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# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents,

We have already had an eventful two weeks back since the half term break, beginning with our informative Stay Safe online sessions for pupils. Three of our pupils took part in the 'Look Who's Talking' competition and they competed against 11 other schools from the County, well done to Orlando McSorley, Emily Durnford (Highly Commended) and Aamina Wall for being such great ambassadors for the school and to Mrs Morris for preparing them so well for this event.

This week we had our fabulous Art Day, which took us 'Under the Sea,' a big thank you to Mrs Mitchell-Hooper for the planning, preparation and support for this day and the amazing Art Exhibition. It was fantastic to have so many of our parent community at this event and so many who were able to stay for our 'World Book Day' book at bedtime session. To end the day we had our World Book Day Disco with our resident school DJ, Mr Skipper which I hope your children enjoyed. Thank you to all our staff for supporting this event and all of the additional learning experiences this week.


Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

28th February & 7th March

Class	Class Dojo Champion 7.3.25
Nursery	Amalia Alba
RA	Willoughby Evie
RB	Jake Evie
1/2A	Remi Sanusha
1/2B	Emma Poppy
1/2C	Gwillym Hector
3/4A	Finley Kiera
3/4B	Alby S Dexter
3/4C	Freya Harry M
5A	Poppy Mya
5B	Tobias Talia
6A	Brodey Kobe
6B	Orlando Leo

		W/E 07.03.25				
		Biggest improvement in accuracy over the <u>past two weeks</u> .				
Years 1 & 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
1. Goutham 2. Skylar 3. Eduard	1. Amella 2. Toby O 3. Clover	1. Faria 2. Sean 3. Leen	1. Sienna 2. Ava 3. Ivan	1. Kelvin 2. Theo 3. Darle		
<b>Whole school top 3:</b> 1. Amella 2. Goutham 3. Skylar			<b>New Rock Heroes:</b> Freya P Kayler			

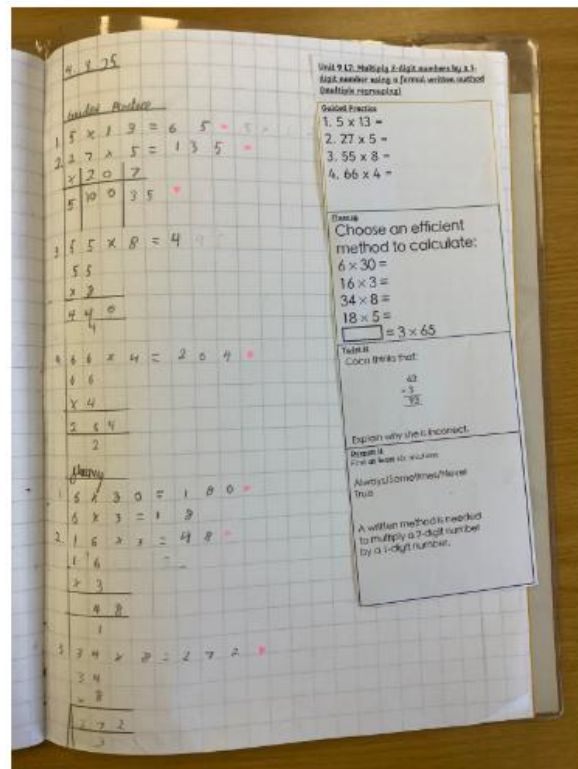
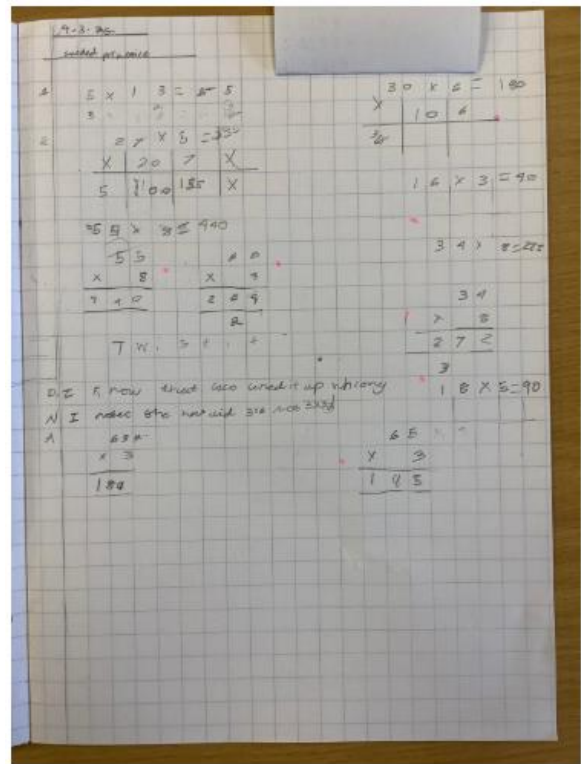
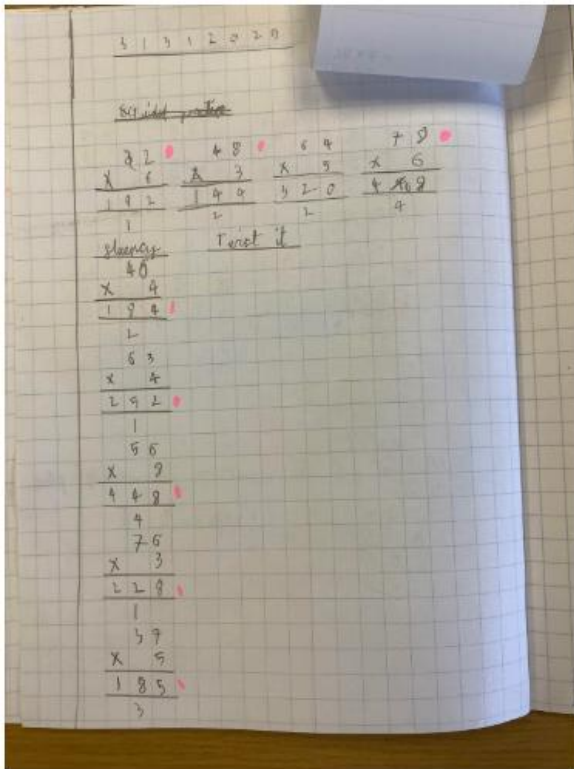
## Spotlight on 3/4A



In Science, we were lucky enough to have the Explorer Dome come and visit us and give us a wonderful introduction to our next science topic. Thinking about how different animals adapt to different habitats and how humans have an impact on food webs, it was an impactful way to think about our impact and how we can help conserve these in the future.







In Maths, we have been looking at our multiplication - specifically at using short multiplication. Although we have found this tricky, the perseverance in the class has been absolutely admirable! This has also helped our multiplication skills get even better!

# Spotlight on 5B

Over the course of the term, we have tested and improved our agility, balance and coordination skills in Thursday PE lessons.

At the end of the first spring half-term, we worked in teams to design activity stations for our peers. Pupils worked hard to design exciting challenges and shared the results with the class.



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Our Spring 1 Big Question was 'What is life like in Brazil?'

We used atlases to identify the different South American countries bordering Brazil, before learning about the life and culture of this enormous country. We first considered life as a tourist in Brazil, exploring the range of attractions the country has to offer.



We then compared the different biomes that exist in the country, used our maths skills to examine rainfall and temperatures in Manaus (a city in the Amazon rainforest) compared to London. We also looked at different regions in Rio- focusing on resources and opportunities available to people living in different areas with different levels of wealth.



We have been getting to know the Amazon Rainforest better through our fantastic class text, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. It has been great to read this book following on from our virtual visit from the author in the Autumn Term.

We also performed and created our own rainforest poems.



5B have explored the culture and lifestyle of Brazil through art, creating Brazilian inspired designs and collages inspired by the work of Rio born Beatriz Milhazes.



Science has been as hands on as possible over the spring term; 5B have been carrying out regular experiments to test the properties of different materials and changes that can occur to materials and mixtures.





Most recently, in writing, we have been exploring balanced arguments. We begin the unit with some great whole class debating, playing 4 corners to share our opinions of simple 'dividing' statements, before working in groups to debate questions such as 'Is Pele the greatest footballer of all time?', 'Is classical music boring?', 'Should graffiti be allowed on public walls?' and 'Are there any benefits to keeping animals in a zoo?'

In Music with Mrs Alvarez, we have been exploring a range of percussive instruments, composers and now, taking part in whole class Ukulele sessions.

### Whole class debating



Playing four corners- explaining our reasons why we agree or disagree with different statements and why some conditions can cause us to have opinions in the middle

A reminder for both FOTS meeting and the Churn coffee morning - both next Wednesday 12th at 9am.

### Explorer Domes

Y1/2 and Y3/4 have enjoyed fantastic visits from the Explorer Dome recently on the topics of Space and Nature. This was an invaluable experience for pupils to enhance their learning from the classroom and was fully funded by our wonderful Friends of the School from funds raised at recent fundraising events. A huge thank you from all of the staff and pupils for this amazing experience.



## **Parking**

We have received complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate and often illegal parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and the afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. Please walk to school wherever possible as not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is better for the environment.

Thank you in advance.

## **General Information and Updates**

**Bikes and Scooters** – Please can you remind your child these should not be ridden on the school site.

**Naming school uniform** - We have lots of uniform without names on, we cannot return items if we do not know whose it is. Please can you name (even if it is with a biro), your child's name or initials.

**Sickness** – Please can we remind parents that a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the last incident.

**Headlice** – Please check your child/ren's hair regularly for headlice and treat immediately if necessary. Supermarket own brand conditioner and a headlice comb should remove the lice.

**Parent Pay** - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up.

## Dates for 2024-25

### March

Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup>		Science week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Mock Trials
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Reception Samba concert at Cheltenham Town Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Author visit – workshops with all year Groups
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Comic relief
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>		Y1/2 Dress rehearsal for school
Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup>		Test week
Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup>		Last week of after school clubs

### April

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Y1/2 performance for parents
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15pm	Y1/2 performance for parents
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-6.30pm	Parent's Meetings in School
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.30pm	Parent's Meetings in School
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>		FOTS sponsored Bunny Bounce
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Last day of term – finish 1.15pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>INSET DAY</b>






**'CATCH YOUR BREATH'**  
**COFFEE MORNINGS**



MORE EXCITING ADULT ACTIVITIES TO SHARE. . .

Becky Kimberley from Cotswoldcr8 will be sharing her creative adventures. Taking you on a journey of loveliness, sharing new techniques and colourways.





**The group will run fortnightly on:**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March – Cotswoldcr8  
9<sup>th</sup> April – sharing ideas for activities over the Easter break

**From 8:50am to 10:30am, in the School Library**

Come and try something new or use the friendly space to sit down and enjoy a cuppa with a moment to catch your breath!

This group welcomes all parents and younger siblings of Cirencester Primary School



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