

New Close News

Friday 22nd June, 2018

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown

It has been a very busy week with Area Sports, Rabbits and Fox classes visiting Longleat and a range of class and team photos being taken on Thursday. 30 pupils represented New Close across key stage 2 in the Area Sports on Monday. They performed particularly well in the 8 x 50m sprint relays with Year 6 coming first in this event. Unfortunately, we could not replicate this across other events but we now have a good idea of the events and standard that we need to practise to, ready for next year.



A superb day was had by all Rabbit and Fox Class members at Longleat Safari Park. Hearts were pounding hard as all of the children stepped into the dimly-lit Long House in search of dinosaurs. Peering through the mist, an array of the monsters were seen. A few were a little frightened by the size and life-like qualities of the great beasts. The secretary birds drew a lot of attention as they looked like they were wearing black-feathered shorts on their long legs. It was delightful to see the otters swimming and playing under the watchful eye of the binturong. The meerkats gave some of us a shock as they tried to escape from their enclosure no sooner than we had opened the gate! The parrots entertained us with their clever tricks and we all giggled when one of them kissed Eddie on the cheek. The fruit bats were busy in the Bat Cave flapping around above our heads. On the way to the Adventure Castle we were thrilled to spot the talented Welsh footballing star Gareth Bale. We couldn't believe our eyes. We ended the visit by exhausting ourselves on the many slides and climbing frames. (Report by Mrs Walker.)



On Wednesday I spoke to the pupils in assembly about our House names changing in the next academic year. We want to change them to reflect the local area and so the categories that were nominated included: Hills (Elm, Arn and Cley), Rivers (Avon, Wylve and Nadder) and Stately Homes (Longleat, Stourhead and Wilton). The pupils voted for the category that they liked best with Stately Homes being the winner. Pupils will be reallocated to either Longleat, Stourhead or Wilton from September with siblings all being in the same house.

The school PE kit will also be changing for the start of the new school year in September as we would like all pupils to be in the same colour tops. It will consist of red t-shirt with New Close School logo, black shorts, red socks (outdoor) or white socks (indoor) and training shoes. Football boots and shin pads (Key Stage 2) will be needed for football and touch rugby. The school will purchase the first t-shirt with the New Close logo as a gift to the current pupils. Any subsequent new t-shirts can be bought from our usual uniform shop, Scholars. A school fleece will also be available for you to purchase from Scholars should you choose to do so. Please speak to me if you have any concerns over these changes.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

English: Rabbits have written letters to their friends and family to tell them about their trip to Longleat!

In maths, we have been revising our numbers to 20, making sure we are completely confident with 1 more and 1 less. We have also been practising times tables, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s!



Star Reader: Layla
Star Writer: Robert
Star Mathematician: Ovi



HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English this week, we have been learning to identify the features of an information text, and to plan an information text.

In maths, we have been learning to reason and solve problems involving time.



Star Reader: Nischal
Star Writer: Tadeusz
Star Mathematician: Riley



SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we have been working on extracting information from graphs and charts. We have also been finding fractions of a number.

In English we have been writing our adventure story and editing our writing. We will soon begin to put it into the book we will be making.



Star Reader: Jamie
Star Writer: Liam
Star Mathematician: Amelia



OTTER CLASS

In English this week we have been looking at figurative language, focusing on similes and alliteration, and have written our own list poems.

In maths, we have been revisiting time, reading time tables and converting times to the 24 hour clock, and refreshing our knowledge of how to calculate the perimeter, and area, of shapes.



Star Reader: Alfie B
Star Writer: Samridhi
Star Mathematician: Noah



FOX CLASS

In maths this week we have been consolidated our understanding of finding percentages of amounts.

This week, in English, we have written recounts about our fabulous Longleat visit.



Star Reader: Chayse
Star Writer: Jared
Star Mathematician: Mia



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Ruby
Hedgehog: Archie
Squirrel: Ayden
Otter: Alfie W
Fox: Lewis

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost. For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school office.

Open Day

Tuesday 3rd July 2018

Tours of the school:
9.00am to 11.00am
and
5.00pm to 6.30pm

Headteacher talks at:
10.00am and 6.00pm

"The school is a vibrant and happy place where pupils are cared for well and strive to do as well as they can"

"Highly inclusive and ambitious ethos and culture" Ofsted 2017



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