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# The Dasset News - 29th November 2024

**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)
Hazel	Sophie	Harry	Diesel
	Amalia	Lincoln	Alfie



**Reception**— It has been an action-packed Science Week packed full of learning! We started off on Monday where the children thoroughly enjoyed working in mixed year groups, some with their siblings, to create a vehicle for their 'Eggnaut's moon landing. On Tuesday the children learned about the Water Cycle and ways they could save water with Siobhan from Severn Trent. The children had a visit from Mrs. West and she shared her extensive knowledge of birds with them and the children explored magnets using them to make birds fly! On Wednesday the children participated in the Kew Challenge where we learned more about maps and the symbols we could use to highlight physical features. The children made a map showing the features of the field – including the trim trail! On Thursday the children continued to explore magnets conducting an investigation into find out what objects were magnetic and recording their findings. The children were very excited to have a visit from the military – Kineton Stem, who helped them make and fire rockets! Exploring air pressure was continued on Friday when the children used empty bottles to fire a rocket into the air! In phonics we have been revisiting the sounds learned so far, especially the phase 3 digraphs learned last week qu and ch. The children have been reading 'Silly Questions' to each other with much hilarity. A busy week of learning despite the bugs! Have a restful weekend Hedgehog Class!



**Year 1/2**— It has been Science week this week and the children have been enjoying lots of Science-based activities. On Monday, they had a visit from the planetarium and completed an eggstronaut challenge in mixed age classes throughout the school. The children worked in mixed teams to design and build a lunar lander to protect their eggs. All of the groups made something completely unique and worked in their mixed age groups, brilliantly. On Tuesday, year 2 had a visit from sewer soup and year 1 had a workshop about birds. On Wednesday, the children learnt about the role of plant explorers and thought about what equipment plant explorers need to take with them on expeditions across the world. They thought about how the equipment would differ depending on the location based on the climate and conditions. On Thursday, the children had a fantastic workshop with Kineton STEM team where the children built tracks and controlled balls around the courses they had made. On Friday, the class completed a challenge called Rocket Mice where they learnt about air pressure and forces. Overall, the children have had a brilliant week being Scientists and enjoyed lots of practical activities!

**Year 3/4**— Just like our fellow classes, Science Week activities, coordinated by Mrs Proudfoot, have dominated our week. These have included designing and making lunar landers (Monday), cleaning water through sieving and filtering processes (Tuesday), learning about the work of plant hunters (Wednesday), designing and making pulleys systems with MoD Kineton's STEM team (Thursday) and finally today, Friday: fair test investigation work. Thanks to Mrs Proudfoot for her efforts and an enjoyable week of learning. I have to note how impressed I have been with all of my class members, particularly in regard to their teamworking skills. We have done quite a bit of work in class assemblies and PSHE about effective team/group working, and it is starting to show. Aside from these activities, in Maths we have concluded our work on addition and subtraction methods. In English we have used the time to focus on spelling and grammar. Finally, RE, PSHE and PE (Gymnastics) have all taken place.

**Year 5/6** - A very exciting week in year 5/6. All have been very impressive with their enthusiasm and scientific knowledge during our science week activities. We've seen some brilliant teamwork, inventive ideas and creative solutions to scientific problems. See the specific science week section of the newsletter for more of what we have done. Aside from science we've still completed our normal English and maths lessons. In English we are working towards writing our own version of the first chapter of Artemis Fowl but from the perspective of Artemis. In Maths we have begun looking at division and have practiced different written methods for this. In Geography we looked at variety of different biomes, analysing what the human and physical Geography features were. We used a Geo Guesser to test our locational knowledge and understanding of significant landmarks across the globe. In Reading, we continued our work on Artemis Fowl by finding out all about the fairies and trolls within the book.

## **Science Week**

Please see attached information on what we have been up to in a very busy week. Thank you to Mrs Proudfoot for all her time and effort in organising such a successful week.

## **OFSTED Report**

As you may be aware that we had an OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October 2024. OFSTED release a draft report which we have to read and respond to regarding any inaccuracies. After that the release date of the report is determined by OFSTED. As soon as we have the finalised report we will of course send this out to parents and publish on the website. In the meantime if you have any queries or worries please contact Miss Corry or Mr Hackett and we will respond as soon as we can.

## **Communication with and about school related matters**

**We operate an open door policy. If you have any queries, worries or concerns; or even some positive feedback, please contact us. All direct communication is gratefully received and responded to as soon as possible.**

The day-to-day care, welfare and safety of your child is managed by the person who is placed closest to them. However, you can contact any member of staff.

- 1) Classroom Teacher (if the query is relevant to teaching and learning, concerns and general child welfare). The teacher will not always pass your concerns to SLT – they will try their best to deal with your queries themselves.
- 2) Teaching assistant for your class or that is assigned to work with your child at different times during the week. Please do this only in the absence of a class teacher.
- 3) A member of the senior leadership team – any further issues/concerns or to share something regarding life outside of school—Miss Corry and Mr Hackett.
- 4) Designated Safeguarding Leads for safeguarding issues – These are, Miss S Corry, Mr D Hackett and Mr S F Foyle

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## Next Week

**Monday 2nd December**—Reception eye tests

**Thursday 5th December**—Team colour day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their team colour. A forfeit of a bottle for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.

**Friday 6th December**—Christmas Fair 6pm-8pm

**Sunday 8th December**—Breakfast with Santa

## Coming Up

**Monday 9th December**—Dance Assembly—Parents/carers of the cheerleading club and the afterschool dance club are invited to join us at 2.45pm for the children to perform

**Wednesday 11th December**—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are going to Warwick Art Centre to see The Smeds and The Smoos. Please ensure you have return your slip.

**Thursday 12th December**—Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. A donation of £1—£2 is suggest for Save the Children.

**Tuesday 17th December**—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Production at 2.15pm—details for tickets will be sent out next week.

**Wednesday 18th December**—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Production at 9.30am—details for tickets will be sent out next week.

**Wednesday 18th December**—Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 18th December**—We have been invited to sing carols at the Northend Community Christmas Lunch— if your child is involved further details will be sent out.

**Thursday 19th December**—Christingle Service at the church 2.15pm

**Friday 20th December**—Carols in the Hall at 2pm

## The Friends of The Dasset

On Thursday 5th December a dress with your team colour day with a forfeit of a bottle for the tombola at the fair.

Please see attached information on the Christmas Fair which is being held on Friday 6th December and breakfast with Santa on Sunday 8th December. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



## NCT Nearly New Sale

Please see attached information on a NCT Nearly New Sale at The Graham Adams Centre, Southam, CV47 0LY on Saturday 30th November 3pm-4.30pm.

## Christmas Trees

Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm are once again gifting the school of your choice a 10% donation of the value of the trees back to school if you mention it at checkout. Please see attached information.



## Family Information Service

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqpps-8827149?e=d04d9d2ed5>

Please copy and paste the above link for information on housing, winter activities, free debt advice and personal support.

## Wake Up Wednesday—Snapchat

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent “disappears” 24 hours after it’s been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called “My AI”.

Recent user numbers for the messaging app Snapchat currently sit at approximately 800 million and figures from data gathering company Statista indicate that roughly 20% of those users are under 18. That’s a lot of young people participating in this sprawling social media platform, many of whom are potentially unaware of the associated risks.

## Heritage Learning—Vacancy

Work with Heritage and Culture Warwickshire's (HCW) Learning and Community Engagement Team on a zero hours contract basis to deliver their school workshop programme. HCW is looking for individuals who enjoy working with people and are friendly and welcoming. Good organisational and time keeping skills will help you succeed in this role. Teamworking and communication is key to this role. Willingness to deliver workshops in schools around the county is key for this round of recruitment.

For more information please visit [Relief Group Leader - School Workshop Delivery job with Warwickshire County Council | 216535](#)

or search for Relief Group Leader, ref 0860268dwp, on WM Jobs ([wmjobs.co.uk](http://wmjobs.co.uk))

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