



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

Term 5 Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

June

Monday 3rd
Term 6 starts
Rising Year 7 Transition Meeting – 9am
(SBS & DGS)

Tuesday 4th
Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle
Second Hand Uniform Shop

Monday 10th
Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Tuesday 11th
Year 6 Bikeability
Reception Trip to Beale Park

Wednesday 12th
Father's Day Shop (PTA Event)

Friday 14th
Explorers – Father's Day Forest School

Wednesday 19th
Years 3 & 4 Movie Night

Tuesday 25th
Year 6 Aureus Transition Day

Wednesday 4th September

Term 1 Starts

All events and term dates are available
on the school website.

Dates for your Diary

July

Tuesday 2nd
Years 1 & 2 Sports Day

Wednesday 3rd
Year 3 Recorder Concert

Thursday 4th
Years 3 & 4 Sports Day
Year 6 Enterprise Day

Friday 5th
Year 6 Enterprise Day

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th
Year 6 Didcot Girls School &
St Birinus School Transition Days

Thursday 11th
Years 5 & 6 Sports Day

Friday 12th
Silent Disco (PTA Event)

Friday 19th
Year 6 Leavers Festival

Monday 22nd
End of Term (1:30pm finish)

**Just a
friendly
reminder...**

Bikes & Scooters - Pupils should not ride these inside the school gates at any time. Please ensure you remind your child to get off their bikes/scooters and walk and push these into school.

Hot Weather - Please ensure your child has a sunhat and a water bottle and has sun cream applied before the start of school.

Mobile Phones – Adults and children should refrain from using their mobile phone inside the school gates unless in an emergency.

Sickness & Absence – Please notify the school office every day of your child's absence. Please call to leave a message on 01235 814718 (option 2) by 9am. Clearly state your child's full name, class and the specific reason for absence.

hello

...to our new
Stephen Freeman
team members!



Miss Hayward
Cover Supervisor



Mrs Tuca-Siminiciuc
Midday Assistant



Mrs Guo
Teaching Assistant

Spaces available during Term 6
Monday to Friday from 8:00am – 8:45am
£5.00 per session
Please book by emailing:
laurawiblin@stephen-freeman.oxon.sch.uk



Spaces available from September 2024
Afternoons available
12:15pm – 3:15pm
Please enquire by emailing:
reception.2594@stephen-freeman.oxon.sch.uk

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 4th June 2024
8:45am – 9:15am
School Hall



Further donations will be greatly appreciated from Term 6!

School Dinners

The new school dinner menu will start from Monday 3rd June 2024. This is available on the school website and ParentMail. Paper copies are also available in the school office.

'Roarsome' time had in Rainbows this term.

What a super half term we have had learning about the prehistoric animals that roamed the land millions of years ago. We learnt that reptiles who swam in the water like the plesiosaurus, or flew in the sky, like a pterodactyl, weren't actually dinosaurs, but are prehistoric reptiles. Every day is a school day, even for the adults in Nursery as we never knew this either!

The children have listened to and joined in with our dinosaur focus stories each week and can name common dinosaurs which is 'roarsome'. The children have explored our Dino-land tuff tray, completed dinosaur counting in the maths area and have drawn many dinosaur pictures. The children have even thought about the noises dinosaur made with stomping their feet, swishing their tails, chomping their jaws, loudly roaring and creating dinosaur dances. We can't wait to find out what our learning will be focused on next term, let's hope it is not as busy as this term!



Reception

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly our superhero project. Each child had the opportunity to unleash their creativity by designing and crafting their very own superhero suit. From shields inspired by St. George's Day to masks made from cards and capes repurposed from old t-shirts, our classroom has transformed into a hub of heroic imagination. Writing about superhero powers sparked the children's imaginations as they dreamed up incredible abilities and heroic deeds. From super strength to the power of flight, their ideas were as diverse and colourful as the superheroes themselves.

We were honoured to welcome real-life heroes into our classroom. From a veterinarian nurse to an army member like Mr. Hanger, and a nurse from the JR, our children had the chance to learn first-hand about the different ways people serve and care for others in our community.

The children brought their A-game to Sports Day, showing exceptional teamwork throughout the event. Whether they were racing, cheering on their teammates, or participating in various activities, every child gave it their all and made us proud. A big shout-out to all the family members who joined us for Sports Day! Your presence and encouragement meant the world to the children.

In addition to our hero-themed activities, we're proud to report that our children continue to impress us with their dedication to Phonics and Maths. Their hard work and enthusiasm for learning are evident every day, and we couldn't be prouder of their progress.



Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying an Enchanted Woodland topic this term. In English we have re-written sections of the stories 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Enchanted Sceptre' and been looking at adjectives to make our writing more interesting. We enjoyed an extra day at Forest School at the start of the term and we have been finding letters from the fairy spirits around our classroom.

Our art pieces were inspired by the land artist Andy Goldsworthy and the children brought in lots of natural materials to make their own creations in their chosen groups. They showed brilliant team work and followed their plans and designs well. Despite having to be made inside due to the wind, the patterns created were lovely and the children were thrilled with them.

In Science, we have been learning about plants and we have taken advantage of the good weather recently, taking our learning outside to go on tree and flower walks around the school.

The children have been drawing parts of a plant in our outside classroom and visiting our tree each month which has suddenly blossomed beautifully! Spring is most definitely here, and we are loving it!



Year 2

This term, year 2 have learnt how to be superheroes for our planet!

We had a visit from Tango, an orangutan who should live in the rainforest but came to stay with us because palm oil farming is destroying their habitat. The children learnt all about palm oil and what they could do to help. They then wrote letters to Cadburys who use palm oil in their chocolate.

We then had a visit from another animal, Shelly the sea turtle who told the children all about how plastic is hurting her and her friends who live in the oceans. They used all the information they have learnt to make a leaflet about plastic and what people can do to help.

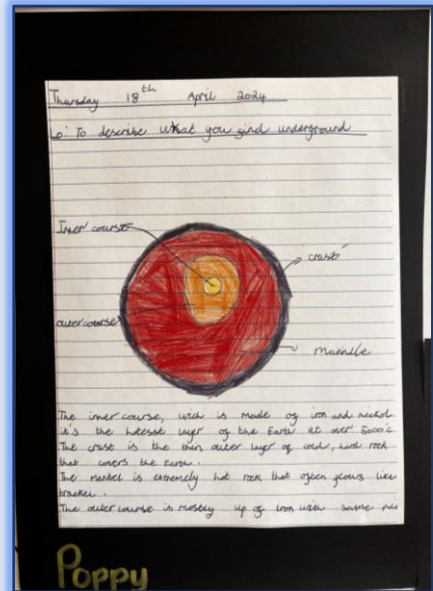
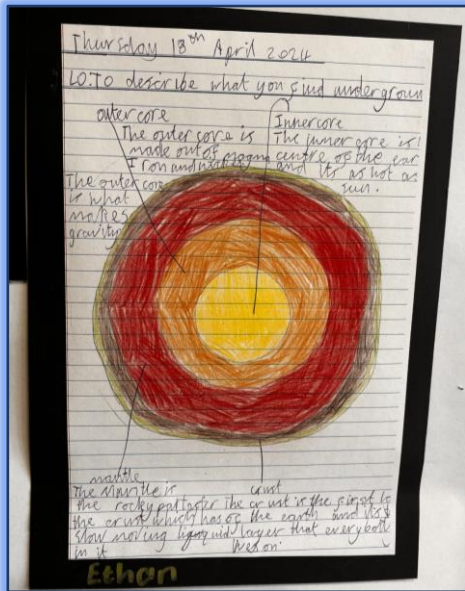
We had a glorious trip to Sutton Courtenay to look at microhabitats. The children went on a minibeast safari and pond dipping. Thank you to our year 2 parents who continue to support us with these incredible experiences for the children.

We are very excited about our new term of learning and our last term in year 2!



Year 3

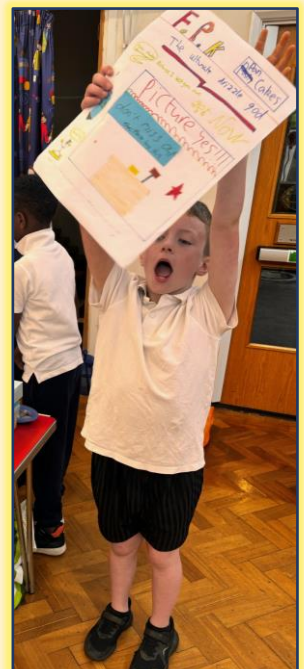
This term, we have been focusing on Mountains and Volcanos. The children began the term by having a presentation from Miss Woodcock, where she showed them some pictures of family mountain adventures and some of the equipment they would need to climb a mountain. From there, children wrote their own mountain stories and then created their own mythical creatures that live in volcanos. In maths, we have been focusing on time, fractions and money. In science, we have been investigating rocks, including making our own fossils and sedimentary rocks out of starbursts. In geography, we have investigated how mountains and volcanos are formed, the Earth's crust and some of the world's most famous mountains.



Year 4

Year 4 has been a hive of activity this term in preparation for Enterprise Week. Throughout the term, the children have researched their target market, designed their own products and advertised for their stalls. In English, we have written persuasive pitches to encourage our customers to our stalls. We delivered our pitches across the school on the lead up to our selling days and certainly caught their attention with our range of exciting products. We ended the term by writing a blog about the success of the week and will share this with Year 4 parents after half term!

This week we have been blown away by the effort that the children and parents have put into their products! Thank you to our customers from across the school community, we have made a staggering _____ in profit. This has allowed for us to pay for the coach for our Bristol Aquarium Trip and allowed us to plan an additional treat for the children. A massive thank you to everyone for supporting our event, we are extremely grateful!



Year 5

This term Year 5 have been exploring the Solar system, learning about the movement of the planets, understanding the cycle of day and night and how time zones and seasons vary across our planet. We also learnt about other objects in space such as asteroids and meteorites, how they are formed and what happens when they impact on a planets' surface.

In English students have written a biography on Katherine Johnson, an inspirational mathematician who worked for NASA during the Apollo missions. Katherine's story was one of rejection, determination and resilience. It was wonderful to see the children retell her life story with those key messages included.

Once again the children have produced some incredible home learning, from poems, models of the Solar system, comic book writing and facts about Space. Thank you for supporting the children at home with additional opportunities to learn and express their creativity.



Year 6

It has been a big term in Year 6! We have tried some karate, had a virtual reality workshop and the UTC supported some children with scientific investigations involving moss. Year 6 also celebrated Eid all the way back at the start of Term 5! We have finally finished all of our assessments. Miss Rowntree and Miss de Bruyn were so proud of the knowledge and resilience that shone through all week. We celebrated by watching Aladdin and going down to the park.

You can see from the photo how much fun we had! Next term we will be holding two Enterprise Days on 4th and 5th July. This will be to raise money for our Leavers activities. We would love your support in helping them raise as much as possible!



Congratulations



Well done Jack who came a fantastic 2nd place in a biathle (run – swim – run event) back in April! This amazing achievement has earned Jack a place in the GBR under 11 biathle team. He will compete at the European Championship in Madeira in July! Wishing Jack a massive congratulations and lots of good luck for his next competition!



A big thank you to the PTA for holding the Brush Party event at the start of term. Thank you to everyone that came and made the evening a fantastic success. We hope you have your paintings proudly displayed in your homes!



Congratulations to Year 6, SATs are over! They have all blown us away with their resilience, responsibility and can do attitude!

Also, a massive thank you to Brady's father for sponsoring the breakfast for SATs week. His company generously donated over £150 which was spent on lots and lots of bread and bacon and ample breakfast items!



Ridgeway Education Trust
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On 16th May, the DfE discussed our application to become part of the Ridgeway Education Trust (RET).

The application was successful in principle which is very exciting news but there will be a lot of work to do behind the scenes before a hopeful transition date of 1st November.

We will keep you updated as we move through this process.
Exciting times!

PLACEHOLDER – SPECIAL EVENT
FRIDAY 24th MAY



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Didcot Schools Service Collaboration



KS2 children enjoyed the production 'Wherever Home Is...?' performed by the 'An Invisible Man' theatre company. Focusing on the stories of two children who have serving parents in the UK military, the production explores how changes can affect us all and looks at what it means to be resilient and adaptable in the face of some of life's difficulties.



Please click the link below to visit their website: [An Invisible Man](#)



Thank you to all the students that came dressed to impress and wore purple on 26th April. Your support towards our service families is much appreciated!



Half of our forces children have attended 'The Art of Connection' Workshop this term. Rosie and Dawn, our DSSC skilled artists, have been spending time with the pupils using painting as a means of enhancing mindfulness.



The other half of our forces children have attended 'The Discovery College'. They have been working with Pia and Frankie to further explore what is meant by 'big feelings' and what we can do with these.

Forest School Placeholder

Join us for the Didcot Schools Service Collaboration's

BIG PICNIC

Tuesday 2nd July from 2:00pm until 3:15pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other service families in the area and celebrate the project with all the children involved!



The Wraparound Childcare Scheme (WAC) was created by the MOD to help working families with the cost of wraparound childcare for children aged 4-11 years old. Please follow the link below to find out more:

[MOD Wraparound Childcare \(WAC\) Scheme - Army Families Federation \(aff.org.uk\)](#)

Open Events – Year 5 Students

Year 5 Open Events - St Birinus School (st-birinus-school.org.uk)

Open Events and Information for Prospective Families -
Didcot Girls' School



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Open Morning School Tours 2024

9am-10:15am

Tuesday 4th June, Thursday 6th June

Tuesday 11th June, Thursday 13th June

Tuesday 18th June, Wednesday 19th June

To book a tour, please visit:

www.st-birinus-school.org.uk/openevents

We kindly request one adult per family for the tours

OPEN EVENING Wednesday 2nd October 2024

5:30pm-8:00pm

Headteacher talks to take place at 6pm and 7pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY



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Open Mornings 2024

Monday 17th June: 9:15am

Tuesday 18th June: 9:15am & 10:15am

Wednesday 19th June: 9:15am

Duration: approximately 1 hour

To book a place please use the links on the [Open Events](#) page of our website.

We look forward to seeing you.

We are a vibrant school community which empowers girls to become resilient and to fulfil their potential as future leaders.



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Family FUN DAY

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**SATURDAY
1ST JUNE
11:30-4:30**

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- Merlins Magic Show
- Therapy Pony & Petting Zoo
- RibbertyRabbit Crafting
- Dave Claridge & Graham Crook with Drain Gain Discos
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Tues 28th - Fri 31st May 2024

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