

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



A busy couple of weeks with medieval battles in Northmoor Class plus Activity Day, football and much more!

From the Executive Principal:



As we enter a new term, I am delighted to introduce myself as the Executive Principal at The Levels Academy Trust.

I join you with over twenty years teaching experience, twelve of those as a Headteacher. I have

also had the opportunity to support colleagues in a variety of other schools as a Local Leader of Education. Additionally, I have qualified as an OFSTED inspector. This has afforded an opportunity to keep at the forefront of assessment development in Primary education and to evaluate the impact when visiting schools.

I am a mother of three boys and on Saturday mornings I am usually to be found dropping them off at the pool for swimming club. In the winter months I am a voluble supporter of all three on the side lines of the local rugby pitch on Sunday mornings! In between times I somehow fit in the household chores and occasionally even get a bit of "me" time.

As Executive Principal, I will be working very closely with the Heads of School in the Academy Trust, together with the Directors, Governors and all the staff engaged in the continuing development of the Trust.

At The Levels Academy Trust I have already observed all the staff are passionate about making a positive difference to the life of every child. Indeed they are the motivation for everything we do. We all want our schools to be the best they can be, so each child can discover the skills, abilities, talents and interests that lie within them.

Presently we are privileged to have Huish Episcopi Primary School, Hambridge Primary School, Middlezoy & Othry Primary Schools within The Levels Academy Trust. On this solid foundation we will continue to develop a family of schools working

together for the benefit of all pupils. The schools have the motivation to question, change and innovate to enable our children to become successful learners, confident caring individuals and, ultimately, responsible citizens and I intend to work with everyone to facilitate and motivate to ensure that outcome.

Please look out for information regarding some coffee afternoons which are being planned over the next few weeks in order for me to meet members of the community informally across the Trust.

I am very much looking forward to being a part of The Levels Academy Trust and look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months. (Mrs Heather Barraclough)

Staff News

We welcome **Mrs Donna Sell** to our staff as a Lunchtime Supervisor.

Well, we wondered what **Mr Clements** would do next and it was to run a full marathon, 26.2 miles. He ran the Manchester Marathon which started near the famous Old Trafford Park Football Stadium. He finished in an excellent time of 3hrs 24mins. Is there no end to Mr Clements' talents!?

School News

Meet the Executive Principal

If you would like to meet the Executive Principal, please come along to the School Hall between 3.00pm and 3.30pm on **Tuesday, 16 May** where Mrs Barraclough will introduce herself and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be available.

'Sing-Up' Silver Award

We would like to invite all parents to join us on the afternoon of **Thursday, 8 June**



from 3.00-3.30pm to hear children from across the Academy perform a variety of songs. This is all part of our journey to achieving our 'Sing-Up' Silver Award - plus we love any opportunity to showcase our fabulous children and their many gifts!

(Mrs Thompson)

Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be off school for any reason, please ensure you ring the School Office to report the absence giving the reason so the correct code can be put in the register. Otherwise the absence has to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

Health News—Scarlet Fever

Over the Easter Holidays and since, we are aware of a couple of children who have been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. It is one of those diseases where children are more infectious prior to the symptoms appearing but after 24-48 hours of antibiotics, it is fine for children to return to school. Scarlet Fever is not dangerous to pregnant women but can make you feel very unwell so contact is best avoided.

Staff Car Park

Please could we remind all parents that the Staff Car Park is for **staff parking only**. There has been times recently when staff have been unable to park. Please could you park in the recreation ground whether you are dropping off for Breakfast Club or at normal school time. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

The fantastic amount raised at our Book Fair means that we now have £588.00 worth of free books that we can order for the school. Thank you!

Class News

Parrett Class—Gardening Club

The club's members are hoping to replant some of the pots and borders around school during their club sessions. If anybody could donate any colourful bedding plants (eg pansies etc) to the club our budding gardeners would be most grateful. Thank you. (Miss Cardwell)

Aller Class News—Forest School

This half term we are re-introducing Forest School to Aller Class. Forest School isn't all about tree hugging - it is more about being comfortable outside in all weathers and situations. Being able to listen and follow instruction, building up to be a team leader and most importantly knowing when and how to be supportive and kind are some of the goals we are aiming towards. The tasks and

challenges that they will be set will be fun but they may also take some of the children out of their comfort zone. However we are not setting them up to fail but to thrive. Hopefully they will tell you all about it. (Mr Driver)

Northmoor Class News

Northmoor Class had a visit from a Roman legionary on Friday morning! The children had a fantastic morning learning some Latin phrases, a number of different battle formations and having a go at the 'tortoise'. After storming the Celts on the playground, there was time for questions – all of which our incredibly knowledgeable Roman legionary was able to answer (a huge thank you to Matt Coggins, Middlezoy & Othery). (See photos on Page 1.) (Mr Akers)

Kingsmoor & Isle Classes Trip to Dunster

Isle and Kingsmoor classes went on a trip to Dunster Castle at the end of last term. The children learnt about how the siege of the castle took place, how the people survived while this happened and weaponry used to repel the attackers.



They had a tour of the remaining battlements and watched as a real musket was fired. The Dunster Castle staff commented about how the children were very knowledgeable, gave excellent explanations & answers to questions and also how polite and respectful they were. (Mrs Ramwell)

Sports News

CLP Football Tournament

The football team played in the CLP Football Tournament at Huish Academy on Monday. They played four games and came second overall. It was a fantastic achievement and they ALL demonstrated excellent teamwork and sporting qualities. Well done to Josh, Ryan, Mason, Ellis, Myles, Liam, Luke and Theo—you were a credit to yourselves and to the school. (See team photo on Page 1.)

Inter Area Cross Country Championships

Josh, Scarlet, Lola, Luke and Ryan made up part of the Langport Area Team who ran at the Inter Area Cross Country Championships at Millfield Prep this



week. It was a real achievement to be selected for the team and they all ran really well over a very challenging course. The Yr 3-4 & Yr 5-6 boys and Yr 3-4 girls came third and the Yr 5-6 girls came second overall. Fantastic achievement as we are the smallest area to compete. Well done to you all.



Healthy Activity Day

The whole school took part in a Healthy Activity Day with Mr Cave from Premier Sports on Wednesday. The children participated in different activities that got their heart rate racing! They worked individually and also in a team with everyone demonstrating excellent listening skills and a determination to do well. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Mr Cave.

After School Clubs

Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit/ footwear for the club they are attending. All children will be dismissed from the top school gate and we appreciate your support in this matter. Please encourage your child to join a club - it is a great way to try/do something new, be physically active and make new friends. (Mrs Ramwell)

PFA News

The **Easter Bingo** held last month at the Langport Arms was a huge success, everyone had fun & won some fantastic prizes. Thank you to everyone who donated money or Easter eggs. This meant we were

able to raise a whopping £412.00. Thank you to all those who supported this event & helped on the night.

Bag2School Reminder - We hope your house clear outs are going well & those bags are filling up! If you have lost or run out of bags sent home, you can use normal bin bags or there are a few spare ones in the School Office. Please leave your bags outside the school gate on the morning of Wednesday, 10 May.

Summer Festival - This year we have been invited to join up with Huish Academy to run a fantastic Summer Festival. This will replace our usual school fete & will be held at the secondary school on the Saturday, 15 July. We are very excited about this one off opportunity, where we are hoping to raise a huge amount for future school projects. The academy is trying to raise more funds for their pool roof. It is going to be a huge & exciting event. If anyone is able to help on the day (short time slots will be given) please contact Emma Cook either through the school or via email emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk. Also calling any business owners who would be interested in becoming involved with our event providing entertainment, activities or maybe food etc. A chance to make some money whilst supporting your local schools. Again, please contact Emma Cook on 07927 398277.



Community Notices

Wilder Woods, Drayton

Woodland After School Club on Fridays (8-14 yr olds); den building, tool work, games & crafts, drinks & campfire snacks; 4.30-6.30pm; ring 01458 252463/email Hannah@wilderwoods.org.

LangFest17 (15-17 September 2017)

There are information displays in Langport Library, Kitchen at The Wharf and GingerFred Dance Studio and also a LangFest17 FaceBook page.

Parrett Class at Wilder Woods



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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 Zoe Dennis (photo R)
Deputy DSL:
 Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)



**Safeguarding & Child Protection
 Governor:**
 Mrs Lou Ward

Diary Dates: (PLEASE NOTE: Updates and amendments are in red; new dates as specified.)

Monday, 1 May: Bank Holiday—no school!

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

Wednesday, 10 May: Bag2School Collection; 9.00am.

Thursday, 11 May: PFA Committee Meeting; School; 7.00pm.

w/c 15 May: Walk to School Week.

Tuesday, 16 May: Meet the Executive Principal; 3-3.30pm.

Thursday, 18 May: Northmoor Class Trip to Caerleon Roman Legion Museum; leave 8.15am; return 4.00pm.

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

Friday, 26 May: Isle Class Trip; Wilder Woods; 9.15am-3.15pm.

w/c 29 May: Half Term.

Thursday, 8 June: 'Sing-Up' Performance; School Hall; 3.00-3.30pm

Friday, 16 June: Academy Sports Day; Yeovil Athletics Track; times tbc.

Wednesday, 5 July: 'Moving Up' Morning (pupils experience a morning in their new class for September) & Year 6 (Kingsmoor) Transition Day at Huish Academy.

Saturday, 15 July: Summer Festival; Huish Academy (PFA event with the Academy); more details to follow.

July: School Sports Day; date & time tbc.

Friday, 21 July: Summer Term Ends.

Tuesday, 5 September: Autumn Term Starts.

Friday, 29 September: PFA Film Night.

w/c 23 October: Half Term.

Thursday, 21 December: Term Ends.

2017-2018 INSET Days:

Monday, 4 September 2017

Friday, 20 October 2017

Friday, 9 February 2018

Monday, 23 & Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Summer Term Free Reading Fridays:

Will be held on 12, 26 May; 16, 30 June; 14 July 2017.

Swimming:

Tuesdays: Swimming for Kingsmoor; 11.10am-12.10pm; 6, 13 & 20 June.

Wednesdays: Swimming for Kingsmoor; 11.10am-12.10pm; 7, 14 & 21 June.

Fridays: Swimming for Isle; 9.30am-12.00pm; 5, 12 & 19 June.

Sports Match Dates:

Thursday, 4 & 11 May: Quadkids Athletics; Huish Episcopi Primary School; 4.00-5.00pm. (Area Final; 6 July; Millfield.)

Thursday, 18 May: Girls' Cricket Festival; Huish & Langport Cricket Club; 9.30am-3.30pm. (Area Final; 6 June; Chard.)

Thursday, 25 May: Cricket Tournament; Curry Rivel Cricket Club; 10.00am-3.00pm. (Area Final; 8 June; Chard.)

Thursday, 15 June: KS1 Multi-Skills Festival; Hambridge; 9.30-11.00am.

Monday, 19 June: Year 3-4 Football Tournament; Hambridge; 4.00-5.30pm.

Thursday, 22 June: CLP Athletics, Huish Academy; 1.30pm start.

Monday, 3 July: Year 5-6 Rounders Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00-6.00pm.

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Rounders with Mrs Ramwell (8, 15, 22 May; 5 June); then **Dodgeball** (19, 26 June; 10 July) for Years 4, 5 & 6. **Parrett Class Gardening Club** (8, 15, 22 May) 3.30-4.15pm. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Tuesdays: Cricket with Mr Akers & Mrs Ramwell (2, 9, 16, 23 May; 6, 13, 20, 27 June; 4, 11 July) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Choir with Mrs Thompson (2, 9, 16, 23 May; 6, 13, 20, 27 June; 4, 11 July) for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. **Homework Club** with Mr Welch.

Wednesdays: Athletics with Premier Sports & Mr Welch (3, 10, 17, 24 May; 7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5, 12 July) for Years R, 1, 2 & 3. **Homework Club** with Miss Whelan.

Thursdays: Athletics with Mrs Ramwell (18, 25 May, 8, 15 June); then Outdoor Adventure (29 June; 6, 13 July) for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Fridays: There are not any clubs on a Friday.

All clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm unless otherwise stated. Please contact Mrs Ramwell.

In addition, at lunchtime, Aller Class is running a **Pen Pal Club** (Tuesdays) and Isle Class a **Chess Club** (Wednesdays) in the first half of this term.



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