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Summer Term Newsletter No.04

Academic

Half-term seems a distant memory this week with all the fantastic learning that has been taking place across our two schools. It is wonderful to be able to see enthusiastic children engaged with their learning and taking an active role in their education, whichever classroom is visited.

Children in year 4 will soon be sitting their Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) and have been using especially generated daily codes from the DfE to practise – I have no doubt that they will do themselves, and us, proud.

Next week is the National Phonics Screening Week, so children in year 1 (and any in year 2 that are re-taking the assessment) will be using their phonic knowledge to read real words, as well as (hopefully) spotting those grotty pseudo words (we call them alien words). Again, I have no doubt children will smash it out of the park!

Community

Thank you to Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Baddeley for giving up their time over half-term to incinerate the material that was generated from the Parent Power afternoon a few weeks ago at Webber's (and thank you too to everyone that came on that day). I know there is another Parent Power session planned soon; if you think you may be able to help, please contact Mrs. Coates or Mrs. Baddeley.

I would like to thank the PTFAs from both schools for covering the cost of the coach booked to take year 6 children to Bampton school for their pool party. Mrs. Newman (Bampton's headteacher) has kindly offered us the use of their pool, now the pool at Webber's is no longer in use.

Character

Our focus virtues this half of term are **Respect**, **Cooperation** and **Reflection**. We have chosen to move away from a weekly focus virtue to allow us to be able to delve more fully into the virtue in question, ensuring that children have the opportunity to not only understand the virtue, but also have some opportunities to live-out that virtue for themselves, or spot it being exemplified by one of their peers. This is all celebrated in weekly Celebration Assemblies, where children are celebrated for the choices they have made and the effort they have put in to school life.

This week, girls in year 5/6, who **volunteered** to take part, represented their school at the Girls' Football at Uffculme displaying **courage**, **determination**, **cooperation** and above all a great sporting attitude. Thank you to everyone who took part – there are subsequent dates taking place as this term progresses.

Innovation

The year 6 Enterprise Project begins next week (this week, children have been completing posters to advertise dates for the project). This will involve ice-cream sales after school on selected dates and opportunities in the afternoon for parents to bring their car to school and have it washed by a group of y6 children – check out the community section for an example poster and see the messages section for dates. Webber's parents – if you have a bucket you wouldn't mind lending to the school, please bring one in and hand in at the office.

I would like to thank Rachael Barbary-Sprague of Crosses Ice-Creams for generously donating ice-cream to both cohorts of year 6 children. Do keep an eye out for Crosses at local events; I can personally recommend many different flavours of their ice-cream!

Messages

- Do keep an eye out for the A3 sign-up sheets (similar to the ones used for Parent Consultation Evenings) to book you car in for a car wash from our team of intrepid y6 enterprisers!
- Enterprise Dates:

Webber's Wednesday and Friday after school for the next 2 weeks, ice-creams will be available to buy. Next week - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons are available for car washing. Week 2 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons are available.

Burlescombe – Monday and Friday after school for the next 2 weeks ice-creams will be available to buy. Next week - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons are available for car washing. Week 2 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons are available.

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are WEBBER'S: Oak BURLESCOMBE: Kingfisher **STARS OF THE WEEK** WEBBER'S **BURLESCOMBE** Class 1 George **Acorns** Agnes Year 2 Max Class 2 Finn **Squirrels** Kyle Oaks Class 3 Tom Maggie

Diary Dates		
Mon 5 th June	Both Schools – Year 6	3-week Enterprise Window Opens
Mon 5 th June	Both Schools – Year 4	2-week Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) window opens
Tue 6 th June	Year 5/6 - both schools	Girls' Football – Uffculme School 3.15pm-5pm
Mon 12 th June – Friday 16 th June	Both Schools	National Phonic Screening Week
Mon 12 th June – Friday 16 th June	Webber's	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 12 th June	Webber's	New Intake children Induction Day 1 2pm-3.15pm
Mon 12 th June	Yr1/2 Webber's Yr1/2/3 Burlescombe	Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tue 13th June	Burlescombe	New Intake children Induction Day 1 2pm-3.15pm
Thurs 15 th June	Webber's	Parents invited for shared reading in class 1 9.00-9.30am
Mon 19 th June – Wed 21 st June	Burlescombe	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 19 th June	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 2 1.10pm-3.15pm
Mon 19 th June	Yr1/2 Webber's Yr1/2/3 Burlescombe	Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tues 20th June	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 2 1.10pm-3.15pm
Tue 20 th June	Webber's	Sports Day – 9.15am
Fri 23 rd June	Stage School children	Day at Wellington school with an evening performance
Mon 26 th June	Burlescombe	Sports Day – 9.15am
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Mon 26 th June	Yr1/2 Webber's	Swimming at Tiverton Pool
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Tue 27 th June	Both Schools	Shift Up Day
Tue 27 th June	Both schools	New intake children Induction Day 3 9.10am – 12pm
Tue 27 th June	Webber's	Girls' Football – Uffculme School 3.15pm-5pm
Date in July TBC	Both schools – year 6	Enterprise trip to Exmouth by train
Mon 3 rd July	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 4 9.00am – 1.10pm
Mon 3 rd July	Yr1/2 Webber's Yr1/2/3 Burlescombe	Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tue 4th July	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 4 9.00am – 1.10pm
Tue 4 th July – Thurs 6 th July	Both schools – year 5/6	Year 5/6 residential to London
Fri 7 th July	Webber's	Non-school uniform day for donation to Tombola
Mon 10 th July	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 5 9.00am – 3.30pm
Mon 10 th July	Yr1/2 Webber's Yr1/2/3 Burlescombe	Swimming at Tiverton Pool
Tue 11th July	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 5 9.00am – 3.30pm
Thurs 13th July	Both Schools - year 6	Pool Party at Bampton Pool 1pm-3pm
Fri 14th July	Both schools	INSET
Mon 17 th July	Both Schools	Yr6 Cream Tea 2pm-3.15pm
Tues 18 th July	Yr6 Both schools	Enterprise Trip to Exmouth
Thurs 20 th July	Webber's	Awards Ceremony 9.30am – 11am (in the marquee on the school field)
Thurs 20 th July	Burlescombe	Awards Ceremony 2.30pm-3pm (in the school hall)
Fri 21 st July	Webber's	Leavers' Service 9.30am-11am (at All Saints Church)
Fri 21 st July	Burlescombe	Leavers' Service 2.30pm-3.30pm (at St. Mary's Church)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Class 1

Academic

Class One have started learning about non-chronological reports through Talk for Writing. Our text is all about frogs which links well to the children's interests. This week, we released and waved goodbye to 6 baby frogs that we have watched transform from frogspawn, through to tadpoles, froglets and now tiny little frogs. We will write a non-chronological report on Frogs over the next couple of weeks.

Community

Class one really enjoyed reading to the children in Class 3 on the field this week. This was great for their confidence and helping to instil their love of reading. Thank you to Class 3 for being so **kind** and **patient** with us! We look forward to welcoming parents into our class for shared reading next Thursday for half an hour at 9am.

Character Education

We have been talking about respect and thinking about the Golden rule, 'Treat others like you would like to be treated'. I have been wowed by the level and amount of 'Inspiring Researcher' homework children have completed. I'm worried that I'm not going to have space to display it all! You have all done amazingly. I have been given a PowerPoint, a Lego model, Slates with lines written out, a 3D model and lots of amazing posters - you have all been really creative.

Innovation

Some of our Reception children have been very innovative this week building themselves some play equipment out of loose parts. They built both a slide and seesaw, and had a lot of fun playing on them!

Year 2

Academic

We have all returned to school refreshed, motivated and eager to learn this week as we begin the last part of our journey as Year 2s. Children have written some excellent reflective pieces about how they feel when they are 'wild'; influenced by our class text, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Everyone interpreted this in different ways, and it was fantastic to see the children's creativity and personalities shine through in their writing.

Community

The highlight of our week was when we were given the opportunity to read to our friends in KS2. We relished the opportunity we had to share our love of reading with each other, and it helped to build on our confidence when reading aloud.

Character Education

In Year 2, we have been focusing on the virtue of respect and exploring the Golden Rule. We have been living this through our own actions and demonstrating respect by making choices based on the principle of treating our friends just as we would wish to be treated by them.

Innovation

Year 2 have dived into their maths learning this week and we have learnt to tell the time. Useful mnemonics, rhymes and songs have helped us to remember which time the minute and hour hand are showing us on the clock face. Please ask your children to teach you their clever tricks for telling the time!

Class 2

Academic

Class 2 have embarked on Time as our focus in maths this term and are practising these skills at every opportunity...please support this at home, as it often proves to be a tricky concept to get to grips with! In English, we are exploring poetry and learning the differences between a variety of poetry styles, identifying the features of riddles, rhymes, and tongue-twisters before planning and writing our own. Once completed, we will be developing our Inspiring Speaker skills by reading them aloud to our classmates.

Character Education

With the multiplication check upon us (MTC), our Year 4 children are working hard to polish their skills and are all demonstrating **perseverance** and **determination**. They have been keen to practice in many different ways and have enjoyed the introduction of our burger challenge, using traditional rote-style learning to reinforce our knowledge and recall, as well as accessing TTRockstars and DfE support programs. We wish them luck and are proud of their dedication and commitment to their learning.

Community

We are enjoying sharing the outdoor area now that we can play on the field altogether, and have particularly enjoyed accessing the dressing-up trunk. This has seen the introduction of cross key-stage immersive games and opportunities to express ourselves and entertain one another in a safe and inclusive way.

Innovation

In science, we have started our investigations into electricity and circuits and we are beginning to realise just how reliant we are on our ability to access sources of power.

Class 3

Academic

The children have directed their own learning in maths this week: many children asked to revise how to tell the time (using both analogue and digital clocks) and have been challenging themselves with multi-step time problems. It's been wonderful to see the children so proud of their writing this week. We have

travelled back in time and became reporters at the execution of Anne Boleyn. The children have begun to write exceptional reports and have presented their work brilliantly using their chrome books.

Character Education

We have been focusing on the virtue of respect this week. Class 3 have considered what respect looks and sounds like; we were so proud of their comments on inclusion and celebrating diversity. It has been wonderful to see children developing their character by taking part in our Open the Book Collective Worship this week.

Community

Year 6 children enjoyed meeting Vikki Barlett and Jo Hill from Uffculme Secondary School this week. They asked some fantastic questions and are clearly looking forward to their transition day on 27th June. We sent a team of girls' footballers to Uffculme on Tuesday: they came back to school buzzing! They played brilliantly together and really enjoyed the experience. It was also great for Class 3 to hear Class 1 readers on the field this week. This is something that we hope to continue in the glorious weather: it was lovely to see the older children supporting the younger children to read aloud and to just stop, read and enjoy a story together.

Innovation

Our peers in Year 4 will be taking Multiplication Tables Checks soon. Class 3 have been supporting Year 4 by thinking of new and interesting ways of remembering some of the more challenging tables. Please ask your child how they might remember 8×8 , 6×8 or $12 \times 7!$:)

Acorns

Academic

After a busy end to last term writing our own stories based on Beatrix Potter's The Two Bad Mice, we have started this term looking at another popular book, Where The Wild Things Are. We have had fun being imaginative with our language to describe the characters and the setting. EYFS children have started the term very strongly in maths; the adults have been blown away by their knowledge of doubles and their ability to share equally between groups using a range of resources. Year 1 are working with numbers to 100 and year 2 have shown great perseverance and resilience with time and are mastering both analogue and digital! The children have been very curious about different monarchs we have been learning about. This week, we have looked at Alfred the Great; the children were very excited to hear he took refuge locally to us in Somerset!

Community

Acorns class have started thinking about Sports Day this week, excited to welcome our school family and local community to share in the event at the end of the month. We have begun practising for the events and are enjoying making use of the local field to do this. We have rearranged our class trip to the church so we are looking forward to that within the next few weeks too. It has been lovely to hear how some children in Acorns class have been working within and supporting our local community outside school; please do keep sharing your news on this with us.

Character Education

As being recognised as a school of character is very important to Burlescombe, it has been fantastic to hear the children using the language of virtue in conversation with each other. Our virtue focus is currently **respect**. The children are all making an effort to show respect to each other, staff and the world around us at all times. We have enjoyed reading stories about the importance of respect and played a great game using different respect-based scenarios.

Innovation

As the sun has been shining, we have tried to be outside as much as we can. The children have been creating marvellous sculptures in the sand - we had to work hard and demonstrate resourcefulness and determination to make some of our structures stay together! Some year 2 children have been working very hard on creating their own story book - they have been writing and illustrating each page with beautiful handwriting and detailed drawings, and we are all very excited to see the finished product.

Squirrels

Academic

Both Years 3 & 4 have started a new topic in maths, which is looking at money. In English, we have been writing book reviews about a story that we enjoyed reading and want to recommend to other children. In French, we have started a new topic looking at vocabulary connected to school life; the children are really enjoying trying out their growing language skills!

Community

With Sports Day fast approaching, Squirrels class are starting to think about the events they will take part in, and are looking forward to using the field in Bray Close to practise some events. I do have to say that it is delightful to hear about everything children are doing in their local communities to help out in some way. This is their first step along the path of becoming the Global Citizens they will be in the future.

Character Education

We are thinking about the virtue of respect this week, talking about what that looks like in the classroom and in the wider world. We are thinking about the idea of treating other people the way that we would like to be treated and the difference being respectful makes.

Innovation

Squirrels class have been looking at homophones this week, writing brilliant sentences to show the different meanings of words that sound the same. Some of the sentences were silly, some sensible, but they were all super!:)

Oaks

Academic

This week, we have been learning all about newspaper reports. We have been listening to a true story about an amazing quest two families took over the Berlin wall in 1979. We have then been compiling that information, and information we have been researching, into a newspaper report.

Community

This week, we have been creating posters for our up-coming Enterprise Events - look out for them around the school! :)

Character Education

This week, we have been focused on Respect. We have been learning about the importance of respect and that respect can take many forms; it can also be shown on an individual level and in groups.

Innovation

We have been innovating this week by creating our own sketchbooks. We have learnt that these are different from art books and require us to be innovative to portray our thoughts and feelings as well as our practises.

Community Section



Introducing Webber's KS2 Summer Term Choir

Calling all singers!

Come along and give it a go!



Be part of a team, learn new skills, learn great tunes!

Have fun!

This will be run as an Early Morning Club with a nominal fee of £2 per week (all proceeds to go directly to the PTFA). Children are invited to be dropped off punctually on Tuesdays at 8.05am for an 8.10am start. As we will be working towards a final performance, we kindly ask that both children and parents commit to a full term.

Please let me know if you are interested as this would be helpful for those running the choir to gauge numbers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The choir will start from the second Tuesday of the summer term (Tuesday 25th April).

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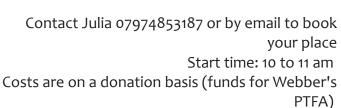












Dogs welcome (on leads)

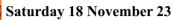


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