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Dear parents and carers,

A busy week. It's such a pleasure to share the reports from the children about the events of the last seven days. Our Year 3 and 5 visits to the Poetry Festival now mean that all of our KS2 children have been to a Literary Festival this year, after the success of the Cheltenham Literary Festival in the autumn for Years 4 and 6. The enthusiasm and momentum they come back into school with after this kind of event is infectious, as can be seen in the high quality work they produce.



Mastering the art of debate!

Debating Competition

'For the last month, we have been working hard as the Somers Park Debate Team to get ready for the competition and on Friday 16th March, the day arrived... eight of us were on the team, with six speaking and two (very supportive) subs. We were arguing for the motion that people should be charged if they don't recycle. There were many schools there but the hosts (Great Malvern) provided excellent facilities including drinks and scrumptious cake! We were nervous but won our motion and were chosen above 6 other schools to go through to the final against reigning champions, Eastnor. We only had a few minutes to prepare our final argument as they only tell you then whether you are 'for' or 'against', so although we narrowly missed out on a win, we feel really proud of presenting great arguments and speaking well. The day was really fun and next time we hope to bring home the trophy.' Annabel and Tyler Yr 5.

'I enjoyed the debating experience because as well as debating ourselves, we got to listen to other people debate.'

Jackson, Year 4

'It was great experience for later life.'

Alicia Year 4

'I loved cheering my team on.' Noah Year 4.

Year 3 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival

Year 3 had an amazing trip to Helena Barnes House for the Ledbury Poetry festival where we worked with some fabulous poets including Matt Black, Sara Hurse and Jean Atkins. We really enjoyed working with the poets and seeing them perform.

As part of the workshops we did with them, we got to improve our performance, observation and writing skills. During the day, we wrote three to four poems each and were then able to perform them in a grand finale at the end of the day. Thanks so much to the organisers and poets who helped us throughout the day. We loved it.

Here are some examples of our work from yesterday. We love poetry particularly on World Poetry Day!



A nest in the darkness by Erin

In the weeping darkness,
Crystal balls shine like a northern star,
Their hearts beating,
Thumping against the cracked shell,
That has waited as long as the old man has lived.

In a woven nest, a new life will begin,
And a joyful song bird will fill the tree with happiness,
Forgetting all the secrets lost long ago.

Nest of Dark by Lucy

In the darkness of the nest,
Stars glimmer,
Where it hides secrets as deep as the waves,
And calls out to friends,
Family lost long ago...

The Precious Nest by Tyler

A jewel on my tongue,
What comes between us?
Heartless.
The world turns,
Where you put your hands
in the darkness.
Absence makes a nest,
Tightly woven.

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Year 5 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival

'On Tuesday 21st March, we went to Ledbury Poetry Festival and met three lovely poets. At first, we listened to the poet's poems. The poets we saw were: Valerie Bloom, Matt Black and Sara Hirsch. They were very inspiring.

We got split into three groups and did three different workshops, one with each poet. The workshops taught us three unique types of poetry. In each workshop, we wrote a poem, using the technique we were taught. From a liar to an animal, from an emotion to an object – there were lots of fabulous poems written by us! Everyone's poem was personal in their own ways. After the workshops, we read/ performed our poems and bought books which we got signed. Our favourite parts were: listening to the poets perform and listening to our peers perform. Also, another favourite part was getting our book signed.'

By Molly and Cindy, 5NV

'On Tuesday 20th March, Year 5 went to a private day workshop as part of Ledbury Poetry Festival. We did different activities with each of the three poets which were all fun and inspiring - we even got to learn Jamaican Patwa. At the end of the trip we were able to perform our own poems as well as being treated to another performance by each poet. We would definitely suggest going there; it was amazing.'

By Bella, Carys, Rhys and Fenton 5JB

Castle Point Champions

Congratulations to **Warwick** who are the Spring Term Castle Competition Champions!

As a reward for their success, children in Warwick may wear their own clothes to school on Monday.

Our Castle Point system continues to be an excellent motivator in school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to every single child for the castle points they have collected and the badges they have earned. I wonder who will win next term?



Our victorious netball team

More netball success!

'On Thursday 22nd March, the Year 5 and 6 netball team travelled to the Chantry High School for the final round of the Worcestershire West Primary Netball Play-offs. On the team were Nansi and Fenton from Year 5 and Jess, Jasmine, Ryan, Will and Emma from Year 6.

Throughout the whole event the team pushed themselves to achieve the best they could and it paid off! During the tournament we won two matches and drew one.

Overall we won the whole event and came back with a trophy each and a huge amount of pride!' Report by Ryan & Emma

Well done team!

Message from Malvern Catering

We have been asked by Malvern Catering to inform you that the cost of their hot lunches will be increasing to **£2.20** as from 16th April 2018.

Clubs

A reminder that with the exception of Year 6 Boosters, there will be no clubs next week.

We break up for Easter holidays next Thursday, 29th March, returning on Monday 16th April. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Chris Hansen

Coming up....

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 th April	Year 1 Sudeley Castle visit

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