



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 19th March

Attendance

Whole school: week: 98.7%

year: 96.5%

Maple: 100%

Cherry: 98.1%

Willow: 99.2%

Lilac: 97.9%

Less than 94.9%

95 to 96.4%

96.5 to 99.9%

100%



Learning Powers Certificate

In our Celebration Assembly today, the following children celebrated their achievements:

Maple: Charlie

Cherry: Nicco

Willow: Beau

Lilac: Emelia

Well done to all!



Linking Lemur



Brave Bee



Curious Cat



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile



Reading Reward Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up reading minutes at home.

This week:

Maple: 300 minutes

Cherry: 865 minutes

Willow: 736 minutes

Lilac: 1,736 minutes

Well done, Lilac!

Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Lilac Class, Bikeability; Whole School, PTFA Easter fun.
- **ParentPay:** please update your Parentpay accounts.
- **Important:** we have received information of children throwing stones when walking in the village. If your child does this, please let them know of the dangers and encourage them to stop.
- Wildlife Explorers Club starts on Wednesday.



British Citizen Award

Kaya – who is a shining example to everyone at St Mary's and a really kind friend

Well done, Kaya!

Diary Dates:

March

22nd: Full Governor Board Meeting

25th: Forest School - Willow Class

29th: Federation Consultation ends



April

1st: Virtual Easter Service

1st: Forest School - Lilac Class

1st: Last Day Term 4

19th: First Day Term 5

If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Sports Award

Mr D's Sports Stars of the week:

Ahlia: for excellent rolling and balancing during Gymnastics.

Troy: for much improved technique demonstrated when passing in Football.

Joseph: for excellent listening and co-ordination during Gymnastics.

Ollie: for great co-ordination and balance during Gymnastics.

Well done to you all!



Author Visit



The author, Cheryl Stephani, joined Cherry and Willow virtually this week, all the way from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She read her book 'Big Cat, Little Fox' and then set Willow a challenge to write a sequel to her book.



Benny

Benny has been very interested in helping the children with their school work this week.



Wildlife Explorers

Mrs Rowberry is coming into school from next week and will be re-starting the Wildlife Explorers club on a Wednesday lunchtime.

To avoid mixing bubbles this will initially be for Key Stage 2 only.

If you would like a place within this club, please email the office:

office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in Class.



We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child (ren) at home.



Forgiveness and Hope

Week 4:

Write your hopes for the rest of 2021 onto the leaf cut out and hang it on the 'Tree of Hope' in the hall.

This term we are looking at Forgiveness and Hope.

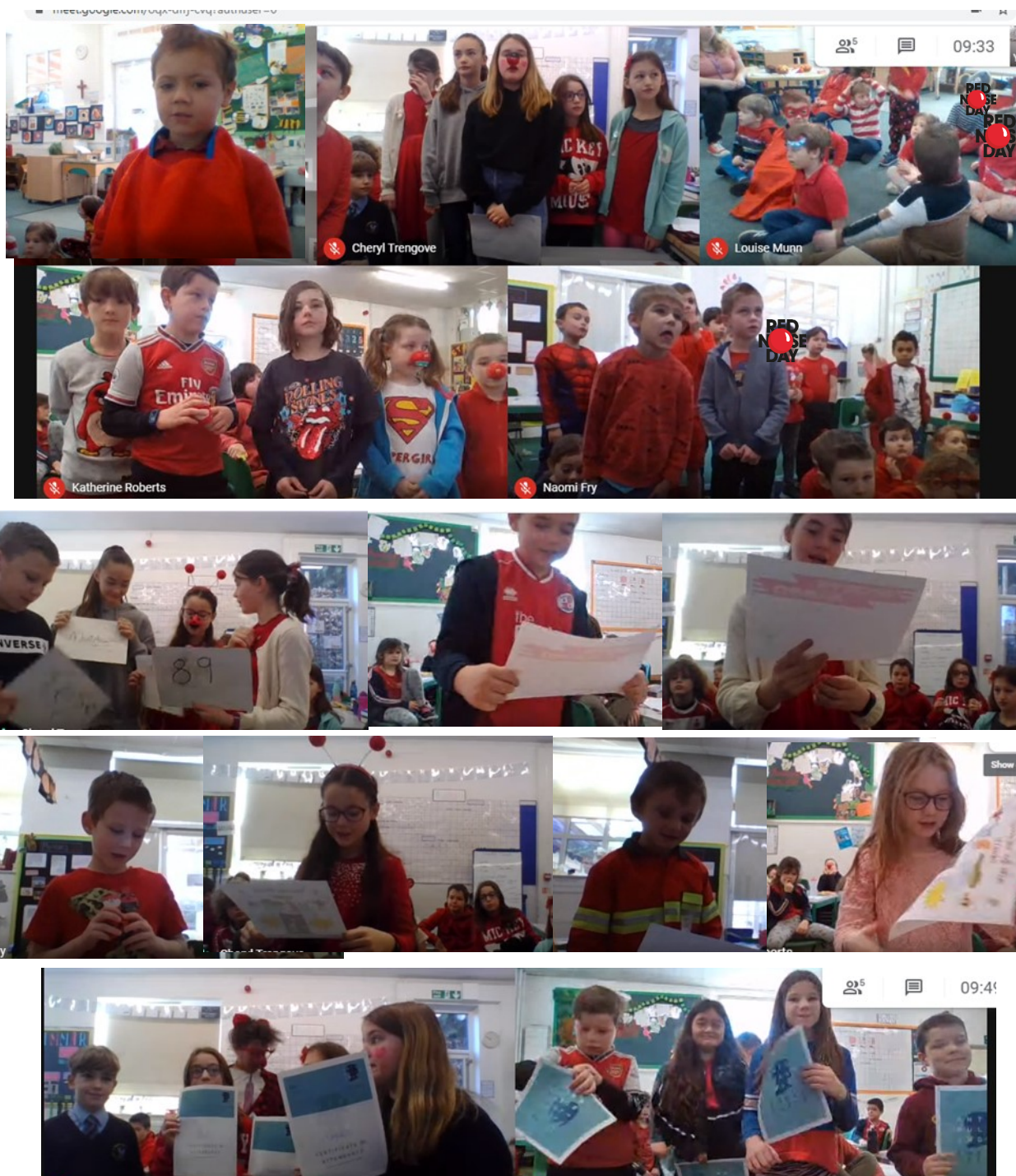
Maple Class Fruit Art

Maple Class have been learning with fruit this week, healthy eating, patterns, halves and symmetry. The children also created some lovely fruit faces inspired by the artist Arcimboldo!



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we have our virtual Celebration assembly as a whole school! It's a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. We celebrate those who have been on Blue or the Star during the week, as well as giving out Learner of the Week, Sports Star, British Citizen and awarding the Reading Cup and Attendance Ted to the winning class. We finish each assembly with cheering a big happy birthday to those who have celebrated birthdays in the week - it's the best way to start a Friday morning.



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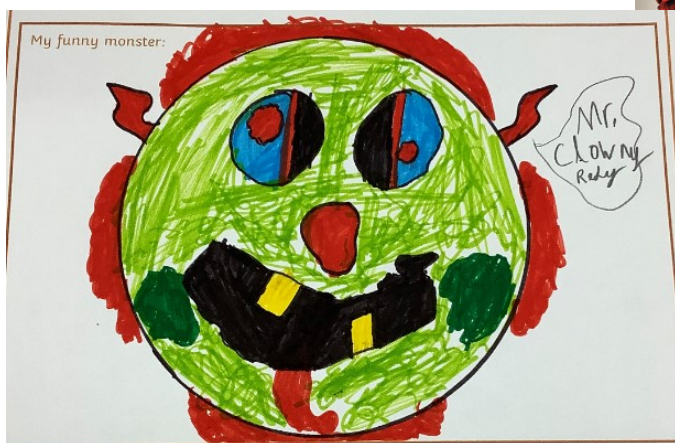
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Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations; the school has raised £78.00



Lilac Class had fun creating funny monsters then all voted on their favourites.



Cherry Class had a fun Red Nose Day quiz about all things red.

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Maple Class played a tricky word phonics game by bouncing and catching a balloon with our tricky words on.



Willow Class held a joke-a-thon, voting on whether the jokes were 'snore-worthy' or whether the comedian should perform an encore!

Maple Class Forest School: Thursday 11th March

The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience.

Today the wind blew up a storm, so we stayed on the village croft to avoid any possible falling branches. We have been thinking about SPRING in class, learning songs about SPRING and drawing pictures on the school grounds. So the children set off in search of some more signs of SPRING in the village.



The children explored the old oak tree and used fallen sticks to tap our rhythms and patterns on its trunk.

The IMPACT of Forest School can be seen through the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games, physical challenges, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and the knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons.

The children instantly found a slope and explored many ways of climbing, jumping, scrambling and rolling up and down it, developing their gross motor skills with thorough enjoyment. And then jumping in muddy puddles!



The flowers we identified today were daffodils, celandines, primroses, crocuses and cherry blossom on the tree.

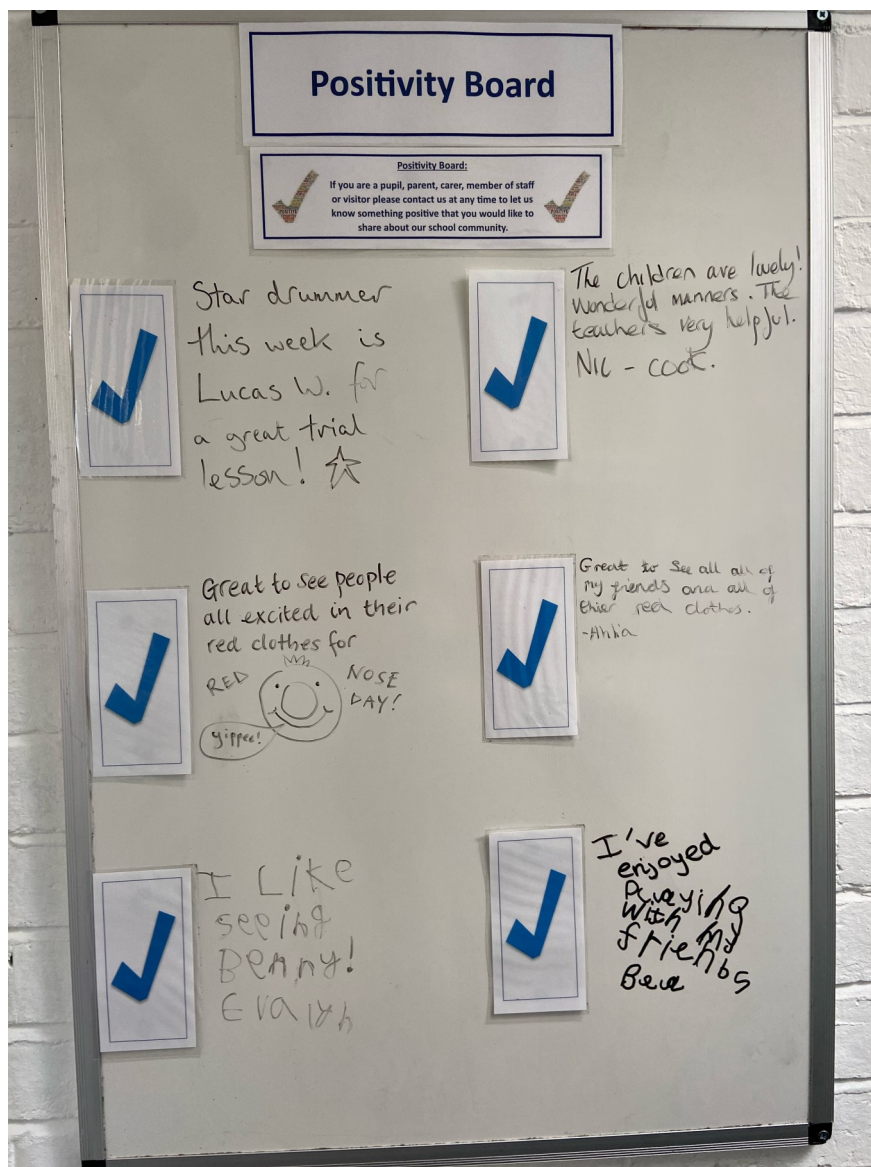
Some of the trees had little pools of water in them, which the children thought would be great bird baths and bird drinking places.

A massive thanks to our volunteers who supported the children with all of their exploring and learning. We can't wait until next time!



Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events. Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



Travel to Malawi

Across the schools we have now covered an amazing 5,791 miles in our goal to 'Travel to Malawi' and we only have roughly 764 miles so our Easter goal looks well in sight!

Keep sending information of how far you have hopped, skipped, run, walked, cycled or crawled to the school office or go to:

traveltomalawi@pioneerfederation.co.uk.



READY, SET, GO...



Wellbeing

The wellbeing focus this week has been chosen following reports about children's dental health in the news and the need to promote positive practices.

As well as cleaning twice a day, think about food choices (reduce sugar intake, consider calcium), cut down on sugary drinks (water is best) and make friends with your dentist (a twice yearly check up is recommended).



Starfish Malawi

Bowl Water Walk 19th June 2021 in aid of Glad Tidings Orphan Care



Come and join us at this beautiful venue for a walk in the stunning Kent countryside. We want to celebrate the work at Glad Tidings, about which you have read above, and look forward to the end of COVID-19 restrictions, with the hope that life will be returning to a more normal feel as we go into the Summer.

This is a time to bring the family, your friends and the church family and have a picnic before, during or after your walk. Last year we raised a substantial amount of money for our work at GTOC and welcomed over 80 people to walk with us. It would be great to exceed that number this year!

If you'd like to join us on the walk,
please email Nikkie on admin@starfishmalawi.com
with your name, contact number and how many people are walking with you.

For full details, please visit [Starfish Malawi - Bowl Water Sponsored Walk](#)



Main Clinic building

Hope Clinic

Starfish Malawi have continued to develop the Glad Tidings project in the community at Ngolowindo and now have quality healthcare facilities to help those in the community.

The clinic is living by its name to give hope to the communities that struggled before to access healthcare nearby to their villages. Through word of mouth, many others have been able to come from further distances. In those areas, there are health centres, but the people opt to come to Hope clinic for a number of reasons. Firstly, because the healthcare, treatments and drugs are free, a guaranteed supply of drugs are available and the communities know that Dr Dora and her team maintain high standards of care.

Recently the Government Health Department carried out a survey of the healthcare provision in the Salima area and we are delighted that Hope Clinic came 3rd overall. This is remarkable bearing in mind it only opened in September last year and has seen 11,179 patients since its inception!