been...

The children have been working really hard practising for their SATs.

We have been spending lots of time preparing for Easter.

Easter Festival Week

A big Thank you to All Saints for organizing a lovely Easter Service on Monday 27th March. The children enjoyed visiting 3 workshops set up to represent different parts of the Easter Story, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It was lovely to have families join the children in the workshops to help with the various crafts. There was a final song from all of the children and prayers from the children from Oak Class. The children were then excited to take home with them a chocolate egg and a puzzle/story booklet. It was a fun and interactive service enjoyed by all.

The FWSA have provided the Easter Bunny's eggs this week for Friday's Easter Egg Hunt. Thank You.

WORLD POETRY DAY – (and World Book Day Dressing up!)

We celebrated World Poetry day with the children (and staff) dressing up as their favourite book characters for the day.

The day was full of fun and on Wednesday the 22nd March during the afternoon, all parents were invited to come into school to look at the amazing poems written by the children in the school hall, which was decorated to resemble a mini forest complete with birdsong!! We even had a poetry trail of poems chosen by members of Wraxall staff throughout the playground.

Thank you all for your lovely positive comments and feedback, it was lovely to read about how much you all enjoyed the afternoon.

Below are a small sample of poems written by the children

The Mole in A Hole

I search for my food
With my tiny pointed nose
I searched through the long grass for my food
Suddenly I hear a hiss
It's a snake yum yum yum
Time to eat.
I dig tunnels long and wide
I searched through the long tunnels looking for
my food
Suddenly I hear squirming
Is it a worm, squelch, squelch, squelch
I will bite it's head
I swim through the soil
With my shovel like paws

By Tom P – Pine Class

The Owl and Its Tree

I live in a busy tree
A hole is in the tree
So I live in it.
I hide and sleep in the day
But in the night I am hunting
And when I get back
I feast on my snack
Then I perch on a branch
And look over the field
I spy a family of Deer
I go out again
And I come back
And my tree, my home
It's gone

By Naomi - Pine Class

My Day

I was on an adventure
I saw a sheep
It was running so fast
I could hardly see it
I was going for a walk
I saw a rabbit digging a hole
It was deep deep deep.
I was on a trip
I looked closely and saw
A Deer in the distance
Hiding in the dark it was so so shiny.

By Maddison H – Pine Class

Spring is Here

In my hidey hole I sleep
Guess how I did it, counting sheep
I do not know when I'll wake up
But hopefully not in a hutch
Dreaming about a nice new house
And of course Ally the Mouse
When I wake up It will be Spring
And I'll go back to doing my thing
Padding paws go past my den
But there's no time to count to ten
Knock knock knock who's at the door
I hope it isn't Dora the Boar
Oh good good good it's all ok
It's Ally the mouse hip hip hooray
Early one morning I heard the sound of digging
Closer and closer so I had a look and saw a digger
Digging up my hole, so I ran and ran to a safer place to
go and I still live there now.

By Charlotte – Pine Class

Nature is My Happy Place

Sweet smelling strawberries

Tall Bright Tulips

Gallopings horses

All surrounding me

I gaze up at the magnificent sky

It stares back at me

So big and blue.

Some graceful blue tits come swooping by

Dancing ancient oak trees hovering over me

The wet slimy frog diving in deep

Under the surface of the gentle flowing stream

Splashing about on a warm summer day

It's a big beautiful silver fish

Shinning in the light

Nature makes me happy

Enjoy your surroundings, not all have wild life

Nature is my happy place

By India-Rose – Oak Class

The Beautiful Forest

In the beautiful forest

There are birds singing

Smoothly on the trees

In the beautiful forest

There are trees swishing

Gracefully on the forest land

In the beautiful forest

The oak tree, guard of the forest

Guarding their home for millions of years

In the beautiful forest

At night the animals are asleep

But the owls are still awake

Guarding their lovely home

In the beautiful forest

Everything had changed

The people are cutting trees

So please protect the animals and give them back their forests.

By Junko - Oak Class

A Poem

Trees in the distance swishing away

Birds in the sky soaring up high

Wild winds blowing again

Grey skies rain, that's why

Green grass growing again

Insects crawling everywhere

White White clouds

Sitting in the sky

Brushing through the sky

Woosh they go by

By Reuben – Oak Class

These are a few of the amazing poems written by the children. They have really thought about nature and the things they saw on their welly walk on Monday the 20th and put their thoughts down on paper for us all to enjoy.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Thank you to Miss Massey and her army of helpers for all of the hard work put into organising the walk and the Poetry display on Tuesday the 21st. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed reading through the poetry and the immersive nature display.

Coronation Picnic

On Friday 28th April we will be holding a whole school picnic to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. We would like to invite our wider community to celebrate with us so parents, grandparents, etc. are invited to attend.

We will be holding the picnic at 1pm outdoors (weather permitting!).

The children will be eating their lunch later on this day so that they can eat with family members. All children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day.

There will be some entertainment with a performance from the children who took part in the North Somerset Dance Festival.

There will also be an opportunity for children to show you their learning and work from school this year.

The Year 6 boys will be running a cake sale during the picnic to raise funds for the school.

Come and celebrate with us!



SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY

“Everyone is responsible for safeguarding”

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our

Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vicki Sheppard or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts: If your concern is regarding the Headteacher you should contact Gary Lewis, CEO for Lighthouse Schools Partnership

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

North Somerset Social Care 01275 888 808

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

CHURCH NEWS

Next First Monday Monthly Coffee Morning: Monday 15th May (due to Easter Break and Bank Holidays)

Hot Cross Bun Easter Story Making

Our Easter Hot Cross Bun Making after school on Monday was a great success. Thank you to the families who took part, who lent their scales and stayed to help clear up. We hope you enjoyed your Easter bakes.

North Somerset Show

We have the privilege of running the breastfeeding tent at the North Somerset Farm Show on Monday the 1st May. Can you help with:-

1. Donating soft material/unwanted clothing that can be shredded to make cushion filling (no zips or clasps).
2. Making/sewing large recycled cushions/bean bags on Monday the 24 April at 10.30am (coffee and cake provided)
3. Helping in the tent on the day (you will get a free ticket to the show).

Thank you.

Sunny Saplings

Our resident toddler group, Sunny Saplings takes place on Friday mornings 9.00am-11.00am in The Cross Tree Centre at Wraxall Church. Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks, activities and friendly chat. Contact Elize in the parish Office for more information:

wraxallwithfailandparsh@gmail.com .

Have a very Happy Easter from all at All Saints, Wraxall

FEEL FAB EASTER



FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!



NAME _____

HOW MANY



DID YOU COLLECT?



Can you 'Feel Fab' this Easter and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Can you think about these things that could help your wider well-being? Tick off 3 to earn a gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell Easter Fun?! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!

Egg time! Decorate some hard-boiled eggs... perhaps your favourite singer, teacher, actor or sportsperson?



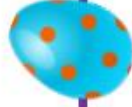
Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day



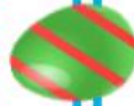
Spend time thinking of others. Can you help someone every day or make them feel special?



Take time to relax and read a book, draw, paint, watch a film, or help in the garden..



Enjoy a Family Woodland walk. Unsure of where to go? The Woodland Trust can help you find woods to explore



Relax. Try yoga, listen to music etc. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being



Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Can you run, scoot, jog, skip or bike every day?



Use your imagination! Make an Easter cake or Easter nests. Go wild on the decoration!



New ways to be active during your holiday! If you have more time why not try one of the activities at the Active Recovery Hub

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/active-recovery/>

