



Burford Primary School

Respect, Achieve, Aspire

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This week the whole school enjoyed a Quidditch event on the most gloriously sunny day. The team who visited commented on the children's enthusiasm, willingness to get stuck in and try something new and their encouragement towards one another. Do take a look at the photos later in the newsletter.

We were also visited by representatives of the Thomas Collier Charity and Hufkins who kindly brought each of us a loaf of delicious wholemeal bread.

Our assembly theme this week focused on being generous. Each of us can use our time, friendship and qualities generously to make a huge difference.



I also love the quote where the characters from "The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse" just enjoy hanging out together.

"Doing nothing with friends is never doing nothing..." Being generous with their time made each of them feel valued, appreciated and special. Our weekly recognition boards help us to "catch" children demonstrating our theme in action. It is always a joy to visit each class on a Friday afternoon and read the Recognition Boards and see what amazing things the children have been doing to show kindness, courage and now generosity.

This week, we have also been celebrating reading for pleasure. Do take a look at our photos to see what books mean to us.

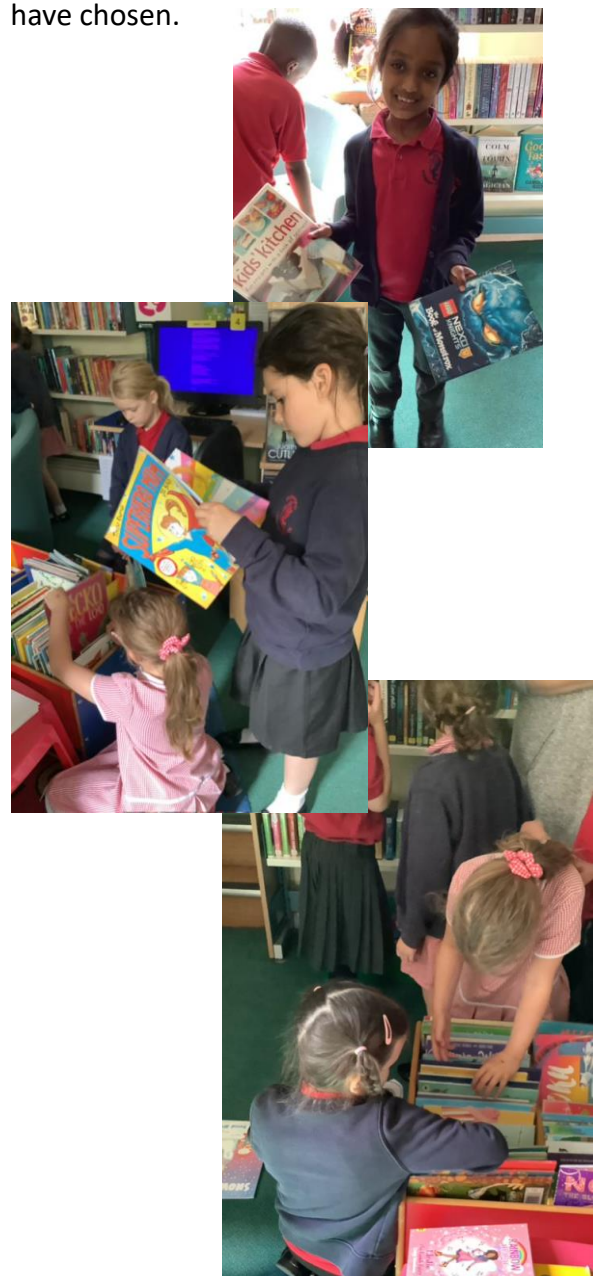
Elizabeth Mason
(Interim Head Teacher)



Look how we enjoy reading for pleasure.

'Hey, my spaghetti's moving!' cried Mr Twit, poking around in it with his fork. Currently, Tolsey Class are reading Roald Dahl's *The Twits*. The children are loving the story and cannot wait to find out which tricks the Twits are going to play on each other next.

The children are enjoying their fortnightly visits to the library. They are always super excited to share the books they have chosen.



I would like to commend the year 6s this week as **Priory Class** has been preparing for next week's SATs. The test practice has been different and challenging but I have been really impressed by the students' maturity. In our downtime, we have been taking the time to enjoy good literature through both class reading sessions and individual quiet reading.



Our class book currently is 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. The class have really enjoyed this book, especially any scenes involving the fiendish Mr Boil. Furthermore, we have been reading for pleasure. The children have loved being able to choose their own books from our class bookshelf and many of the children love discussing the events of their novels with friends.



We have also made time to enjoy school activities. Everyone had a fantastic time in quidditch on Wednesday. Everyone really enjoyed the game and there were smiles all around by the end of the day!



This week in **Warwick Class** we have been preparing for the King's Coronation this weekend. We have been learning facts all about King Charles, such as his two dogs are called Beth and Bluebell and that he can fly a helicopter!



In preparation for our library visit on Thursday we made the most beautiful crowns, just like the one King Charles will receive during his coronation. At the library we enjoyed reading the story The King's Pants and Carol loved seeing our crowns. We also enjoyed our coronation dancing where we learnt how to curtsy and dance like the king and queen!



On Wednesday we enjoyed playing Quidditch and we would like to thank Miss Gore for organising it for us.

After the success of reading 'Varjak Paw' last term, **Wysdom Class** are now reading 'Who let the Gods out?' to link to our Ancient Greece topic. It's a real pleasure to enjoy a class reading time with this book as it's quite funny!



From next week, we will also be using the book for class guided reading sessions where the children can read aloud to the class and we can work on answering comprehension questions together.

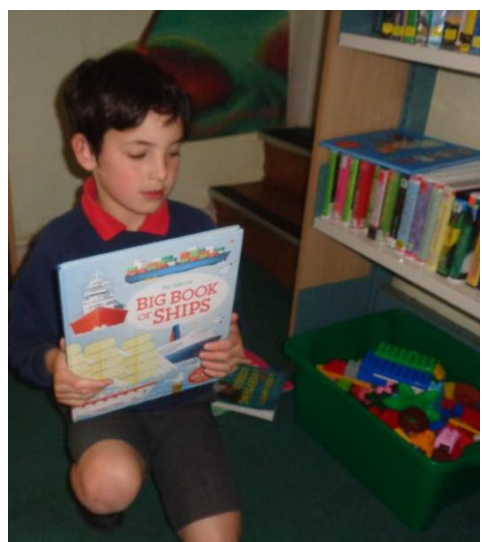
Alongside our class novel, we also have individual and buddy reading time in class where we can enjoy our own books and share them with friends. We are now sharing our book recommendations with friends in a 'book of the week' time too, where we can vote on our favourite books then write a review for others to read. It's great to see the wide range of books that Wysdom enjoy reading!



During our story time sessions this week, **Windrush Class** have been reading stories about the Romans. We really enjoyed exploring these non-fiction books and finding out even more about the Romans. The best fact we found out, was that the Romans sometimes threw poo out of their windows because they didn't have toilets in their houses. Yuck!



We have also gone back to Burford Library this week. We love going there and getting to choose our own books, that we find interesting.





A representative from Burford's Collier's Charity attended our assembly on Tuesday, after which the children brought home a large loaf of bread. This is to keep the tradition of The Thomas Collier Charity alive where a loaf of bread is given to the children of Burford Primary School once a year as a reminder of poverty in the past. In 1665 Thomas Collier left a legacy to buy 12 one-penny loaves each week to be distributed to families in need. Records show this continued until the turn of the 20th century.

Quidditch Event Winners

Best Beaters	Best Chasers	Best Keepers	Best Golden Snitches
Zachary	Jenny	Amber	Mrs Beaney
Finley	Kyra	Thomas W	
Hettie	Robyn	Oscar	Mrs Glover
Corey	William P	Henley	Mrs Corless
William H	James	Laurence	Mr Lillie

Impact Education have put together some short videos for busy parents wanting to know how to support their child's mental health and well-being. For the next few weeks, I'll post a different video link that may be a helpful resource for you and your family.



Here is the second one: [Ditch Distractions](#). Being in "flow" is good for our mental health and wellbeing. Being fully immersed in what we're doing can help keep those constant interruptions and distractions at a more helpful distance.

Online safety for parents



[Here](#) you will find a wealth of tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.

Quidditch Event

On Wednesday, the children were taught how to play Quidditch. Traditionally, Quidditch is a dangerous sport played by witches and wizards riding on their flying broomsticks. In the absence of flying broomsticks, the children had to use their feet and to avoid unnecessary health and safety paperwork, the game was slightly modified. First, the children practised throwing a soft black ball (bludger) at each other. To make the game harder, the children then had to shoot a soft golden ball (quaffle) through a hoop, whilst avoiding being hit by the bludger. To end the session, which was my favourite part, the children had to chase the Golden Snitch – which was one of their class adults. At the end of the day, there was a whole school assembly to announce the winners!

Well done to Yellow House.



POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

I am extraordinary

I forgive myself for my mistakes

Today, I am grateful

I am perfect just the way I am

Today is a fresh start

I have people who love me

It's okay to not know everything

I choose to think positive

I deserve happiness

I'm going to make today count

I am capable

I can make a difference

My life is beautiful

I believe in myself and my abilities

I am important

Being true to myself is what matters

I decide my own attitude

My choices are my own

It's okay to make mistakes

I am brave

I can and I will

Bad emotions will pass

I am going to get through this

I make my own choices

Doing my best is enough

I am enough

I can be anything I want to be

I am a good person

Today is the perfect day to be happy

I am creative

It's okay to be scared

Mistakes are how I grow

I get better every single day

I can be a leader

I will be okay

I can handle this

I am valuable

today will be a good day

I can totally do this

There is always a reason to smile

Dates for your diary

Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday: school is closed
Tues 9 th – Fri 12 th May	Year 6 SAT's tests and special breakfast each day (see parentmail 25.04.23)
Friday 12 th May	Year 6 End of SAT's Pizza Party in the Paddock 2-3pm (see parent mail 25.04.23)
Friday 19 th May	Footy Kids Taster day in school
Friday 19 th May	PTA AGM 3.30pm in Windrush Class
Monday 22 nd May	Class and Leavers Photos

Attendance



Our whole school attendance Week beg 01.05.23	Our attendance target is
95%	97%

Photos of our Coronation Celebration Lunch together will be available in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you and your families a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.



Safeguarding Children – what to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger – if you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

Immediate concern – if you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**, contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

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