



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a quiet week at school without our Year 4 and 5 children who have been at Avon Tyrrell all week. We are looking forward to their return this afternoon!

### **PTA Science Fair**



What a fabulous piece of natural artwork created by so many little hands at the PTA Science Fair last weekend. There was a great turn out for a lovely afternoon on Sunday. Our thanks to the Twyford Social Club for use of their excellent venue. Our butterfly artwork grew over the afternoon to celebrate the fabulous wildlife on our doorstep. A messy afternoon of hands-on soil, plant and animal science went smoothly thanks to the enthusiasm of lots of parent helpers. We learned about the Winchester Downs Cluster - a group of

farmers working together to protect our local countryside. Many thanks to the South Downs National Park and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust for their support and for all their hard work taking care of the woodlands, rivers, and our animal friends. Twyford is at the most westerly edge the South Downs National Park. The chalk geology that defines the Park starts right under our feet. The Park Authority have given the school some fabulous high speed cameras and other equipment for wildlife monitoring. We can't wait to start using them in science Golden Time next term.

A few photos from the Science Fair, taken by Kat Molesworth, can be found on the next page. A link to access the full set of photos taken will be sent via parentmail shortly.



## Bikeability



Last week, our Year 6s completed their Bikeability training. This is a cycle training programme designed to teach children the practical skills and understanding on how to cycle on today's roads. Mrs Beckett was extremely proud to have some excellent feedback from the instructors. They told her that TSM's pupils were not only the most capable group they had trained, but also the most respectful and well

behaved. Well done Year 6 – you continue to represent our school so well.

### By Evie Garrett and Mabel Pick

Bikeability was a fun learning experience for all the Year 6s. In the beginning, many people were worried, but sooner or later everyone got used to it. The nine teachers we had over the course of two days (not back to back) were very friendly and encouraging. To complete level 1, we had to be able to control our bike and do a safe stop and safe start. We also had to signal, left and right; and in Evie Garrett's opinion the best part was when we had to look behind whilst riding and see what the person behind was wearing.

In level 2, it was more challenging and we went on the roads. We then did a bit about turning into T-junctions and making U turns and Mabel's group finished everything so they got to go on a small bike ride. Katie Pollard said, "I really enjoyed it and the instructors didn't give negative feedback but just said you could work on this..." Fortunately, every Year 6 got level 2, which is the first time one of the instructors had seen that in the 4 years he worked as a bikeability instructor. All the year 6s were praised for their behaviour as we got very good feedback.



We didn't think it was possible, but our fundraising from two years ago was smashed! You raised £2113.71, of which £1268.22 will be spent back in school on Sports Equipment. The children will be involved in the decision making of how this money is spent and will no doubt keep you updated when the chosen equipment arrives!

### **3Rs Drama**

On Tuesday Ash, Beech and Oak enjoyed a drama workshop in the hall. They were all superheroes helping to look after our planet! **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Our children were able to create and sustain a range of roles. Their improvisations brought great joy as they took turns to share and respond thoughtfully.



### **SAFTA Awards**

Last Friday, Sycamore class held the first ever SAFTA Awards (Sycamore Awards for Film and Television Arts). The children had been working hard all week to write pitches to persuade the SAFTA judge (Mrs Beckett) to give their movie the award of Film of the Year 2019!



The children were researching, writing, editing and redrafting their pitches before performing them. They had decided the judging criteria themselves, choosing persuasion, accuracy, excitement and performance as the four main areas, each to be judged out of ten. After five heartfelt, dramatic and well-presented pitches, the winner was finally

revealed... Congratulations to **Lego Movie 2 and the team** who worked so well together to write a persuasive film pitch!



### The Big Pedal

It's that time of year again, when we remind the children of the benefits of scooting, cycling and, this year, walking too! The challenge runs from 25th March to 5th April where we'd like as many of you as possible to get involved by simply cycling, scooting or walking to school. Even some of the staff who live far away from school are going to give it a go!

A separate communication went out to parents yesterday so that you are aware of all the other activities that your children will be getting involved in.



### A thank you

Mrs Aitken and Mrs Newell would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Belcher, who has donated a copy of her book 'The School of Numbers' to Yew Class this week. They are very grateful and are finding it very useful.

## Christian Aid

Joanna Tom-Kargbo will be visiting our school later this afternoon. She lives in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. She works for the charity Christian Aid, who work to help the poorest people in Sierra Leone, who are often live in rural, hard-to-reach locations. She trained as a nurse at the University of Sierra Leone and is in the UK to talk to people here about the work Christian Aid is doing in Sierra Leone. She wants us to understand more about what life is like there. If any adults are interested, Joanna will be speaking at St. Paul's Church in Winchester at 7.30pm this evening. All are welcome to attend this event to learn more about aid in Sierra Leone.

## Twyford Trail Fun Run – 27<sup>th</sup> April

The popular Twyford Trail run is taking place this year on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. There will be 3 race categories; 10k, 5k and a kids' fun 2k race. Registration is now open; please follow the link below. They are looking for volunteers (stewards for the race, parking, cake and drink stall etc) – please contact Celine (07867473982) if you can help.

<https://www.muddyrunners.org.uk/twyford-trail-run>



## Star of the Week

Ash	Ollie	Ollie is an Ash class star for firstly showing courage coming into class without his twin brother Hugo when he was off one day in the week and secondly for writing a lovely letter to Jack to say thank you for the magic beans he sent!
Beech	Rafferty	For being an Incy Independent when writing his report on 'Trees' and challenging himself to include adjectives to make his report more detailed. Well done Rafferty!
Oak	Michal	For being an Incy Independent and completing tricky multiplication and division sums. Also for super neat presentation!
Sycamore	Roscoe	For his fantastic effort in Literacy to produce a set of clear, detailed instructions including many features and presented beautifully!
Willow	N/A	At Avon Tyrrell
Yew	All of Year 6!	For having an incredible week: taking your Mock SATs in your stride and for the care you showed your Year R buddies when you had a joint playtime during the week



## Roll of Honour

Ash	AJ	For being an Evaluating Owl with our construction toys and for making some amazing models – this week AJ made a shield with a handle which he used in his imaginative play.
	Anna	For really trying hard to form her graphemes clearly in class. Keep up the good work Anna, you are an excellent Persevering Pig!
Beech	Maisie	For being a Curious Cat and thinking really carefully about what concept she felt was in the story 'You're Called What?!'
	George	For being an Incy Independent when finding the odd number bond out and writing his 'prove it bubble' to prove it!
Oak	Arabella	For writing in detail about why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly.
	Lauren	For producing a well written, descriptive diary about the Great Fire of London.
Sycamore	Keira	For great perseverance with writing, editing and redrafting a set of detailed instructions for her version of the game 'Operation'.
	Jude	For fantastic independence to solve missing number multiplication problems in Maths.
Willow	N/A	At Avon Tyrrell
Yew	Harry	For super perseverance and progress in the Mock SATs.
	Christian	For his enthusiasm and engagement when writing a blurb for our class text "The Machine Gunners."

### Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	The Big Pedal week
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 5
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Yr 4/5 Cross Country competition at The Gregg School – 12.30pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sustrans' Sports Hero Dress Up day
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	INSET day
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Willow Class Gallery Event – 3.00 – 4.00pm in school hall

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Yr 3 Forest School programme – Session 6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Yr 1/2 Scooter training
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Avon Tyrrell Celebration Evening – 5.00 – 6.00pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Service – 9.30am at St Mary's Church
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of term

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Summer Term begins
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Twyford Trail Fun Run – 2pm
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Yr 4 Swimming lesson programme begins – details to follow
<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Yr 3 Forest Schools – make-up date for missed session
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Ash Class Parents' Lunch
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Beech Class Parents' Lunch



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