

Kennet Valley Voices

Term 6 - July 2019

Well here we are at the end of another school year and I cant believe that the year has gone so quickly! The whole school has been incredibly busy this year and, as always, I am incredibly proud of the children and staff who form the core of our community.

As you will know the children have had experiences which range from educational visits all across the south of England (Isle of Wight, London, Avebury etc), had visitors to work with them in school, played in a wide range of sports festivals - winning some - and watched Robin Hood and HER Merry Men fight against the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. Throughout the year our children have been creative and courageous, not only practising and playing their instruments in front of the school, but for many, achieving new grades.

Sport has continued to be a high focus for us as a school. The Wednesday afternoon sessions have been very successful at preparing all of our children for inter and intra house competitions that we have taken part in. We are overjoyed to tell you that this year we have been awards a GOLD sports mark, and feel that this really reflects how we value the sports and team work within the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Blackmore who, as sports subject leader, has pushed us to this higher level and who organised the amazing sailing event this term.



BOWMOOR SAILING!

On Wednesday 17th July, Foxes class went to Bowmoor Sailing Club. We got to play in the water and take it in turns to go on the speedboat to get on the sailing boat. We all got the chance to steer and we learnt lots



about how to sail and what the different parts of the boats were called. We had a great time at Bowmoor because we also got to play on the paddleboards and kayaks. We all laughed a lot. We would recommend this trip to others because it is a good experience. It was the best trip ever and hopefully we can go again next year!

By Ella, Jemima and Lawrence



A rainy trip to Fairford!



To celebrate the end of their final year at school our Year 6 children went on the annual trip to Fairford with Miss Chalker and Mrs Porter. Although it was a very rainy day the children had a great time walking around all the exhibitions and finding out more about different planes and helicopters. They managed to see a couple of fly pasts





Thatcham Discovery Centre

At the end of term our Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children all set off for a day exploring the Thatcham discovery centre. The children and adults had a wonderful day there in the warm sunshine.



They had several activities to do there, which included pond dipping, looked for habitats and the animals that might live there and an search for wild and exotic flowers in a meadow. This was to follow up for work they had been doing in the classroom this term.



Salisbury Leavers Service

At the start of July Year 6 children went to Salisbury Cathedral to take part in a Diocese leavers service. This is an important part of our children leaving the school before they start on the next chapter of their lives at secondary school.



It was a lovely day out together, where our pupils had the opportunity to work with children from other schools in Wiltshire. The day ended with a collective worship together and a blessing outside of the Cathedral. We hope that all of our Year 6 children enjoyed the day as much as we did.

KidZania

At the end of term 6 Otters and Foxes classes travelled to London to visit KidZania, which is an indoor city run by the kids! It is designed for children aged 4-14 and blends learning and reality with entertainment. Children were able to explore the city, trying out different jobs while earning KidZos - the official currency of this inspiring mini world. It was clear from the buzz of excitement that all of the children had a fantastic time - the adults on the trip were very jealous that they weren't allowed to join in as well. Favourite jobs to do were air conditioner repair man, news reporter and window cleaner.



Dig, Dig, Dig!

Right at the end of term all the children had the opportunity to take part in an archaeological dig on Mrs Hues' farm. The archaeologists were from Southampton and Leicester universities. It gave the children a fascinating insight into the world of archaeology and several of our children found artefacts, which will be included in a future exhibition, with our school being named as the finders of these things. The visiting professors also talked to the children about being able to do a mini dig in their own gardens - I wonder what we could find as a whole school? Whilst at the farm all of the children were treated to an ice-lolly as they had been working so hard.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hues for organising this tremendous day.



Martha's Gymnastic story

Four years of training and practice led me down to the end of term gymnastic competition 2019 . Earlier this year Caleb and Isabella joined my advanced group and this really help me with my confidence in performing. Normally I do my routine by myself but this year Bella offered to do it with me. Most of the pupils and teachers watched us do our routine at Kennet Valleys Got Talent so we got a big confidence boost from that. We have been practising for at least 4 weeks when it all came down to the moment we had been waiting for. When Bella and I walked onto the mats we could feel our nerves creeping into our heads. We had just finished our performance when we found out we had come 1st place in the duo competition.

I can't forget how well Caleb came too. He came 1st place in the solos. This was a really fulfilling experience. I am so glad I got to share my gymnastics story with you.

Martha Caudle



School uniform Reminder

Daily Uniform

Royal blue Jumper or Cardigan,
White collard T-shirt or shirt,
Grey Trousers, Skirt, Pinafore dress or Shorts Grey
Tights/socks or white socks
Smart Black shoes
Blue/white Stripe or gingham dress

Sports Kit

Plain white round neck T-shirt,
Plain navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms
White socks.
Blue hoodie or jumper
Trainers on their sports afternoons.

We will be giving all children a new water bottle in September. They will be able to keep their purple bottles to use in PE sessions at the hall on a Wednesday.

Stud earrings may be worn throughout the school day, apart from during swimming or PE sessions when they must be either taken out by the child or can be taped up. No other jewellery should be worn.

Please could all hair, which is collar length or longer, be tied up at all times throughout the school day, not just for PE or swimming sessions. From September we are also asking for hairbands/alice bands to be plain and not to have any large embellishments such as cat ears, large bows or flowers.

Final thoughts ...

We have all had an amazing year which has flown by. I am very grateful to have such a fantastic staff team, who always strive to provide the best education and pastoral care for the children that come to the school. We have never stopped believing in the importance of providing children with a well rounded curriculum and will continue to do this in the coming academic year.

A huge thank you to all of the Friends Association for all of their hard work and commitment to the school this year. We are always grateful for the fund raising that they do to enable us to buy a wide range of books and equipment, as well as subsidise the educational trips that we all go on.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the year 6 children lots of luck in their new schools and hope that they continue to enjoy their education in the coming years. They have been amazing children to teach and all the staff are very proud of the progress that they have made throughout their time here. They have grown into confident, enthusiastic young people who have been great role models to the other children.

I hope that you have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Emma Russell

D A T E S F O R Y O U R D I A R Y

Monday 2nd September - TTD School Closed

Tuesday 3rd September - First Day of Term 1

Wednesday 4th September - PE at school NOT Kennet Valley Hall

Thursday 5th September - Parents Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 11th September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 18th September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 25th September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 27th September - LitFest School Talk - Year 5 and 6 @ 1.00pm

Wednesday 2nd October - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 9th October - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 16th October - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 23rd October - PE at school NOT Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 23rd October - Last Day of Term 1

Parents Meeting

**Thursday 5th
September at 6pm.**

Please join the staff and governors to find out more about the priorities for 2019/20

Basic childcare (for school pupils) will be provided.

Teacher Training Days - School Year 2019/2020

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 29th November 2019

Friday 24th January 2019

Friday 26th June 2020

Monday 29th June 2020