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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely week of celebrations with the children's return to school. On Tuesday, our exciting, new Keevill Unit was officially opened by Louise Sugden—ex pupil and double Paralympian, who has competed as a wheelchair basketball player and is currently a powerlifter. All the Keevill pupils were excellent ambassadors and seemed very inspired by Louise's story of success. Please see link to article in Newbury Weekly News below. A special thank you must go to The Chequers Hotel who kindly supplied our guests with delicious pastries.

<https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/powerlift-for-paralympians-former-school-9251765/>

All the winners of our Science Week competition enjoyed their visit to the Trinity labs on Tuesday. There was definitely lots of awe and wonder as the children took part in a range of experiments. Logan and Flora commented, "It was one of the newest labs and they prepared it just for us! The session was really scientific and I learnt new things like you can set fire to a teabag and it will fly!"

This week, the children were introduced to their new homework grids. We have listened to parent feedback and have ensured that two of the activities are English based and two, Maths based. We hope the children will enjoy their new challenges and get creative with their learning.

Enjoy the sunshine at the weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

The new Keevill is bigger, better, more interesting and colourful. I really love it and think it is stunning. It is very different to when it was the Foundation classes.

Lots of people came for the opening and it made me feel very shy. I hid in our new reading area and read books. Louise Sugden cut the ribbon to officially open the unit. She is a Paralympian and an ex Keevill Pupil.

After Louise cut the ribbon, we went to the hall to have a question and answer session. We worked out she can power lift the equivalent of two year 6 children! She is not only an amazing athlete but great at maths too. Her talk was really interesting and I would give her 11/11.

After listening to Louise, I am carrying my own bag in to school!

By Awstin Lewis
From Acer Class



This wonderful mural covers one of the walls in our new Keevill and was produced by our talented Teaching Assistant, Cara.



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This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT	PSHE
Wisteria	Riley Orme	Dylan Viasus Arevalos
Cherry	Bright Ninson	Ana Ferreira
Oak	Harper Graham	Gabriel Cavalho De Jesus
Ash	Remi Robinson	Jack Kingston-Jones
Hawthorn	Brandon Bowley	Millie Parish
Juniper	Alice Jones	Felix Wilkes
Maple	Molly Chaplin	Harley Fidler
Acer	Gabriel Zalari	Emily Leeke
Redwood	Ryan Bettles-Day	Rania Kovacs
Cedar	Harry Goodman	Owen Cowap
Sport	Coco Dallas	Harry Goodman

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 203
2nd Zolty 166
3rd Laal 133
4th Verde 114

Congratulations to Azul!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 94.88%,
which is a great start to the Summer term.

FoSS News

Raffle Update:
Total raised £464!!



- 03-05-22** FoSS meeting 7.30 pm Summer Fair organisation. New parents very welcome.
- 13-06-22 to 17-06-22** Father's Day Gifts—selling at lunchtimes
- 16-06-22** Charity Coffee Morning at St Nicolas Church
- 02-07-22** Wild West Summer Fair
- 15-07-22** Y6 Leavers' Party

More details regarding these events to follow.

Phonics and Reading INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS

We hope those that attended this week's Phonics and Reading presentation found it helpful and informative. Don't worry if you missed it, as we will be holding further sessions as follows:

Tuesday 3rd May 8.30 am to 9.15 am
Wednesday 4th May 6 pm to 6.45 pm

We look forward to see you!

Sponsored Read Reminder

Thank you to those who have already donated.
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/speenhamland-outdoor-reading>

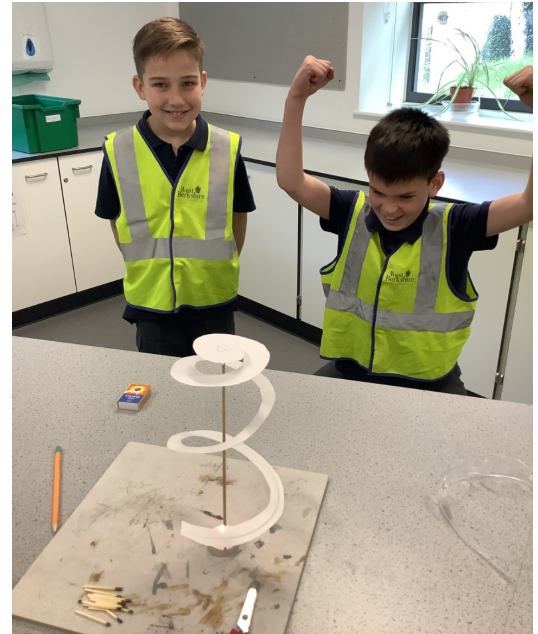
Form closes 6th May 2022

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

This week, Wisteria class have started their topic exploration by looking at India. Miss Veena and Mrs Hussain kindly brought in some items for us to look at during class. Miss Veena demonstrated how to put a sari on Miss Wood. The children commented that she looked like a princess!



The British Science Week winners were invited to Trinity School this week to explore the science labs and take part in exciting experiments. EYFS and KS1 explored how they could create a marble rollercoaster, competing on who could make their marble run for the longest. Whereas KS2 discovered how hot air from fire can be used to generate movement. A lot of perseverance was required!



Newspaper Opening Paragraph Report on Goldilocks

Yesterday afternoon, at Bears Grove, a village of kind bears, an unruly individual, who is known as Goldilocks, broke into the house of one of the bears (Mr and Mrs Beary). She is believed to be heavily anti-bear, (and has been seen hosting petitions to demolish Bears Grove - this has luckily been unsuccessful) She smashed the lock, broke a chair and ate Baby's porridge and was found sleeping in Baby Bear's bed.

By Emma Leeming from Acer Class



Re-design of the Fair-trade logo by Oscar Lord from Cedar Class.





UPPER JUNIORS' VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



On the Wednesday before half term the Upper Juniors finished off their World War Two topic by having their own VE Day celebration. The children and adults dressed up for the occasion and transported themselves back to May 1945. The day started with the official declaration of VE Day from Winston Churchill, after which all 3 classes got busy preparing a feast for their celebration; they also learnt 3 war-time songs and had a go at learning to swing dance! In the afternoon, we all gathered together in the hall which had been decorated with our homemade bunting and celebrated the end of the war. We ate beef, fish-paste and jam sandwiches, sang songs by Vera Lynn and danced along to Glenn Miller. A fantastic day was had by all!



Quotes from some of the Children:

"I really enjoyed the VE day celebration as it was so different to celebrations we've had in the past!" **Ryan**

"It was such an enjoyable time with all my friends, I loved everyone dressed up like WW2. The food was different to what we normally eat but it tasted good!" **Poppy B**

"I liked how everyone could express themselves through their costumes and being able to dance and sing. I had a great day!" **William**

