

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Road Safety:**



Congratulations to our Road Safety competition winner Ted from Class 2. We are hoping to have Ted's design created into a poster that will be displayed outside the school gates.

His design was created with the important message of STOP, LOOK and LISTEN, following the road safety talks by our local PCSOs. School Council had the difficult decision of choosing the winners and were very impressed with the quality of the designs!

Runners Up:

Ellie Perrott and Holly Davies-Raynor - Class 4. Henry Drew - Class 2. Zoe Green and Poppy Hannam - Class 5

All of the children will take part in the speed awareness session outside the school in June, where they will be using the speed camera to remind drivers to be cautious.

**Polite notice to parents:** Please do not park on the double yellow lines at the start and end of the school day. We also expect you to remain courteous to staff outside, who may at times remind you about keeping children safe at all times.

**Renaming our Classes:**

Due to growing demand for pupil places next year, we are welcoming a sixth class. The whole school are currently involved with changing class names to accommodate our extra class. School Council initially took part in choosing the themes. They discussed and debated ideas before passing it back to the whole school to vote:

Three themes were put forward: Class 1 and Staff voted for Forest Flowers, Class 5 wanted Forest Birds, however, Classes 2, 3, and 4 all voted Planets/Space. The next stage was brainstorming words linked to Planets/Space ready for finalising individual class names.



School Council Voting



Class 1 ideas



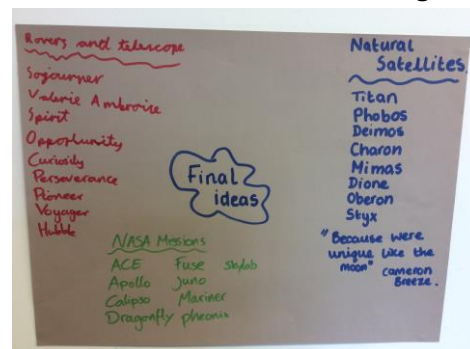
Counting results Class 2



Recording thoughts



Anonymous votes



Final ideas from School Council...



**Virtual Science Day:**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs Payne lead a whole school Science Day, themed around plastic bottles. Children flipped, rolled and launched rockets with the focus being on the scientific enquiry 'to investigate'.



Questions were asked, such as:

- How can we make the rocket mice launch higher?
- How can we make the bottles travel further off the ramp?
- How can we make the bottle land on its base every time?

The children had a great time working in groups and problem solving, they were able to use their maths and communication skills.

Thank you for your support in bringing in the bottles to allow the day to go ahead! If anyone has a great idea to reuse these plastic bottles (sculpture, structure etc.) please let Miss Cross or Mrs Payne know, so Eco Club can try to complete it!

**Voices from the Forest**

Class 5 were privileged to take part in the 'Voices from the Forest' oral history project, supported by Gloucestershire University. Mr Roger Deeks and Mr Jason Griffiths spent the morning in Class 5 sharing stories of the Forest of Dean from the past. The children were transported back to 1941, where local people told their stories of what life was like for them at home, at school and at work. The children became history detectives listening for clues and details in what was said to help them build a picture of life during World War 2. "I enjoyed learning about older people and their experiences" Ruby. "It was a fun way to find out about people in the past and really understand that life was hard for them" Aleesha.

The children have now been given a 'History Mission' using their new skills and understanding of historical sources. They have been asked to interview an older relative to find out about their past. "I am going to speak with my Grandad about what it was like to be a child in the olden days" Skye. We are looking forward to sharing the interviews in class after the half term break, when the children will use their research for creative writing.

**House Points:**

House points week ending 14.05.2021 **Green & Yellow 140, Red 130 and Blue 123.**

House points week ending 21.05.2021 **Green 101, Blue 98, Yellow 95 and Red 85.**

**Star of the Week:**

Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> May: Congratulations to Jocelyn, Buster, Riley G, Mofife and Jennifer.



Week ending 21<sup>st</sup> May: Congratulations to Lorelai, Maisie, Heavenleigh-Grace, Archie and Codie.



**20 Effort Marks:**

Congratulations to Jasmine Merryfield and Rupert Somerville Class 2 for getting 20 Effort Marks!

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

Classes	Week Ending 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Week Ending 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Overall Percentage:
Class 5	90.74%	93.70%	95.69%
Class 4	96.43%	96.00%	97.97%
Class 3	96.54%	96.92%	96.13%
Class 2	97.19%	97.50%	98.04%
Class 1	98.23%	97.32%	97.94%

**Pen licences:**



Congratulations to Tilly and Sienna, Class 3 and Eliza Class 4 for getting their pen licences.

### Dragon Eyes - Class 3:



This term, Class 3 were reading 'The boy who grew dragons'. These amazing pieces of art were created by Class 3 and linked to their art topic. They had been focussing on improving their clay skills by learning about etching, smoothing and printing and using hatching and slip to create strong joins. The children designed their own dragon eyes through observational drawings/sketching, then sculpture.

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### Royal Mail Art Competition:



"Thank you to all the children who have entered stamp designs into the Royal Mail Stamp Competition. We've had some fantastic entries! Fingers crossed for Yorkley!"



### Possible dates for your diary:

We are all still waiting for final Government announcements on 21<sup>st</sup> June however schools are still getting additional advice from the Local Authority and Health and Safety team on what we can and can't do for the rest of the term.

If all goes to plan, our priority is to first meet our existing Reception parents, as they have still not come into school since their children have started. Plans are to come in for an evening talk, which will include a guided tour of the school.

Parents of our Year 6; we are looking at the possibility of you coming in for a leavers assembly. The children's leavers party will definitely happen and the PTA/staff have already got everything arranged for this.

We will be holding two sports days for the children in June, however decisions again haven't been made if parents will be allowed to watch. Dates for all events are listed overleaf but please be patient and understanding as safety must come first as the pandemic is not over.

Have a lovely half term

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

Headteacher

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Summer Term 5 & 6**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

End of Term 5

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Half Term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Start of Term 6

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Induction week Dean Magna

**NEW:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

*Class 4 and 5 Sports day 1-3 pm (TBC) - Currently no parents*

**NEW:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

*Class 1, 2 and 3 Sports day 1-3 pm (TBC) Currently no parents*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Class 5 Trip (linked to History)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Welcome week Five Acres

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Induction Day Wyedean

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tue 6<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Dean Academy Welcome Days

**NEW:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Meeting and tour for current Reception Parents 7pm

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> and Thu 8<sup>th</sup> July

Kwik Cricket Competitions Year 4/5/6

**NEW:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Richard Brand Headteacher Dean Academy - Talk to Year 5 parents 3.15 at Yorkley

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 Taster Day Dean Academy

**NEW:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Meeting and tour next year's Reception Parents 7pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

End of Year Reports out to parents

**NEW:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 leavers party (after school)

**NEW:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 leavers assembly (TBC - for parents...)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

End of Term 6