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I hope you all had a good half term. Having been on residential with Harrier Class and then been on half term I feel I have not seen many of you for a while but will hope to see you later this week. Next Wednesday (8th November) we have our first Parent Forum of the year. This is at 9am for about an hour. We are really keen to have as many parents as possible, this is your chance to air your views on a number of subjects. Amongst other things we will be discussing how we involve parents more in supporting the learning of your child, developing the triangle of learning further, reading with and to your child and the impact of this and a review of lunches. If there is something you would like to bring up please let me know this week.

Design & Technology

This week the children are all involved in becoming designers of one type or another linked to their learning experience. They will also be learning new skills and improving others during the making side of the this subject. Harriers are designing and making the food for their French Café on Friday afternoon (all Harrier parents/grandparents are invited to join them at 2.15 Friday for this). Kite Class are designing and making bug hotels for the garden area and Cygnet Class are designing and making 'wild things', they are even using sewing machines as well as hand stitching. — look out Mrs Manzi!

Hopefully you will see some of the weeks creations at Friday Well Done.

Messy Church



This was a great day which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was based around the story of Ruth (Ruth 1:1—4:22) and her love and loyalty to Naomi. It also focuses around Harvest. The children listened to the story and then had a choice of many related activities including bread making, making seed pictures, creating characters from the story, science based activities and much more. The day ended with the Open the Book team re-telling the story through drama. I would like to say a huge thank you to the team who delivered the day, it was clear how much time and effort they had put in to making such a good session for the children and also how much the children enjoyed this.

“Walking together and learning together through life's adventure.”

‘Look Smart

Think Smart’



Mill on the Brue

The Year 5 and 6s who spent the week before half term at Mill on the Brue activity centre had a fantastic time. Many of you may have seen some of the photos on facebook. The children were away 4 nights and took part in a huge number of activities which were all based on team building, working together and achieving personal goals. Many of the children did things they never thought they could , while others shone as leaders, team players or great organisers. Some of the activities included canoeing, a zip wire, tunnelling, the Burma bridge, climbing, the leap of faith, video making, grass sledging to name just a few.

The children made us all very proud with their ‘can do’ attitudes, their support of each other and their good manners. The kitchen at Mill on the Brue were also impressed with the amount they ate, the fact that they tried many different foods and the small amount of food waste there was.

Safeguarding

Parenting in a digital world

MindEd have produced a clear, straightforward guide for parents and carers about the benefits and risks of their child's use of the Internet.

It explores how to discuss this with their child as well as monitor appropriately and deal with ‘Internet crises’ when your child does something risky. Download the guide at:

[Parenting in a Digital World—Click here](#)

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds).

[GETSET](#) [NSPCC](#) [SOMERSETDIRECT](#)

School Lunches



The first day of our new lunch provider was very successful. The children seemed to enjoy the food and ate it up well. We would be very keen to have any feedback, both positive and negative, from you which we can pass on the Mandy at Figs. Just a reminder that when a new menu goes out it must be returned by the Tuesday before it starts with the full payment otherwise the child will not be able to have lunches. Miss Holley continues to serve our lunches as before as well as organising the paperwork for Figs.

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