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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)
Molly	Amalia	Jack	Kian
	Feofania	Mylo	Oscar



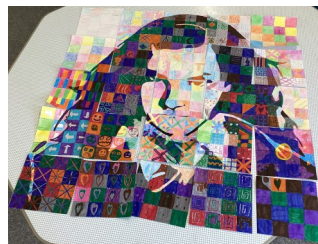
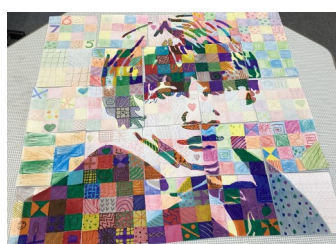
Reception—In maths, we have read the story 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins and used this to explore height. The children found things in the classroom that were taller or shorter than a metre rule. We have also continued to explore the composition of number, exploring 6 using different games such as skills and scooping ping pong balls out of water. The children were great at knowing how many more skittles they needed to knock down or how many ping balls they needed to scoop up. In phonics we learned the tricky words 'little' and 'one'. We have continued to explore doubles and have been using a 10s frame to show amounts. The children use their phonics skills every day in their morning job, writing words or sentences that matched to their ability. There has been some really great writing this week – well done Hedgehog Class! In RE we have found out about Confucius and his 'Golden Rule', 'do not do unto others what you would not want others to do unto you'. We shared experiences of when unkind words had hurt our feelings how saying kind words helps us follow our school rule of looking after others. The children worked alongside Year 5 in the outside front area, as they looked at features marking them on a map. This in PE the children have been practising running laps and learning how to do the triple jump.

Year 1/2— Squirrels have been busy yet again this week! In English, our new book 'Clem & Crab' has inspired some incredibly persuasive and thought-provoking posters about ocean pollution. The children have been working on writing for a range of purposes and have written some brilliant factual writing about plastic pollution and the impact this is having on our environment. In Maths we have been working on simple fractions, finding half and quarter of shapes. We will be moving onto finding thirds next week. In Geography we have been continuing to refine our map reading skills and have learnt about physical and human features and their symbols. We had a wonderfully noisy music lesson where the children were practising the vocals to the song 'I wanna be in a band'. The children blew me away with their performing skills, each taking it in turns to perform the song to each other. Maybe your child can recite the song at home? We progressed to playing the notes 'c' and 'd' on the glockenspiel too.



Year 3/4—'How to Live Forever has been the children's

book we have been studying this week - a story of a child's quest to find an ancient book containing the secrets of immortality, only to find a dilemma/plot twist. This forms the basis of some persuasive writing we have started to look at and will continue next week. In maths we have commenced our latest unit on decimals learning about tenths, hundredths, halves and quarters. In music we had fun learning all about Eurovision! We discussed what the contest is and the countries that take part. We watched a couple of different (appropriate) performances from across the years (Estonia's entry for this year was a favourite) and then had a go at singing (and dancing!) along to the Icelandic entry from a few years ago - 'Think About Things' by Daði Freyr. In computing we have started our work on animation by making some simple animations including using the 'onion skinning' technique! History witnessed us looking at the geography of where invaders to Britain came from and the reasons why (Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Vikings and Normans). In PSHE we looked at the value of memories. In RE, we continued with the story of Pentecost. PE saw us running 400m and learning and developing our throwing skills. We also had Dance with Dani continuing our Rainforest unit. Our science looked at the function of stems and leaves in plants. Whole Class Reading has also taken place.



Year 5/6 -

Year 5s have been with Mrs Proudfoot this week whilst the Year 6 SATs have been going on. We've practiced our reading skills but through a music video. We watched the video to 'Titanium' by David Guetta and Sia. This has a narrative and we practiced our inference skills using it. We then wrote a prequel to the video about how the main character got their superpowers. We also refreshed our multiplication and division skills in our maths lessons. On Thursday morning, Year 5 worked with Mrs Whatcott to help Reception find a new space for their pirate ship in the outside area at the front of the school, having to find a suitable space with a meters clearance all round.



Back with the Year 6s we carried out an insulation enquiry based on our results from our which is the best coffee cup? investigation last week. Children had lots of freedom to plan their own investigation and it's great to see how they're becoming more independent at putting an enquiry together and using all their working scientifically skills. In Year 6, we've had the small matter of SATS. The kids loved the SATS breakfast and ate copious amounts of chocolate spread! I was so impressed with the children's attitude— self belief and perseverance. I just couldn't fault them. In the afternoon, we have been focusing on our Chuck Close art project. We analysed his work and competed our own interpretations of his small squared images to produce different character display images from Harry Potter. They turned out rather impressively. As a final treat for the Year 6s they managed to have a bacon sandwich on Friday morning! The children deserve a good break after all their hard work. Enjoy the weekend!

Parent Governor Vacancies

Before Easter, we wrote to parents with an update on vacancies on our Governing Board and invited nominations for Parent Governors. I am writing to inform you that no nominations were received. As a result, there are currently two vacancies for Parent Governors, and there will be a third when I step down at the end of the summer term. If you are interested in taking on one of these important roles, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Chair of Governors

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Next Week

Week commencing 19th May—iSingPop workshops which are leading to a concert

Monday 19th May—Drumming lessons to replace last week and then Wednesday as normal.

Thursday 22nd May—Concert performed by the children at Burton Dassett Church at 6pm. Please remember to book your tickets. We are very excited by this event and would love to have as many pupils and parents present as possible. To book your tickets please click on the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-dassett-ce-primary-i-sing-pop-concert-tickets-1364096933649?aff=oddtcreator>

There are now additional tickets available, if you would like extra tickets please click on the link to book them.

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May—Half term

Coming Up

Monday 2nd June—Kineton High School to visit Year 6 children who will be attending this school

Tuesday 3rd June—Year 5/6 Climate Workshop (5 weeks)

Preloved Uniform

Mrs Pretorius who runs our pre-loved uniform is looking for donations of clothing, especially young boys uniform. If you have any to donate or would like to purchase good quality second hand uniform please drop donations into the office or contact Mrs Pretorius by phone on 07931393718

Head Teacher Award



Well done to Sophie who set herself a New Year resolution to read her height in books.



NCT Nearly New Sale

Please see attached information on a NCT Nearly New Sale being held in Southam on Sunday.

Mr Foyle—Gentleman's ride 2025



On Sunday, I'm partaking in the @gentlemansride (between Gaydon and Stratford). The Gentleman's Ride is a global event that sees motorcyclists ride old or retro bikes whilst dressed in a distinguished fashion - 'suited & booted'. Whilst purely for fun and not physically arduous, the ride seeks to raise awareness and money in aid of men's charities, namely: Men's Mental Health (suicide prevention) and Prostate Cancer.



I would be immensely grateful if anyone wishes to sponsor me. All monies go direct to the charities via the link below and can be anonymised if you so wish.

Thank you in advance for any support.

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