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Dear Families,

As week three of our final term comes to a close, the school diary continues to be full of lots of learning opportunities and experiences for the children, with so much more happening over the coming weeks across the school. Our Year 6 children have represented the school in many ways over the last week and have made us all very proud indeed.

Osmington Bay

We are so proud of our Year 6 children who abseiled, street-surfed and dragon boated at PGL Osmington Bay for 3 days last week – they were totally amazing and an absolute credit to you their parents and to our school. They enjoyed three hot summer days on the Dorset coast – days full of adventure, of challenge and plenty of singing and laughter. Many faced their fears and achieved new skills that they thought might have been beyond them. Falcons returned to school, with a healthy sun-tan, a slightly hoarse voice and in desperate need of some quality sleep!



Chalke Valley History Festival

What an incredible setting Year 6 visited on Monday. Deep in the heart of the countryside they found the Chalke Valley History Festival – a site where history came to life. From the trenches of World War II, to the struggles faced by Florence Nightingale, looking at the World's Worst jobs in aviation and finding out the role of women during wartime Britain, our children spent a day living history. As you can see from the photographs, they were totally absorbed as they brought together all their historical learning.



Shakespeare Workshop

As part of the children's preparation for their production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Year 6 Falcons enjoyed an afternoon of Shakespearean acting and exploration. They learned more about the bard himself, and then immersed themselves in the qualities of the different characters from the play. Hannah from West End in Schools really enjoyed working with our bunch of budding actors, helping them come to grips with the art of Shakespeare.



Year 5 Quad Kids

On Wednesday a team of our Year 5 children had the amazing opportunity to participate in an athletic competition at the Wyvern St Edmunds, competing against 150 other students across Salisbury Schools. The effort they put in throughout the afternoon was fantastic, participating in 75 meter sprints, 400-meter jog, vortex throwing, long jumping and finishing the day with team relay shuttles. We're so proud of all the children.

Year 6 Rounders

On Thursday we took a group of our Year 6 children over to Trafalgar School to compete in a rounders competition with some other local schools. The children showed great team spirit and played fantastically. A massive well done to Archie Sims who was the only batsman left during our first match but managed to run 2 whole rounders and just missed out on a third after being caught out. The team came in at second place only missing out on the gold by one and half rounders! Well done Year 6!



Well done Year 4

This week our Year 4 children have been completing their official multiplication checks. Over recent weeks, they have been putting the school Chromebooks to good use, using as many opportunities as possible to practice ahead of the official checks taking place. Miss Palmer and Mrs Payne are very proud of all the effort put in by the children to be the best they can be – well done Year 4!

DPSA Film Night

Thank you to our DPSA for organising and overseeing this week's showing of Encanto! Yet another event that has not been able to take place for such a long time, and one the children were very happy to see return. We hope the children had a great time and you didn't have endure too many renditions of "We don't talk about Bruno!"



Parking

We have been informed that the car park behind the Co-op is undergoing improvement works starting on Monday 27th June lasting up to 3 weeks. We appreciate this may cause some disruption during busy times however please can we ask that you do not park along Gravel Close as per our current safety advice.

Have a restful weekend,

Paula Carlton

