

# HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Northmoor Class enjoy making some fabulous castles!

## From the Head of School:

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." (Nelson Mandela)

This week the children have been studying the work of Wassily Kandinsky, our chosen **Arts Week** artist. They have looked at some of his more famous works and had a go at creating their own 'Kandinsky' inspired pieces of art. Do ask your child/ren what they have learned about Kandinsky during the week and, if you would like to know more about this artist, have a look online:

<https://www.guggenheim.org/artwork/artist/vasily-kandinsky/page/3>

Tuesday, 7 February was **Safer Internet Day**. The theme this year was: *Be the Change; unite for a better internet*. The children looked at what they should and should not share online and thought about the consequences of sharing photos or information that we might not want others to see now or in the future. Please do look at the list of websites attached to this newsletter. There is some really useful information regarding privacy settings and safe internet use. Most importantly, please ensure you are having regular conversations with your child/ren about their internet usage, staying safe and what to do if something goes wrong or they feel uncomfortable or concerned. Our children may be computer savvy, but they are still young and, therefore, vulnerable. (Mrs Dennis)



### ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



### BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



### FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to complete your questionnaire. We shall be reviewing your answers & comments and will feedback our findings very soon. (Mrs Dennis)

## Annual Permission Forms

Last chance for you to return your form—please do, as no form may mean we have to stop your child from undertaking an activity. (Mrs Sams)

## Class News

### Parrett Class News

Miss Cardwell has been busy arranging a couple of events with the Levels Nursery. On Wednesday, 8 March there will be a Story Telling session and on Wednesday, 29 March an Easter Bonnet Parade (along with KS1 pupils) at 10am. Further details to follow after half term. (Miss Cardwell)

### Northmoor Class News

In Northmoor Class this week, we have been designing & making motte and bailey castles. The children have been working hard on their team building skills and elements of quality control.

Three members of Isle Class came in to help with the judging (and mighty good judges they were!).

We are also trying to improve our scores on our accelerated reader quizzes. Could you please ensure your child has their planner in school every day and you are keeping it updated week-to-week. A number of children appear to have lost their planners – please hunt them out as we will have to charge for a replacement. And finally, don't forget it's our cake



sale this Thursday after school (all proceeds will be used to buy books for the class library).

(Mr Akers & Mrs Dennis)

### Isle Class News

Isle class have been so enthusiastic about their fiction writing, even continuing this at home and creating their own stories which have been shared in the classroom. They have been prompted to look deeper in to how to describe things and how to help the reader enjoy their work and this has come through in their own class work. Leo has summed this up very nicely by saying out loud writing should 'show not tell.' Some amazing passages of writing have been developed by all in the class. Well done!

Congratulations to Isle Class for 100% attendance last week—with all the nasty winter colds etc going round and being our largest class, this is a fantastic achievement. (Mr Clements)

### Kingsmoor Class News—Trip to Houses of Parliament

We had an amazing day on 26 January, when 21 children from Kingsmoor and Isle classes went on The Levels Academy Trip to the Houses of Parliament. We saw both the House of Lords and the House of Commons in action and recognised a number of MP's. One group even saw Boris



Johnson and his entourage dashing through the building. After a fascinating workshop about voting and democracy, we had lunch and then

our group went off to explore the South Bank of the River Thames seeing many familiar sites. We even had time for a quick visit to Tate Modern! The children were really good company, interested in all they saw and were a pleasure to be with. The 6.30 am start and 9.30pm finish was worth it - a great day was had by all! (Ms Islip)

### Breakfast Club

Despite our plea in the last newsletter, Breakfast Club staff are still concerned about the number of children who are being dropped off in the car park and not brought onto the school premises and into Breakfast Club by a responsible adult. Please get out of your car and accompany them right to the school gate/hall. Thank you. (Mrs Brown)

### Bus Layby—Eastover

The driver of the school minibus has requested that we ask parents to avoid parking in the layby at the bottom of Eastover so school transport is able to

pull in and park safely. Please try and find alternative parking to prevent the bus having to park on the other side of the road which is dangerous. Thank you. (Mrs Dennis)

### Visit by Yeovil Town Ladies

On Tuesday, 21 February 2017, a few members of the Yeovil Town Ladies Football squad are coming into school for the morning. Whilst they are here they will be doing some skills sessions with Isle & Kingsmoor classes followed by a whole school assembly on their incredible achievements last year. They are even going to bring in their trophy to show the children! (Mr Welch)

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again. Please place any vouchers in the box provided in the hall lobby. The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we can order. Thank you. (Mrs Ramwell)

### Safeguarding—Change of Details

If you have recently changed any of your contact details, especially your mobile phone number please make sure you inform the school office so we can keep our records up to date and be able to contact you quickly in an emergency. (Mrs Sams)

### Sports Award

The school has received its **GOLD Sports Award plaque** for all the PE, intra and inter sports the school takes part in. This is a tremendous achievement and a credit to the whole school community.



### Sports Report

#### Basketball Competition

Two teams took part in the CLP Basketball Tournament at Huish Academy on Monday, 6 February. Both teams played really well producing some excellent shots and defensive moves. They demonstrated excellent sporting values, well done to both teams. (Mrs Ramwell)



## After School Clubs

Please note there will be NO **Dodgeball Club** on Monday 27th February. The remaining dates for the club are 6,13,20 March.

## PFA News

### PFA Easter Bingo

The PFA are hoping to run a Bingo night on Friday, 31 March but are asking for donations of prizes or items for Easter hampers. If you can donate an Easter egg or any other Easter related prize please drop them off at the School Office. Many thanks. We shall also be having a Mufti Day on Friday, 10 March in aid of this event—further details to follow after half term.

## Community Notices

### Dyslexia & Dyscalculia Conferences for Parents

Somerset Support Services for Education offer half day conferences to give parents and careers the opportunity to consider the difficulties their child experiences and explores ideas and strategies to support them at home.

There is a Dyscalculia course on Saturday, 4 March at Dillington House, Ilminster and a Dyslexia course on Saturday, 6 May at Taunton Rugby Club.

For more information please call 01823 348268, email [SCIL@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SCIL@somerset.gov.uk) or go to the website [www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk](http://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk).

### SAFEGUARDING

**Don't think  
"What if I'm wrong"  
Think...  
"What if I am right"**

If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately.

If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads Immediately.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Joan Meredith  
**Deputy DSL:**  
Ms Gillian Islip  
**Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor:**  
Mrs Lou Ward

## Core Standards for Everyone

Somerset have a dedicated website to help find information on local services to help children, young people and their families. This includes a draft set of Core Standards designed to ensure all education settings are compliant with up-to-date legislation with regards to SEN provision. For a summary, detailed booklet and other information please see: <http://www.somersetchoices.org.uk/>

### Langport Area Refugee Action (LARA)

LARA is a newly formed group supporting refugees and are currently asking for donations to help a refugee stay warm this winter. If you have any scarves, gloves, hats, coats, blankets, sleeping bags etc you are happy to donate please drop them off at The Angel. For more details or, if you wish to get involved, please call Sue on 01458 259519.

### Yeovil Recreation Centre

At Yeovil Recreation Centre, this February Half Term (Sat 11-19 Feb), the mini tennis courts, Pitch & Putt, mini golf courses, artificial grass pitch and table tennis tables will be open & equipment will be available to hire. A new running route will be waymarked, plus a Treasure Hunt and Adventure Play Area for younger children. To book athletics or hockey coaching (7-14 yrs) please contact [leisurebookings@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:leisurebookings@southsomerset.gov.uk) or phone 01935 462616. Or visit <http://yeovilrec.co.uk/families/holiday-activities>.

### Axe Valley Wildlife Park, nr Axminster

The park has activity days during half term on 14, 15 & 16 February which includes Guinea Pig Fishing, Creepy Crawly Show, Otter & Meerkat feeds & talks, plus a Reptile Rampage! For more details call 01297 34472 or look at [www.axevalleypark.co.uk](http://www.axevalleypark.co.uk).

### Carymoor Environmental Trust Castle Cary

On Tuesday, 14 February join the Trust's family fun event. Activities include trails, games and making a bird box/nest/birdfeeder. To book your place call 01963 350143 or email [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk)



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## Diary Dates:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Updates and amendments are in red; new dates as specified.

**Friday, 10 February:** INSET (staff training) Day—no children in school please.

**w/c Monday, 13 February:** HALF TERM

**Tuesday, 21 February:** Visit by Yeovil Town Ladies Football Team members.

**Wednesday 1 March:** Academy Group Trip to the Big Pit, Cardiff; Isle Class; leave 8.15am, return 4.30pm from the school.

**Thursday, 2 March:** World Book Day.

**Thursday, 2 March:** PFA Meeting; 7.00pm; Potting Shed.

**Friday, 3 March:** "Hooray for Hollywood"; KS2 Show; Huish Academy; 6.00pm & 7.00pm. **CHANGE OF DATE**

**Friday, 10 March:** Mufti Day in aid of PFA Easter Bingo.

**Wednesday, 15—Monday, 20 March:** Scholastics Book Fair.

**Tuesday, 21 March:** E-Safety Drama Workshop (Kingsmoor).

**Wednesday, 22 March:** Parrett Class Profile Sharing Afternoon; 2.30pm—3.25pm.

**Friday, 24 March:** Red Nose Day.

**Friday, 24 March:** Sedgemoor Class PFA Cake Sale; 3.15pm.

**Monday, 27 March:** Parents Consultation Evening; 4.00pm—7.00pm.

**Wednesday, 29 March:** Parrett Easter Bonnet Parade; 10.00am.

**Thursday, 30 March:** Kingsmoor & Isle Class Trip to Dunster; leave 9.15am; return 2.15pm.

**Thursday, 30 March:** Parents Consultation Evening; 5.00pm—7.30pm.

**Friday, 31 March:** Parrett Class Trip to Wilder Woods, Drayton; morning.

**Friday, 31 March:** Term Ends (3.30pm)

**Friday, 31 March:** PFA Easter Bingo TBC

**Tuesday, 18 April:** Summer Term Starts

**w/c Monday, 8 May:** Year 6 (Kingsmoor) SATs week.

**Wednesday, 10 May:** Bag2School Collection.

**Friday, 19 May:** Parrett & Aller PFA Cake Sale; 3.15pm.

## Free Reading Fridays:

Will be held on 24 February and 10 March.

## Sports Match Dates:

**Monday, 20 February:** Hockey Tournament, Huish Academy; start 3.30pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

**Monday, 27 February:** Futsal Football Tournament, Huish Academy; start 3.45pm; finish 5.15pm. (KS2)

**Thursday, 2 March:** Cross Country Competition, Long Sutton; start 4.00pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

**Tuesday, 14 March:** Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament, Somerton RFC; start 4.00pm; finish 5.30pm.

**Thursday, 16 March:** Cross Country Competition, Curry Mallet; start 4.00pm; finish 5.00pm. (KS2)

**Monday, 27 March:** Football & Netball Tournaments, Huish Academy; start 2.00pm; finish 3.30pm. (KS2)

## After School Clubs:

**Mondays:** Dodgeball with Mrs Ramwell (6, 13 & 20 Mar); for Years 4, 5 & 6. (No club on 27 Feb.)

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Tuesdays:** Tag Rugby with Mrs Ramwell (21 & 28 Feb; 7 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Choir** with Mrs Thompson (21 & 28 Feb; 7, 14, 21 & 28 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

**Wednesdays:** Football with Mr Welch (22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Multiskills** with Premier Sports (22 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar) for Parrett Class.

**Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

**Thursdays:** Running with Mrs Ramwell (23 Feb; 9 Mar) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Fridays:** Multiskills with Mr Akers (3, 10, 17 & 24 Mar) for Years 1 & 2.

*All clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm unless otherwise stated.*

*Please contact Mrs Ramwell.*



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