

School News

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As I write this, there is a definite sense of Spring in the air. The daffodils planted by our pupils last Autumn have come through and are brightening up the playgrounds while the wildflowers are peeping through in the Orchard.



Despite the shortness of the Spring Terms, we still have lots of exciting things to share with you. Staff, parents and governors have been busy organising all sorts of enrichment events and opportunities in our drive to ensure that our pupils have a memorable, exciting and happy time at Sibford Gower Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Vanda Kirk and Sam Allen, with many thanks for all that they have brought to our school over their time here. They will be missed.

Next term will have quite a scholarly focus, particularly for our Year 6 pupils, as we head towards the last ever SATs tests for Y2 and Y6. We will keep you fully informed about the governments plans for testing next year, as the information comes through to us.

Wishing all of you a Very Happy Easter.

Kind regards,
Jane O'Sullivan



Best Class attendance this term: BEECH 98.2%



Sporting Fixtures

Children from across the school have been involved in Sporting Events made possible through our membership of NOSSP (the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership)



These have included two separate athletics events and a High 5 netball tournament.

We have also had the chance to play a number of football and netball fixtures with children from Sibford School, with some brilliant results! One of our KS2 football teams won the Under 11s trophy!



New friendships being made as we host a girls netball fixture.



Many thanks to Sue Rowley, Em Woods, Juliette Glazebrook, Nicky Cullen, Carolyn Heather & Sarah Harrison for all the work which makes this possible.



Out on the playground to experience the solar eclipse.



Willow Class News

Maths by George Hughes

We have been learning the grid method for multiplication. We had to draw a grid with 9 squares.

Eg $13 \times 26 = 200 + 60 + 60 + 18 = 338$

x	20	6
10	200	60
3	60	18

We really enjoyed it although it was quite difficult to begin with!

Literacy by Eve Townsley

We have been writing a story about a girl. She goes to the laundrette and something strange happens to her. First we watched a DVD, then we acted out the story and Mrs Layer wrote the story as we told it. Then in Big Writing we wrote our own stories.

'It happened last evening at six o'clock at the laundrette. Bethany was reading a book, a very interesting book. She was just about to doze off when she suddenly saw a light coming from one of the washing machines. It was bright blue. She got up from her seat and walked over. She slowly knelt down and

Topic by Thomas Glazebrook

We have been learning about mountains and rivers. We have been doing drawings and learning facts about mountains. I found it really good fun. We also made some pastel mountain pictures. I never want to stop doing this!



ICT by Thomas Platt

In ICT we made posters about rivers and mountains in the UK and around the world. We had to find pictures on the internet and copy and paste them onto our work. We also had to research facts and then write them in our own words. We loved this and I'm sure you would too!

DT by Bethany Atherton

We have been making fish out of socks! We brought in odd socks from home. Then we made a plan. It was difficult to follow it.

We stuffed the socks, stitched up the top and then covered it in felt scales. Finally we chose buttons for eyes. It was great fun. Then we hung them up on a string in our classroom.





PE by Cicely Glazebrook

On Wednesday morning, Willow Class do country dancing. We have learnt two dances – The Durham Reel and The Bridge of Athlone. We all found dancing great fun and it's also brilliant exercise too.



Maple Class News



It has been a very productive term in Maple Class. We have covered some interesting topics in our science lessons including 'Teeth' and more recently "States of Matter". In literacy lessons, the children have worked very hard on their writing, each producing a small story booklet that they are very proud of. As the weather has improved we have been able to include a lot more outdoor learning. We have ventured into the newly refurbished Orchard area and the children would like to thank the people who have made this possible for all the hours of work they have put in. We have been lucky recently to enjoy some warmish, sunny days out there. Maple class have achieved a lot over the last term and were very excited when they had the opportunity to share some of their achievements in our class assembly. The children worked very hard on their assembly presentation, planning and organising it themselves. It was wonderful to see how much they have learned and how creative and passionate they were about their performance. The feedback from those who came to share the assembly was fantastic. Maple class are now looking forward to the summer term, which promises to be even more exciting and eventful!



WOMBAT NEWS



We are definitely swapping Grot Spots for Hot Spots:

The sports shed is tidy, the Orchard looks great, there are beautiful flowers in the sink where the smelly water used to be, there are new doors on the bat caves and we have begun to list our order for playground equipment.

Next term we will be sending out a school dinner survey to find out what is working and what isn't. We are going to ask PTA if they can sponsor a friendship bench where people can sit if they are feeling lonely, so people know they need a friend.



A church full of people as we celebrate with our Easter Service. Many thanks to Mrs Layer for all her hard work in organising this.



The children in Beech Class have been exploring the theme of Kings and Queens. They shared some of their work with the whole school and parents in assembly. They ordered English queens on a timeline and told us lots of interesting facts about them. They shared some wonderful writing from their Big Write lesson, full of fantastic descriptive language and information about Elizabethan traditions and dress, and all written in the 'first person' as they imagined they were attending a ball at the palace of Queen Elizabeth 1st. They also shared some beautiful royal portraits in home made frames. Well done, Beech Class!



Some beautiful artwork by Rebekah and Barney, shared with the congregation as Oak Class tell The Story of Easter.



On Red Nose Day, we raised a fabulous £100
Thank you!



Acorn Class

This term we have been learning about Kings and Queens. We have been busy making our own 'Crown Jewels' out of lots of shiny materials. We made some



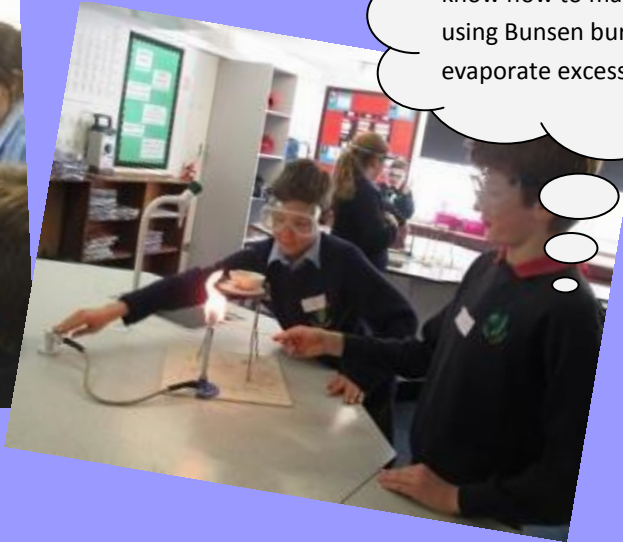
Sceptres using foil, ribbons and pipe-cleaners and ornamental bowls out of paper mache. We have also been learning about where Queen Elizabeth I has palaces and Castles in the UK and tried to build Buckingham Palace out of wooden blocks. We painted, assembled and waved flags with the National emblems on for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and learn the names of their capital cities. We also listened to some bagpipe music! The children in Acorn class have also been able to make links with members of the royal family and places they have visited in the UK, eg. Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge etc. Over the past week we have tidied and sorted out our outdoor

area and the children have made lists of resources we have. They have also made a 'wish list!' So we will be working hard to develop this area over the next term as we are planning on spending most of our time outside after Easter! Fred from Maple Class brought in the chicks that he had incubated and hatched and told the children all about them. Well done, Fred!



Year 5 & 6 News

The children from Years 5 & 6 in Oak and Maple Class have had lots of opportunities to work with children from Sibford School. They joined forces for two afternoons of science workshops and enjoyed sharing lunch with their new friends.



I wonder if my brothers know how to make salt by using Bunsen burners to evaporate excess water.

On the first of the two mornings, they also had a chance to 'Meet the Author' during an audience with Simon Mayo.



I liked the talk because he told us a bit about all the books. The best part of it was knowing you could have Science in a story book. I learnt new things about Science. (Jade)

I liked the whole talk and thought it was very interesting. I liked it when he read parts from the books because it was funny. I also liked it when Daniel Radcliff sang the element song because it was different from most author talks. (Charlotte)

I think it was quite exciting, inspiring and very interesting. I liked the periodic table. The periodic song was also very impressive because it must be very hard to remember. But I do think he should read his books slower. (Jack)

It was a great experience and also good for learning about the background to the story. I now want to read them all. The Daniel Radcliff video part was the best. (Max)

I liked the talk a lot. It was very interesting, not only did we have fun we also learnt stuff. I enjoyed hearing bits of the story most because I like books. (Gemma)

I thought it was a fascinating talk. I liked it most when he read parts from the story. I think he should have read more parts from the story.

It was a really good talk and I enjoyed it. I think the best part was when he set fire to the money because that was amazing. (Helen)

It was good, I enjoyed it and seeing him face to face. The best part was when he read about the arsenic and all the sick. I found that funny. (Luca)



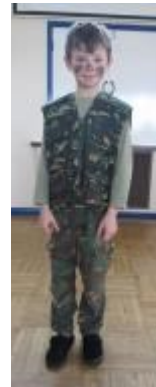
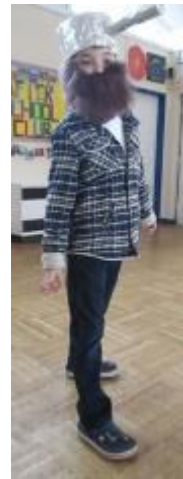


WORLD BOOK DAY



Please look on our school website for more fabulous pictures from World Book Day.

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Who wouldn't look after this bear ?




One of our parents wrote, " Thank you for enthusing and igniting their love of reading. They had the best day."



STORM!

FREEZE FRAMING INSPIRED BY BRITAN'S 'STORM INTERLUDE' AND THE PAINTING 'THE WRECK OF THE DUTTON' BY MAPLE CLASS....

THE SAILORS IN THE WATER AND LYING ON THE ROCKS....



THIS IS THE END... I FEEL DEAD! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE!

I'M NEVER GOING TO SURVIVE THIS!

I'M DROWNING! HELP!

PEOPLE WATCH ON HELPLESSLY ON THE SHORE.....



HURRY UP! SWING ACROSS THE ROPE!

THE SAILORS ON THE DECK AWAIT RESCUE....



IT'S FREEZING! WHAT CAN WE DO?

WON'T SOMEBODY SAVE US!

THIS IS END... GOODBYE WORLD!

SAILORS CLIMBING DOWN ALONG THE ROPES TOWARDS THE SHORE.....



I'M SO SCARED... BUT SO HOPEFUL I'LL GET BACK TO SHORE, WE'RE SO LUCKY...

WHAT IF I FALL? I WANT TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN...



The Orchard Project.

Headlines so far..



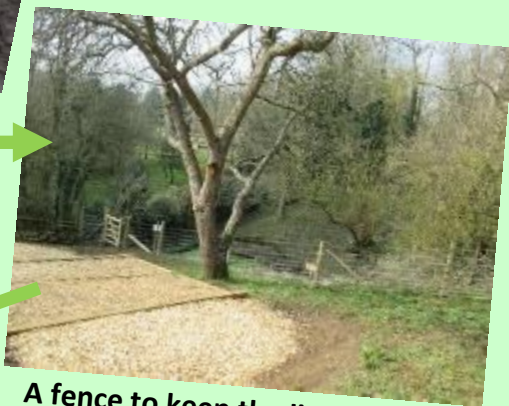
Before we started.



The hard work begins.



Paths are in place.



A fence to keep the little ones safely away from the pond.



The wild flowers are beginning to come through.



We have already begun to use the space to learn and explore.

