

# The Dasset News - 7th November 2025

**This Week:-** Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs ( Reception )	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Oli	Kayden	Tommy	Alfie
	Sebastian	Scarlett	The Whole Class



## Reception—

We have packed a lot of learning into 4 days this week in Reception! We started our new non fiction book Festivals! We used the contents page to find out where to find information on different festivals and celebrations. We explored the pages headed 'Boo!' and children shared their experiences of Halloween. They were fascinated by the Day of the Dead Festival in Mexico and shared about people and pets who were no longer with us. They were engrossed in making Day of the Dead masks, their attention to detail and concentration was fantastic! We mixed colours and materials to make a bonfire collage as we learned about the origins of Bonfire Night and listened to the rhyme Remember, Remember the 5th of November. In our Festivals! book, it told us how people often mark festivals and celebrations with special food and feasts so we made coconut barfi's as a way to mark the celebration of Diwali. We explored the art of Yayoi Kusama and used q-tips to create our own artwork. The children used their knowledge of pattern to create some brilliant pumpkin artwork. In RE we discussed how people have different worldviews based on their beliefs, what is important to them and their likes and dislikes. We focused on how people's views are different. There was a lot of discussion about the reality or not of unicorns! In PSHE we started our topic Celebrating Difference by thinking about what we are good at and how this is different for everyone. The children enjoyed sharing their pictures and comments following chats at home with their grown-ups, thank you for sharing these on Tapestry. It really supported learning in the classroom. In phonics it was very exciting as we learned our first digraph, ck and the tricky words 'I' and 'to'. In maths we continued to focus on the purpose of counting and the rules of counting as we focused on number 5, using the song 5 Little Peas and learning that there are five fingers on our hand. In Forest School the children made leaf art inspired by fireworks and bonfire night.



**Year 1/2—** It has been lovely to see the children full of enthusiasm after their half term break! We have been as busy as ever this week. We have been surprised to find something has been nibbling at the books in our classroom over half term...then we read the story 'Nibbles the book monster' and realised that Nibbles must be on the loose! We have been re-writing labels for the book titles that he has been nibbling through! In maths we have been working on using number-lines including filling in missing numbers and estimating number on blank number-lines! Year 1 have been building giant number-lines too! Our new Geography topic is Bright Lights, Big City which has already sparked the children's enthusiasm. In our first session, we have been



learning about landmarks-what they are and what their purpose is! We have also spotted some famous landmarks in our own capital city; London. In computing we have been learning the skill of dragging and dropping which we practised through a range of jigsaw games. We then had to create our own digital jigsaw for others to play!

**Year 3/4**— The Winter's Child is our new narrative study in English and it has informed our grammar and writing activities. In maths, we have been concluding our addition and subtraction work by looking at estimating, inverse operations and efficient methods. In History we considered the structure of Roman Towns and what they brought to Britannia. In PSHE we considered different family structures and then the children's own family situations. To conclude our Science work on Food and Digestion, we have started a simulated investigation (by using eggshells and distilled vinegar) into how toothpaste protects tooth enamel. Our music lesson saw us commence a winter-themed traditional singing unit. PE has been gymnastics (indoor) and hockey (outdoor). Computing and French have also taken place.



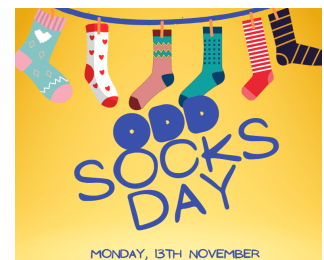
**Year 5/6** - Back to it after half term and lots of exciting learning to be looking forward to. English is a new unit of Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. We started by making some predictions about the book. In maths we looked at angles in a quadrilateral and missing angle problems. Science has been using our results from our star jump enquiry to make predictions about whether

stationary exercise would also see an increase in our heart rate. We then tried this out and will discuss our results next week. PE was starting a unit on hockey and we practised our passing skills. We've also started our gymnastics sessions with Dani. In art we completed our final pieces of our Trailblazers, Barrier breakers unit and created a piece of artwork inspired by the work of Black artists we have been studying. Well done to all the children for working hard on their class assembly. They were delighted to share all their hard work with parents. We thank you for your attendance and hope you enjoyed the morning.

## **Next Week**

**Monday 10th November**—Anti Bullying Week

**Monday 10th November**—Children are invited to come to school wearing Odd Socks. This day is to celebrate individuality and promote anti bullying messages.



**Tuesday 11th November**—Last day to donate to The Royal British Legion

**Thursday 13th November**—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks. All parents have been notified of this and been given the option to opt out.



**Friday 14th November**—Children In Need. To help support this charity we are having a cake sale. Please bring in donations of cakes on the morning. Cakes will then be sold to the children 50p each. All proceeds will be given to Children in Need. Many thanks in anticipation of you supporting this good cause.

**Coming Up Monday 17th November**—Science Week. **Monday**—Wonderful water assembly, Year 3/4 Severn Trent Workshop, Question and Answers to Scientists. **Tuesday**—VR Workshops whole school **Wednesday**—Kineton STEM will be joining us to work with the children doing rockets and spheros. In the afternoon parents/carers are invited to join us between 2pm and 3pm for Glow Stick activity (more details next week) **Thursday**—TAPs enquiry in class and **Friday**—Forest School sessions for all children.

**Monday 17th November**—Book Fair. The travelling books return to school. We will send out a timetable next week with more details.



## Remembrance Parade—Fenny Compton

All children are invited to join us on Sunday morning for the remembrance parade. If you would like to join us please meet at The Merrie Lion car park at 10.30am.

## School Uniform

School Trends have an offer until Sunday evening. To take advantage of this offer please see link below

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/pages/home>

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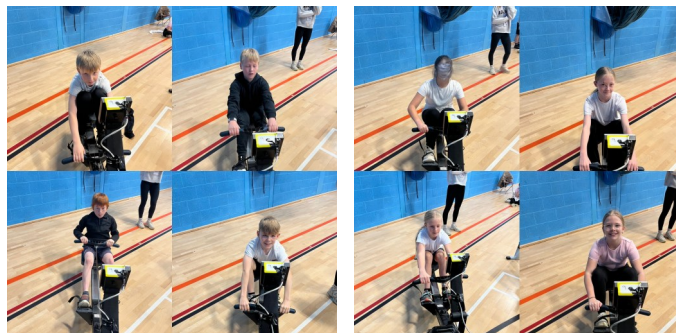
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## Indoor Rowing Competition



On Thursday, nine of our Year Sixes attending an Indoor Rowing Competition at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre in Leamington. The event started with individual sprint rows of 1 minute duration (on Concept Rowers) in which all individuals did well, finishing mid-table. In the team relay races, the boys finished sixth out of nine; whereas the girls won their event (first out of nine teams), thanks to executing their changeovers smoothly and quickly. They jumped from fourth to second in the first changeover and then into first place after the second changeover, which they then maintained. Fantastic work. The Dassett again winning at this event! Our results will now be pooled against eighteen other schools from the two other heats earlier in the day and if our



heat (time/distance wise) proves to be quickest, fingers-crossed, we may have qualified for the county finals. Well done to all involve. Thank you for the parents' support in transporting the children to and from the event. (Team: Dexter, Oliver, Max, Kian; Elizabeth, Hetty, Millie,

Isla and Eve).

## House Winners

The winners of the first half term cup of the year is Magpies—Well done all.

## **Parent Governor**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. To fulfil the role you need to be able to attend 6 meetings a year—once a half term and be available to come into school to carry out any additional duties you agree to do. No experience is necessary as full training is provided. If you would like more information please contact the school office on admin3216@welearn365.com or our Chair of Governors Andrew Jeffrey on Jeffrey.a@welearn365.com

## **The Friends of The Dasset**

Due to lack of availability to attend the AGM in September we will repeat the meeting on Monday 10th November at 7.30pm online via Zoom. In order to be able to complete the process, we require at least 6 people to attend. There is no obligation to become a committee member or to take up a position but if we cannot complete this process, we will be unable to run events under The Friends banner. The Friends support the school in a variety of ways such as— subsidising coach travel to events, the pantomime and a number of other initiatives.

<https://meet.google.com/rhp-uybw-nqe>

*Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset*