

The Dasset News - 4th October 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.



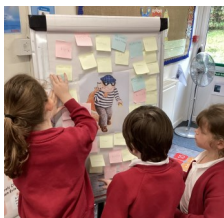
Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Scarlett	Tommy	Martha	Archie
	Taylah	Alexa	Oscar



Reception— It has been another busy week in Hedgehog Class - the children have been strengthening their fingers by making peg hedgehogs and exploring different tools to make a hedgehog paintings. They were very well behaved and sensible when having their photos taken. In phonics this week we have learned the sounds g, o, c, k and have been practising sounding out and blending to read words with these sounds and segmenting to write words with these sounds. The children were very excited to get their reading books to take home for the weekend and put their skills into practise! In maths we have



been practising our sorting, looking at how items are the same and different and exploring the number 3. We have been practising for the Harvest Festival celebration next week and hope you will be able to join us at the church. We were all very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Costine and wish her well in her new role, she will be very much missed.



Year 1/2— Squirrels have been reading Burglar Bill by Janet and Allan Ahlberg this week, in our English lessons. The children have made inferences about the characters based on what they wear and we used exciting adjectives to describe the way they look. They have found out a bit more about the motivations of the characters and how they feel by using hot seating. The children asked some fantastic questions to Burglar Bill and Burglar Betty. Next week, we will use our familiarity of the story and the

characters to write an interesting character description of Burglar Bill using exciting vocabulary. In maths, we have been exploring partitioning using base 10. Year 2 have been doing this in a non-standard way and year 1 have been recognising the tens and ones within a number. In science, the children have learnt how to lead a healthy lifestyle and completed an investigation into the most effective way of cleaning germs (glitter) from their hands. They have identified ways to make sure their bodies stay healthy and strong.

Year 3/4—In English this week, we have been familiarising ourselves with the story: Stone Age Boy. In turn this has run alongside our history lesson, which considered via group work everyday life in each of the Stone Age periods (Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic). In maths we have continued with our work on place value - comparing and ordering numbers ahead of beginning work on the concept of rounding. In RE, we looked at how the lunar calendar determines Jewish and Islamic festivals. We also had Sue Taylor (Governor and church liaison representative) kindly speak briefly with the class about the role of the seasons in Church and Christian calendar. In computing, we used an example program to code our own programs involving repeat unit and IF/ELSE selection commands. In music we learnt about pop ballads and had a go at singing The Beatles 'Let It Be'. It sounded beautiful so hopefully, with some more practice next week, we can record a performance of it for you. We have also had PE (Swimming and Dance with Dani), Whole Class Reading lessons, PSHE (in which we elected our School Council members) and Science lessons. Science being a review of our food diary data relating to food groups, followed by predicting and investigating the fat content in certain 'fatty foods'.



Year 5/6 - We've had fun this week coming up with alternative endings to the fairy tale 'Hansel and Gretel'. Children have been really creative with their writing and I was really impressed with their sustained focus on this task this week. In maths we have looked at rounding numbers and played a game rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 and even 1,000,000! We learned all about the history of Roman Numerals and even attempted to learn how the Romans would have done some calculations. In science we drew a line graph from our force meter enquiry results and then we started planning the practical work for next week based around friction. In computing we looked at why functions are important whilst coding and had a go at coding a simple version. In History we looked at the Bronze age of the Shang Dynasty and analysed the incredible artefacts they were able to produce— we even had time to complete a Blooket Quiz about this. In RE we looked at a bible story about Jesus' entry to Jerusalem before analysing why some people may have different opinions on Jesus depending on their faith or world view. Finally, we have put lots of work in on our spelling and achieved awesome results in our Spelling Frame tests.



Music

[Rockademy are excited to announce the enrolment of new students for our highly acclaimed GUITAR/UKULELE lessons, starting this term – that are directly in school too!](#)

Research shows that music education enhances cognitive skills, creativity, discipline, and self-expression. In fact, studies have demonstrated that students involved in music lessons tend to perform better academically across all subjects.

*Due to the predicted overwhelming demand for our awesome music lessons, **spaces are limited**. It is important to act quickly and secure a spot for your child.*

Enrolling your child is easy... Simply contact us on email rockademy@outlook.com to reserve your spot today. You can enrol direct on our website at www.rockademy.co.uk/letsrock to complete our convenient online enrolment form.

Special Menu

Yesterday we had a special Italian Day menu. Once again thank you to Mrs Warner and Miss Davies for making the lunch extra special. We know the children really enjoy these special days and the effort you both put into the theme.



Writer of the Month Well done to James—Reception, Amalia—Year 1, Eliza—Year 2, Mylo -Year 3, Jack—Year 4, Harry D—Year 5 and Eleanor—Year 6 who are awarded Writer of the Month for September. We will give out certificates on Monday.

September

Photographs All proof cards have been sent home today. Sibling photographs are on the same code as the eldest child as no proof cards were issued. Please order by 14th October for free delivery into school. Many thanks.

Goodbye—On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Costine. We wish her all the best in her new job.



Next week

Thursday 10th October—Harvest Festival. Come and join us at 2.15pm at St Peter and St Clare's church for a harvest celebration. For this service we ask for donations for Fosse Food Bank. Due to storage please bring donations in week commencing 8th October. Currently on their website they are urgently needing tinned potatoes, hot chocolate, coffee, tinned spaghetti, cuppa soup, washing up liquid, sweets and chocolate and shampoo. They say they have plenty of cereal, baked beans and pasta. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Thursday 10th October—Youth Mental Health Day. To mark World Mental Health Day children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow. We will share an assembly about mental health and how we can support each other.



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED POTATOES

HOT CHOCOLATE

COFFEE

TINNED SPAGHETTI

CUPPA SOUP

WASHING UP LIQUID

SWEETS & CHOCOLATE

SHAMPOO

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

CEREAL

BAKED BEANS

PASTA

Coming Up

Tuesday 15th October—M and M Productions are coming into school to perform their production of Cinderella. We would appreciate a donation of £1.00 per child to assist in covering the cost of this. Many thanks

Thursday 17th October—Fire Service in to visit Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 to deliver their fire safety program.

Friday 18th October—All parents are invited to join Miss Corry, staff and some children to learn how we teach maths in school.

The Friends of The Dasset

On Monday 30th September, unfortunately, we could not proceed with the planned meeting due to lack of numbers. We need a minimum of 8 people to proceed with forming a new committee. We are holding another AGM on Monday 14th October at the Merrie Lion at 6.00pm. **Please come along.** There is no pressure to become a committee member but we do need the people there to be able to form it. Our first event will be a school disco for the children on **Friday 18th October** details will be in the newsletter next week.

Wake Up Wednesday

If you've played or seen any online games from the past few years, you've probably noticed that almost every one has in-game chat functionality. Whether allowing players to send text messages to one another or letting them use their mics to chat together on voice if you're on a multiplayer game, chances are you can talk to your fellow gamers, one way or another.

Sadly, such a function comes with its fair share of risks – as is to be expected with a feature intended to connect gamers from around the world and it is immensely important for parents and educators to understand these concerns and help young players address them. That's why we've put together this free guide, breaking down the most prevalent issues associated with in-game chat and letting you know how to keep youngsters as safe as possible if or when they're exposed to this feature.

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