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Dear families,

As always we have had a busy term, with lots of exciting learning happening across the school. We hope many of you have had the chance to take a look at the wonderful display of artwork by the children at Five Rivers Leisure Centre over the last few weeks. This weekend is your last opportunity to see this work on display as the exhibition ends on Sunday. We will display these in school when they return to us.



The Bridge Project visit Foxes Class

This week, Foxes class had a visit from the Bridge Project. They learned all about using the words thank you, sorry and please (TSP). The Bridge team shared stories from the New Testament about Jesus showing forgiveness. They also shared a story about God showing forgiveness to his Son. Children then wrote prayer about showing kindness to each other.



Year 5 Tudor Day

Last week our Year 5 team held a Tudor day, during which children immersed themselves in the period. As part of their day, children reenacted the Battle of Bosworth, which you can see in action via a video shared on our Facebook page. Using the school iPads and Chromebooks, children then explored and researched about the different Tudor monarchs creating their own timelines as well as creating individual profiles for each of Henry VIII's wives. A highlight for us all was the Tudor dancing, which was just superb.



Year R Gymnastics

This term Year R are currently focusing on gymnastics during their PE lessons and perfecting those all important balancing skills. As you can see, they have really enjoyed climbing the wall bars and sliding down the rope!



Identifying Plants in Year 6

In Science this week, Mrs Wells collected weeds from the school gardens so that Year 6 children could classify them. This was linked to learning about the classification of plants and identifying plants using both the English and Latin names. Children used fact sheets to help identify the key features of the plants and categorise them accordingly – excellent work Year 6.



KS2 New Age Curling Tournament

Last week, a team of our KS2 children were invited to take part in a New Age Curling competition at Wyvern College. They all played fantastically well with one of our players being commended for their team work! Well done to you all – you worked incredibly well together proudly representing the school!



Wraparound Care and Term 4 Clubs

Bookings for our clubs and wraparound care for Term 4 will open on Wednesday 1st February at 6pm, with the exception of UKAG Gymnastics who we are currently awaiting confirmation from. Please note that bookings for all clubs will only be available for your child once any outstanding balances have been settled for this term. The timetable for the clubs will be shared shortly ahead of bookings opening.

Thank you all for your support with regard to the changes to drop off and pick up. We hope to see many of you at the DPSA uniform sale today.

Have a wonderful family weekend.

Paula Carter

