

Minchinhampton Newsletter

MATHS WEEK

Maths week will start on Monday 3rd June 2019. The purpose of the week is to further promote maths as an interactive and fun activity and provide pupils with a greater understanding of how important it is in their daily lives!

To enrich the pupils' appreciation of maths further, renowned author, Kjartan Poskitt (author of the fantastic Murderous Maths series) will be coming to visit.

He will be speaking to pupils throughout the day on Thursday 6th June and will be hosting a family maths quiz on Wednesday 5th June from 6:30 to 8 in the school hall. Tickets will be restricted and offered on a first come first served basis. Please return the slip below to secure your space.

You can find out more about Kjartan through visiting his website or viewing clips on Youtube.

FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 24th April, six of our Yr. 6 pupils went to a football tournament at Inside Football. This tournament was rather unique as it was for girls and boys to compete together; this was the first mixed competition that our school has taken part in for ages. They won one match and lost three. Overall, they came 3rd. One of the participants, Oliver, said, "I enjoyed it because I love football and it was fun playing with the girls because I haven't done it before." "I love playing in a team because you have to work together and it was fun putting that into practice against other schools," said Isabella. William told us, "I went in goal and I had fun. The best bit was everything but probably getting player of the tournament." Deano said, "In the last game we played, we were losing and time was running out, but we managed to get one goal and then it came down to the last 30 seconds, then Oliver crossed in and I scored. We won that game."

BARN THEATRE TRIP

On Thursday 25th April 2019 a group of year 3, 4 and 5 children went to the Barn theatre in Cirencester to watch The Butterfly Lion. "I really enjoyed it and I can't wait to finish my current reading book so that I can read it," said Isobelle. "It was a bit sad in places but I really enjoyed it," Lucy said. James said, "It was fun to watch a play instead of doing lessons and it was really cool how the lion grew up as the story went on. I have read the book but I think that the stage production was much better because you saw it; it wasn't just in your imagination. Cerys told us, "I really like seeing people act a story out so I really enjoyed it."

COUNTRY DANCING

On Tuesday 30th April Country Dancing club went to Stratford Park Leisure Centre to dance with other schools. "There were around 400 children in there so it was fun dancing with lots of other people. We did about 10 different dances which we had learnt with Mrs Athey at school," said Lydia. "Some dances the adults joined in with and it was absolute chaos especially when everyone had to promenade around the whole room," Freya told us. "I really enjoyed dancing with the group. The best bit was when all of the parents had to get up and dance," said Lily. Lucy told us, "I was a bit nervous at first but then once I had started dancing, I just had fun."

MOUNTAIN BIKING

On Friday 26th April four year 5/6 children went to Stratford Park for a mountain biking competition. They did a relay race and they had a practice run first. Everyone on the team had to use the same bike which made it difficult for the taller ones amongst them! One person did a lap of the track and then the next person got on to the bike and did another lap and then the next and then the next. There were four teams on the track at one time and the last person in each team had to ride all the way to the finish line. "It was really fun and I enjoyed competing in it. I loved going down the hill after the struggle of going up. I really want to go again!" said Lola. Ruby told us, "I have never been too keen on biking but when I did this race, it was a lot more enjoyable than I expected. It was a hard ride up the hill so you were allowed to run and push the bike but the downhill was a lot easier to cope with." Max said, "I enjoyed going downhill because you went really

fast. I appreciated the support of my team as I went round. It was an amazing experience and overall we came 3rd.”

MIDNIGHT CLASS TRIP

On Thursday 25th April, Midnight class went to the Museum in the park. They looked around and had a fun day. Audrey said, “We were looking for different objects. We looked at some fossils too. There was a big fish and it was fun.” Maddie said, “We were looking for different objects. We looked at some fossils. There was a big fish. It was fun and all of us had packed lunches.” They made ammonites out of clay and Audrey and Maddie told us how to make them in case you want make one at home:

1. Roll your clay into a sausage shape.
2. Curl it up so it looks like an ammonite.
3. Make imprints or holes in your shell if you want.



FIRE SERVICE

On Wednesday 8th May, Chris and Janine from the Fire Service came into our school to speak to us about fire safety. During their assembly, Chris and Janine spoke about their jobs and what different things they do. Fire-fighters don't only fight fires but they also rescue animals like cats in trees and they sometimes go with paramedics when the paramedics are called because they have nearly the same level of

training. If there is a fire somewhere, you have to follow the three outs: get out, stay out and call the Fire Service out! It is really important that you have a working smoke alarm in your house because even though the Fire Service can get to your house in eight minutes an average sized kitchen can burn up in one to three minutes. "I thought that the assembly was really helpful and the thing that I remember most is that you shouldn't play with matches or lighters," Lily told us.

DOG MESS

Recently, there has been a lot of dog mess left around Minchinhampton and mainly on the common. This can cause inconvenience when the Reception children go for outdoor learning and walk across the common and when clubs like athletics use the common. If you have a dog and it does do its business on the common or around Minchinhampton please can you pick it up and put it in the bin.

TRAFFIC

In an effort to reduce the number of cars parking on the school yellow zig-zags, some parents have worked with the school to see what can be done to help. Initially the school is planning to start regular patrols to help deter dangerous parking. A number of children from Year 5 have volunteered to help out and we now need some volunteer parents who can spare some time during drop off and/or pick up to assist them.