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Today is International Women's Day ~ Let's all be inspired by the amazing work Mother Teresa did, and let's see if we can all work together to make the world a better place.

It has been a busy few weeks on the sport front for our pupils. Last Friday, two teams of **Year 3 and 4 gymnasts** took part in a gymnastics competition hosted by Baskervilles. They learnt some new routines and competed enthusiastically against a large number of local schools. On the same day, a group of keen Year 5 and 6 girls had the opportunity to take part in a **Netball Festival** hosted by Kingswood School. They benefited from a training session followed by 5 matches against teams from other schools. I was very impressed with the focus and determination they showed and, although it wasn't a competition as such, they fought hard and scored quite a few goals against our opponents. They were also lucky enough to meet Team Bath Super-league player, **Kim Commane**, who helped coach and encourage them from the sidelines. Lastly six of our Year 5 children took part in a '**Quicksticks**' Hockey Tournament at Wellsway School on Wednesday. They all played so well and showed great skills and teamwork, earning us two match wins - a fantastic performance! Well done to all the children that represented the school so admirably.

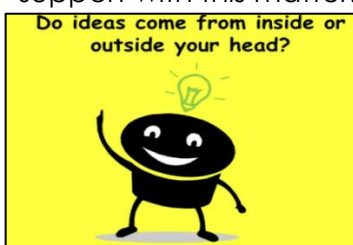
Mrs Franklin-Adams, PE Co-ordinator



Around school this week: Reception have been testing materials to see if they are reflective and have made reflective sashes to wear to help keep themselves safe, Year 1 enjoyed listening to the stories written by Pine Class (Year 4). They have also been designing bridges linked to our STEM project, Year 2 have shared their favourite books and made bookmarks. Year 3 have been carrying out science experiments linked to pollution and have read 'My World' by Margaret Wise Brown, Year 4 have written stories based on Dave's Rock and have shared them with Pear Class (Year 2), Year 5 have been looking at ways to save our Bees and designed and built bee hotels and Year 6 have been looking at plastic and it's effect in the Oceans.

Dear Parents/Carers, Thank you for your support around the changes of routine at the beginning and end of the school day. The Reception area is now a much calmer and safer space for our pupils. The Lympsham Green side of the School is also much safer for the children attending the Margeret Coates Centre (MCC). We really appreciate your help with this.

Having monitored the new system for a couple of weeks, we would like to make a further adjustment. When parents are **collecting children from an after-school club**, please could you wait **outside the main entrances or hall doors, where the activity is taking place**. Pupils will then be bought out and handed over to parents. Likewise, if you are **late collecting your child**, again please **wait outside the main entrance** and the children will be brought out to you. This will further add to the safety and security of all of our pupils after school. Thank you for your continued support with this matter. Julie Jones, Acting Head teacher.



This week's '**THUNK**'. A question to talk through with your child(ren). These 'Thunk' discussions help children develop their speaking and listening skills and is hopefully fun too!

- 1) Please can we remind parents to **be respectful to staff and other parents** when on the school site. Bad and inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Remember : Our Motto is 'Be Kind'.
- 2) **BREAKFAST CLUB** ~ We currently have **spaces every day at our Breakfast Club**. If you need to drop off early our Breakfast club starts at **8.00am** and is **only £2 per day**. The children get a breakfast, time to play and a calm start to the school day. Please see the office to book a space!
- 3) **THE GREAT EGG HUNT** ~ St Martin's Garden Primary has been chosen to provide a decorated egg to be part of **The Great Egg Hunt this Easter** run by The Egg theatre. All Children will have bought home a design form for this competition. **The theme is nature and outdoors**. The winner will have their egg design on display in Bath and the winner's class will have a trip to the Egg theatre. **Please return your entry by Thursday 14th March**. Good luck!
- 4) **RED NOSE DAY** ~ We will be supporting Comic Relief this year with a non-uniform, bring **£1.00**, day on **FRIDAY 15th MARCH**. Thank you. 
- 5) **NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK**: We launched our **Science week** with an assembly on Tuesday and the children were very enthusiastic about their projects. There has been such a buzz around school as some classes started working on their projects. Do come to school next **Friday 15th March at 2pm for our Science Fair** to find out what the children have been working on and celebrate their involvement (see information about our Science Fair below).
Our school will be entering the **British Science Association's annual poster competition** (information about it coming home today). Please help them create their posters which should be returned back to school by **Thursday 14th March**. There is a whole array of prizes up for grabs, the main one being a day at the Guinness World Record Headquarters! Thank you, Mrs Mucunski, Science Co-ordinator. **ALSO Year 4 (Pine Class)** will be running a **CAKE STALL** at the Science Fair to help raise funds for their class trip to Stonehenge.
- 6) **IMPORTANT ~ YEAR 6 SATS ~ Year 6 SATS week is w/c Monday 13th May 2019**, it is imperative that all Year 6 children are in school everyday during this week. **Year 6 SATS Information Evening is on MONDAY 25th MARCH at 3.30pm**. Miss Jackish will share information you need to know, along with how you can support your child in the lead up to SATS. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.
- 7) **YEAR 6 CAMP** ~ Deadline for Deanfields 2019 payment is **Friday 5th April**. Thank you.

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Brilliant. Well Done!

Pine Class **98.41%**



Top Ten Doodlers this week: Conan, Sebastian, Leonor, Kamara, Alfie S, Christelle, Wasim, Jacob G, Charlie B, Michael

Top Doodler Class: Cherry with 2538 Doodle Stars

DoodleMaths is a fabulous App which supports children in developing their math skills. If you haven't yet downloaded the DoodleMaths App, please could you be encouraged to do so. **Ten minutes** everyday will make a **huge** difference to your child(rens) progress in Maths. Thank you

Friday 15th March 2019 ~ Red Nose Day ~ non-uniform, donate £1.00. Thank you

Friday 15th March 2019 at 2.00pm in Keystage Two Hall ~ Science Fair ~ Everyone welcome

Monday 25th March 2019 at 3.30pm ~ Year 6 SATS information Evening

Wednesday 27th March 2019 ~ Year 1, 2 & 3 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum
(actual timings T.B.C)

Thursday 28th March 2019 ~ Year 4, 5 & 6 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum
(actual timings T.B.C)

Monday 13th May ~ Friday 17th May ~ Year 6 SATS week

Friday 28th June 2019 ~ Palladian Academy Trust INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 22nd July 2019 ~ INSET day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 ~ INSET day (School closed to pupils)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend from all at St Martin's Garden Primary.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

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SCIENCE
FAIR

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2019
DOORS OPEN AT 2PM

COME ALONG AND SEE THE HANDS-ON EXHIBITS OF THE
STEM PROJECTS THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN WORKING ON

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