



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 5 Week 4

Friday 12th May

Year 6

We would just like to share how proud we are of our **brilliant** Year 6 children this week as they have completed their SATs. We are always amazed at how hard they work and their hard work ethic but they have surpassed themselves this week. The focus and determination they showed during some pretty tricky tests proved just how resilient they are and they did it all with smiling faces and their usual sunny positivity. It's been lovely to spend time with them whilst scoffing down waffles and bacon sandwiches before school (and the occasional bit of fruit!) and their big personalities will certainly be missed when they move onto secondary school.



WELL DONE, Year 6 - now just the final couple months of Primary school to enjoy together!

Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.



Whole school: week: 97.1% year: 94.4%

Maple: 93.2% Cherry: 95.1%

Willow: 98.9% Lilac: 99.1%

Less than 95.0% - Red 95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green 100% - Gold

Well done, Lilac Class!



With no celebration assembly today, next week we will be looking at how Amelia, Dylan and Alfred develop their skills.

Sports Award

With the Bank Holiday weekend, this week we have one Sports Award:

Max: excellent teamwork, encouragement and support to everyone.



Top Tips

Emails and letters home this week:

Whole school:

- Switched Lunches - this week

Lilac Class:

- School Residential
- Summer Production

Year 6:

- SATs Information

Selected Pupils

- Colemans Hatch Festival
- Medication - School Residential



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.

Wildlife Explorers

Wildlife Explorers' new topic is 'recycling in nature', as there is only so much material for life on Planet Earth.

We looked at how mini-beasts are absolutely essential to recycling and helped them by making small mini beast homes, using a water bottle previously cut in two evenly sized pieces with sharp edges taped over. Newspaper was then rolled into tubes and these tubes were packed with twigs into each half bottle



Bug homes should be placed or hung in a warm spot, sitting almost horizontally but with the open end slightly lower to prevent water getting inside.

They are best placed no higher than 1m above the ground and where possible in a tree, bush, or at the base of a tree but most

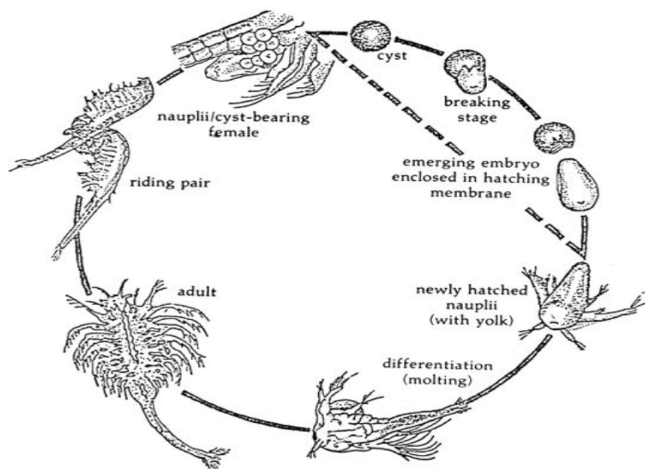
importantly, in a quiet place. They can also go on a balcony if you are not too high up, but try and have them tucked away so they're cosier for the bugs.



The Explorers also set up 3 Brine Shrimp tanks: large, medium and small. These mini beasts live in salt water and clean up all the dead

material for recycling into food.

The eggs do not hatch for years until the conditions are just right.



We shall see which of our tanks has most shrimps!

Dates for your Diary

May

15th: Residential Trip - Lilac Class
16th: FGB Meeting
18th: Forest School - Maple Class
18th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
19th: Celebration Assembly: 9:15am
19th: Lilac Class return from residential
23rd: Whole School Pottery Project
25th: Toast for World in Need
26th: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am
26th: May Festival - 2pm on The Croft
26th: Last day Term 5



June

5th: INSET Day - no school
6th: First Day Term 6
8th: Forest School - Maple Class

Please also be aware of the following:

June

29th: Mufti Day - bottle donation
30th: Sports Day and Summer Social

July

13th: Lilac Class Summer Production
14th: Back up Sports Day and Summer Social
20th: Leavers' Service - 11:00am

Celebration from Home

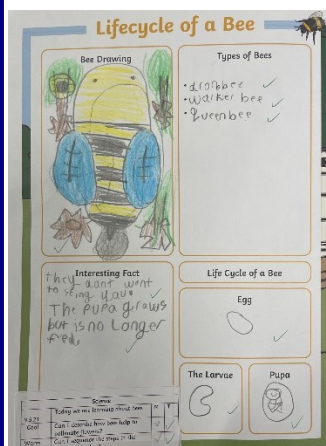
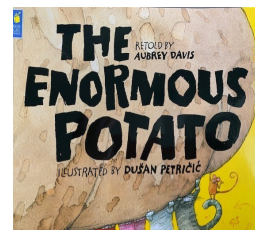
Florence planted tomato plants at the weekend, together with broad bean plants that she grew from seed in her mud kitchen area.



Well done, Florence, we look forward to seeing the final produce!

Weekly Peek

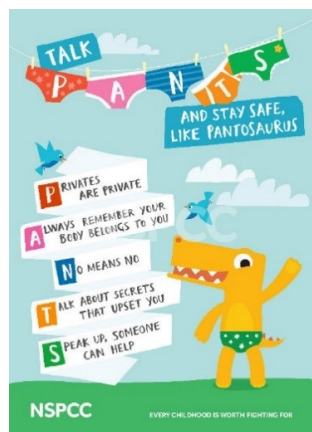
This week we take a peek into Cherry Class who have been reading the story of the Enormous Potato. First, we spent time creating a class story mountain to show what happened in the story at the beginning, middle and end. This was also useful to help us to retell the story verbally. Then we completed a story plan in pairs and changed the type of vegetable and characters to make it our own version of the Enormous Potato story. Finally, we had a go at writing our versions of the story making sure that we used the Five Finger Tips as well as adjectives and conjunctions.



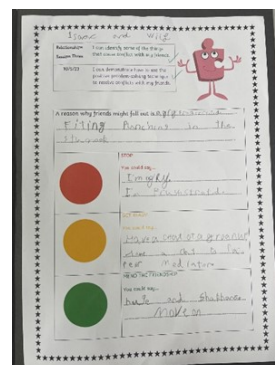
The focus in maths has been to revise past learning. This has involved a range of addition and subtraction as well as word problems, which have required us to think hard about what we know already to help us to solve them. We are so impressed by the perseverance and resilience shown by all!

We thoroughly enjoyed learning about bees. We learnt about different kinds of bees, how the hive works, how bees help to pollenate flowers and then we looked at the lifecycle of the bee – some children even made fact files about bees.

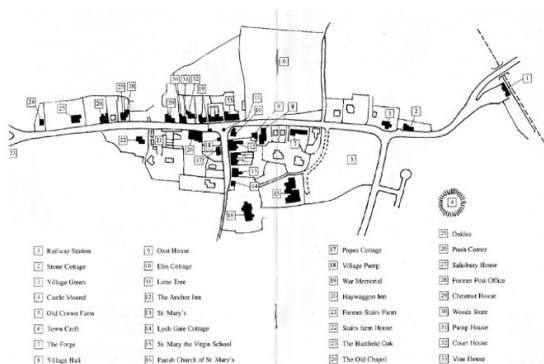
We have had lots of plants shown in 'Show and Tell' this term and photos of our young gardeners at home – this week we had many, including Florence planting tomato plants in her garden and Oliver with his Venus fly trap!



In PSHE we have been learning about relationships and how to resolve conflict – we talked about things that can cause conflict and arguments and how best to fix fractured relationships and move forward. This has been building on our learning about physical contact and how we can be kind and gentle to our friends. We have also been learning about the NSPCC pants rule and listening to the Pantosaurus song:



In RE this term we have been learning about Judaism. This week, we focused on the story of David and Goliath. We thought about the vocabulary we might use to describe what helped David to defeat Goliath. We also reflected on a time when we have been faced with a challenge and what helped us to overcome it.



Since our walk around the village at the start of the term, we have been learning a lot about Hartfield. First we learned about some of the history of its very old buildings, then we learned about the significance of A.A. Milne and the impact he had on Hartfield. Our focus this week has been on the geography of Hartfield and we have spent time looking at a range of maps and aerial photographs of the area. We began by looking closely at familiar landmarks and using keys and symbols to find some of them. Then we discussed the meaning of human and physical features and identified some of these on the maps too.

(photo credit: Jon Ashe Hartfield History Group)

Finally, Cherry class have been working hard to perfect their Maypole dancing. They have been practicing their listening, communication and cooperation skills on a daily basis and they cannot wait to perform for everyone.

Forest School - Thursday 4th May

Lilac set off for the woods after a busy week of SATS and Bikeability. They collected some sticky weed and made crowns adorned with dandelions, buttercups and cow parsley



On the way to the woods the class played 'owl eyes', where they all had to hide in the meadow without being spotted. As a class they were surprisingly good at disappearing, from 27 children to 3 in sight!



We then learned how to play a game of 'greatest fan' (similar to rock, paper, scissors), and Layla was the winner today!

The tools Lilac class used were secateurs and folding saws to cut up hazel to use for carving, whittling and creating with. It is fantastic to see the development of the children's confidence, skill, accuracy and focus with their use of tools in the wood. Some lovely 'wands' were made and some children are developing onto carving patterns in their wood.



Other independent activities the children chose this week were: digging, exploring in the stream, hammock swinging, tapping rhythms with sticks, transporting handwashing water and following the paths through the bluebells.



The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children gain from the Forest School experience. The impact can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

Many thanks to our volunteers for your support and engagement in Forest School, we couldn't do it without you!

Coronation Celebrations

Last Friday the children split into Houses to celebrate different aspects of the King's coronation celebrations.



To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities - it's called The Big Help Out. We thought we would join in with this by litter picking and helping to make Hartfield look as beautiful as ever before the big weekend! After this, we played some Coronation-themed games called The King's Horse race and Balance the Crown. The children were all so eager to do their part to tidy up in the village - it was lovely to see them all take such pride in their school's local community.



They joined Mrs Pike and Mrs Neville to weave the willow branches into a crown. We were so impressed by the perseverance shown by all as they pushed and pulled the long branches to weave and create a crown fit for a king! Many children decided to embellish their crowns further with leaves and flowers.



The children planted some wildflower seeds around the bare patches of soil in the schools raised beds. The seeds had been sent to the children from the Parish council as part of the Coronation celebrations.

They children also planted some daffodil bulbs for next spring, potted some sunflowers and planted out some zinnias and vegetable seedlings which had been donated by the parent community.



There were some lovely coronation inspired plant labels created to accompany the plants which had gone in the ground.

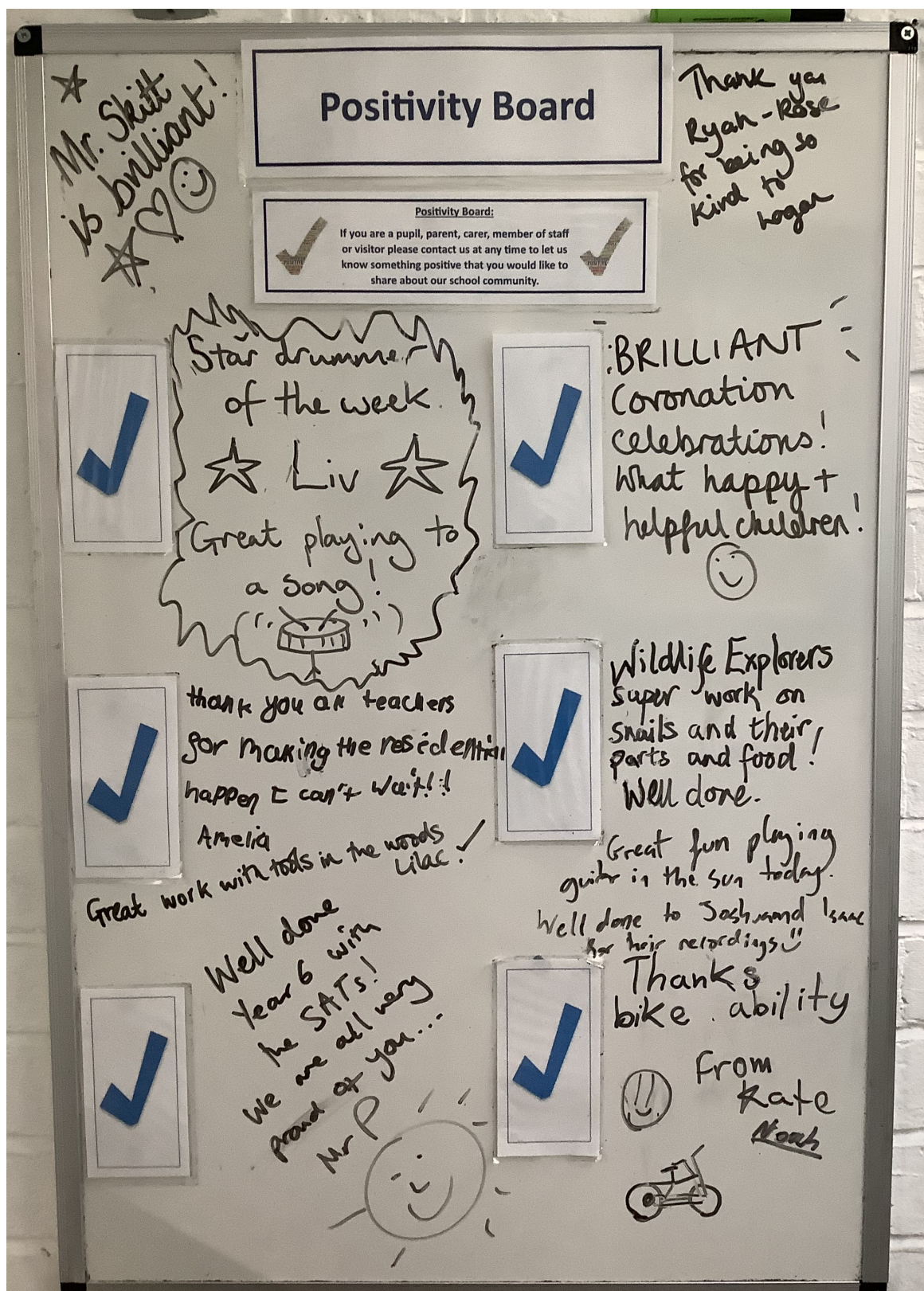
There was time to have a general garden tidy up, creating neater edges along the edges of the garden and tidying up fallen leaves and old plant growth from last year. The children worked brilliantly to make the outside space tidy for Cherry and Maple Class. We can't wait to see how our plants develop and thrive!



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.



Wellbeing Poster

Our wellbeing poster this week looks at '10 ways students [anyone] can manage anxiety'.

10 WAYS STUDENTS CAN MANAGE ANXIETY



TALK TO SOMEONE

Don't be afraid to talk to someone about your worries. Speak to a friend, teacher or family member who can support you. Don't forget about the amazing mental health charities who are there to help out



SELF CARE

Make sure you are looking after yourself. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. Bath, go for a walk, see a movie, talk to friends. These are just a few ways that you can look after your well being



EXERCISE

Exercise is great for not only reducing stress and anxiety but for also boosting mood. Schedule time into your week to exercise regularly. Try joining a gym or an exercise class



SLEEP

Aim for at least 7-9 hours of sleep every night



DIET

Eat a well balanced diet. Don't skip meals



PROBLEM SOLVE

Try and come up with possible solutions to your problems



BREATHE

Breathing is a great technique which can help to reduce physiological and psychological arousal.

Deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation and ration breathing are all great techniques to try out

LEARN



Take time to learn about your anxiety. Understand your triggers and what happens to your body when you feel anxious. This is an important step for understanding how to treat and manage your anxiety



CHALLENGE

Learn how to effectively challenge your thoughts. Ask yourself. 1) Is there any evidence that contradicts this thought? 2) What would you say to a friend who had this thought in a similar situation? How else can you think about the situation?

WORRY TIME



Set aside 20 minutes each day for your worries. When you experience a worry, write it down and postpone it until worry time. In worry time you can deal with your worries and improve your problem solving skills



WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



16TH MAY

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- > Anxiety
- > Sleep
- > Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- > Autism and challenging behaviour
- > Eating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on
16TH MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM

Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute
Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:

Or visit:



<https://bit.ly/3LvABw5>



NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

To book a ticket, please go to our Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/workshops-for-parents-and-carers-2113659>

Opportunity - Run by Mental Health Support Team



Welcome
PARENTS AND CARERS

**PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS
FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.**

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!



CONTACT
No booking required.
Any questions, please email:
Mrs Leahy
sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk



Introduction to our new Parent carer Practitioner Vickie Pelling who works with Park Mead

Would you like to know how to help your child more with their fears & worries? or maybe you'd like help with something else like getting them to go to sleep or to go to school?

Vickie one of the parenting practitioner's from the 'Me & My Mind Team' would like to set up some sessions at the school to help parents & carers with supporting their child's emotional wellbeing, but first would like to know what would be most valuable for you and your child just now".

Please click this [link](#) to complete a short survey.

Vickie Pelling

Parent & Carer Practitioner for Park Mead Primary, Mental Health Support Teams

Dates for Summer 2023:

16/05/2023 'Supporting Adult Mental Health in Adult Mental Health Week' 2-3pm at Park Mead

04/07/23 'Transitions – between classes and between schools' 2-3pm at Park Mead

Opportunity

Church Street Community Cafe

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Everyone welcome.

upcoming dates

Thursday 4th May

Thursday 18th May

Thursday 1st June

Thursday 15th June

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on
07941 856715 or msjoannegriffin@gmail.com

Opportunity



Holy Trinity Church Fete Coleman's Hatch

Saturday 13th May 2023 1pm - 5pm

Collectables, Bottle Tombola, Books, Plants and Produce, Raffle, Nearly New, Linens, Bric-a-Brac, Gifts, Children's stall.

Come along and join us for a fun day out. Meet up with friends and family, browse and buy from the stalls, enjoy tea and cakes and listen to music

by Paul Stanworth

Contacts: Caroline 07513 290482

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11th May
MAYCAMP
8th June
22nd June
6th July-
Summer social

5-6.15pm
Games, Food, Bible study

For more information contact
Kate Dillingham (Children's and
youth worker-St Mary's Church,
Hartfield) at
katedillingham97@gmail.com

Hartfield Village Hall

Year 5 and up



Groombridge & Hartfield Surgeries

Patients Participation Group

INVITE YOU

TO MEET MEMBERS

OF

YOUR MEDICAL PRACTICE TEAM

on

Saturday 13th May 2023 at the AGM

9.30am (tea/coffee) for 10.00am start

at

Hartfield Village Hall

Partner Doctors- Matt James & John Mifsud

Practice Manager-Sharon Monger

Asst. Dispensary Manager-Emily Cogger

Social Prescriber- Jo Woods

Care Coordinators-Susan Bond and Ali Bryant

Bees &
Honey
2023



Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition

Children in the South East of England are invited to enter the Bees & Honey competition at the South of England Show in 2023.

They need to create a poster of up to A3 about Bees or Beekeeping.

Posters will be displayed at the South of England Show

**Deadline for entry
May 30th 2023**



All entries to be posted to:

Diza Gooding, South of England Agricultural Society, South of England Showground Selsfield Road Ardingly RH17 6TL

diza@seas.org.uk