

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



30th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought the song went, 'Drip, drip, drop - Little April showers.....' Not that I've watched Bambi for a while (honestly), but the rain is definitely a month early!

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC) has continued in earnest over the past month with various Impact Days completed by many Year Groups, activity sessions held by the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre, either on-site or across the beach road on Portland and some serious Samba Drumming sessions. We've also had a Beach Clean, our Team Day, with a focus on Global Citizenship and of course, no school year would be complete without it, Red Nose Day. All of these days provide fantastic platforms, from which many new learning opportunities can be initiated and which all the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

It was fantastic to welcome you all on World Book Day, which I'm sure you'll agree was a roaring success and I know for a fact (as many of you were just as keen to show off your badge to me, as the children were) that this activity was a wonderful way to engage the whole school community. Additionally, the children were very excited to 'snuggle' down in the afternoon with a cup of hot chocolate and listen to the various stories read by staff - which was an amazing sight.

Once again Conifers has also been heavily involved in sporting activities and competitions, but I won't steal the limelight from Mr Lyon, I'll step back and let him fill you in with the details!

Looking ahead after the Easter break - we have our Parent's Evening Consultations. Following feedback from our previous meetings, we changed the format to 'virtual' as many of you voiced your preference to these conversations, as it allowed a greater degree of flexibility in respect of 'working' around your already busy life's. We did of course recognise that this system did not allow the opportunity for you to come into the school; 'catch-up' with your child's teacher or see the work they have been producing, however, with our 'Living Museums', which are held every half-term, this opportunity, is, once again afforded to you all. That said, some parents have now expressed a preference to the return of the face-to-face Parent Evenings, and we have tried to accommodate this by providing that opportunity on the first evening only. We'll monitor and reflect on this, to gauge the format for future Parent evenings. Please remember, that you do not have to wait for these evenings to talk to your child's teacher. We have an open door policy and if you have any concerns or comments or even praise, please feel free to contact the school.

I will end with some staffing news; as Miss Treweek will soon be leaving us soon with the imminent birth of her baby. Mrs Humphries has returned from her maternity leave and will, with the support of Mrs Thirlwall, be teaching Maple class until the end of the summer term.

Thank you as always for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful Easter. School finishes normal time tomorrow and children return on Monday 17th April.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
HEADTEACHER

YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On the 8th March, 12 awesome year 3 & 4 girls got the opportunity to take part in a football festival at Budmouth, representing the school brilliantly on an absolutely freezing day - great job - **Madiha I, Lucy K, Naseera A, Sophia B, Hallie M, Alice S, Sianna E, Levi H, Chardai S, Eleanor W, Imogen Y and Naina S.** The future of girls football at Conifers looks very bright indeed.



YEAR 4 GOLF FESTIVAL

On Friday 11th March, another 10 Year 4 children were lucky enough to get to experience of a morning of golf at Weymouth College. They all tried their hand at a new skill with much gusto and enthusiasm and a considerable amount of emerging golfing finesse. A most excellent time was had by all. Well done to **Harry B, Thomas C, Leon C, Drew H, Clark G, India-Mae E, Maggie B, Nikita F, Selene R and Casey S** for being such great examples of perseverance, determination and being the best versions of themselves when trying something new.



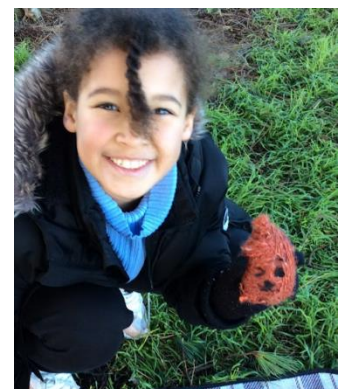
FOREST SCHOOL

Year 4 have been enjoying their time in Forest School exploring flora and fauna and developing teamwork skills.

The first group of children had fun recreating Greek beasts and building lots of shelters! Each session was planned around what the children enjoyed and wanted to learn about including a whole session based on Dinosaurs. The children had the opportunity to use tools and manage risks and built their confidence in communicating with each other.

The last session was a thank you to the Forest School area for allowing them to "be free". They learnt about replanting wildflowers, the importance of nature and how they could make a difference.

Of course the snacks went down well too!



BUDMOUTH NETBALL RALLY

On Tuesday 21st March, a group of netballers took part in a Netball Rally at Budmouth College. The morning was full of a variety of drills to practise passing the ball, moving and dodging, and match skills. In the afternoon, the children took part in four netball matches against other schools in the local area. Conifers were up against some tough opponents but showed excellent teamwork, stamina and sportsmanship! It was an exhausting but fun-filled day!



YEAR 2 - MONKEY WORLD

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Monkey World as part of our 'My World' topic. They discussed the pros and cons of monkeys living in captivity and enjoyed seeing the different species around the park. We also found our adopted orangutan, Reike, who was busy playing in the enclosure. All children behaved exceptionally well during our visit and had a great day out.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have taken part in our annual Musicianship Programme provided by the Dorset Music Service. The children had 10 sessions throughout the Spring term learning how to play in a samba band. They brought the Brazilian carnival vibes to the whole of Key Stage 2 during a special presentation of what they had learnt. Well done Year 4!



YEAR 1

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Farmer Palmers to conclude our 'On the Farm' topic. We loved seeing all of the animals, particularly the kid goats, alpacas and stroking the guinea pigs! Mrs Tharme and Miss Boyd were so impressed with our behaviour throughout the day and we bought lots of hay back to school in our boots!



French Language Detectives

This half term the children have been engaging with Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Primary Languages units. They have been amazing. We introduced language detective certificates to praise the children who have stood out with their engagement with learning French and enthusiasm with learning a new language. Here are the Spring 2 Language Detectives. They have received their own certificate and a prize from the French Prize box. We cannot wait to see who it will be in Summer 2.

Great work
You are this week's
language detective!

Year 3: Ethan, Darcey, Molly, Poppy, Freddie, Eryk, Ruby-Lou, Eleanor, Evie-Rose, Lucia, Ewan, Henry, Llyod, Ben, Charlie and Shay

Year 4 Nassera, Robyn, Kairen, Madiha, Charlie, Oliver GA

Year 5 Poppie, Mia, Noah, Lucas S, Selina, Kailan, Lucas W, Morgan, Henrique, Daisy, Alyssa

Year 6: Ashton, Oscar, Ryan F, Olivia, Taylor, Charlie BD, Florence, Georgia, Riley-J, Alfie S, Rihanna, Dexter



