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From Mrs Howells

We hope that you had a great half-term, are well rested and ready for a busy term that will lead us up to Christmas. And what a first week back!

School photos took place on Tuesday morning and were finished in record time! Adrian our photographer left school at 11.30am saying as he went 'How well behaved our children are and what a delight it had been to visit our school!' - Hopefully the proofs will be with you very soon.

There has been great excitement for many of our children this week. Year 3 had their stone age/iron age day on Wednesday, an exciting launch to their topic this term and they looked amazing. They did cave paintings, soap carving and some very impressive weaving. They will finish their last 2 activities on Friday and are looking forward to a live question and answer session with a historian next week. Thank you all for making such an effort, the children were so excited, no doubt our year 3 parents have heard all about it by now!

Year 4 had fun dressing up in Roman costumes to launch their topic this term and Mrs Hares was an empress for the afternoon. Yesterday morning, year 6 have enjoyed the Renishaw Knex challenge. They worked in small groups to produce an eco-house. The winners of the competition, and it was not an easy decision, were Daisy and Inca, followed closely by Harvey R and Hamish and in third place was Benedict, Jack and Sam. Hopefully Daisy and Inca will take part in the finals where they will be faced with another challenge only this time they will be competing against children from other schools!

All of KS2 attempted to join the Stroud Literary Festival yesterday. They each had a session with an author who shared their books. Year 3 and year 4 met Alex Wharton who shared his poetry and book Daydreams and jelly beans. Unfortunately, Year 5 suffered some technical issues so were unable to join there's however, they will be joining Kate Pankhurst tomorrow and Year 6 had a great time with Piers Today. The teachers were really impressed with the authors and felt that the children gained a great deal from the experience. No doubt you have heard all about it at home. The cost per child was only £1.50 – unfortunately, at the moment, many parents have not remembered to pay for this visit and as a result we are about £50 short. If you have not yet sent your money in, please do so on Monday.

Mrs Barron's chaplaincy team received a very special gift for their class prayer table this week – a stunning wooden box made especially for each class with their year group on the top- a place to store their rosary beads. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Barron for making them for us, it was so incredibly kind of him and must have taken a considerable amount of time to make.

Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting the cake raffle, some of our year 6 children will be in the playground on a Thursday after school, selling the tickets for the raffle on Friday. The tickets are £1 each and there is the chance of winning a fabulous cake each week – you have to be in it to win it!

Clubs began this week, year 3 and 4 went home with some fabulous firework creations on Tuesday, whilst others started to learn netball. Sadly, we have had to revert to remote assemblies for the next few weeks. We are hopeful that cases will fall and we will be able to join together again soon.

Finally, I hope that you have your tickets for Saturday night, our dedicated PTA are once again planning a firework night for us, there will be hotdogs and burgers, coffee and hot chocolate and there may even be a bar! If you have not bought your tickets already, not to worry you can pay on the gate. Hope to see you there!

In Your Prayers

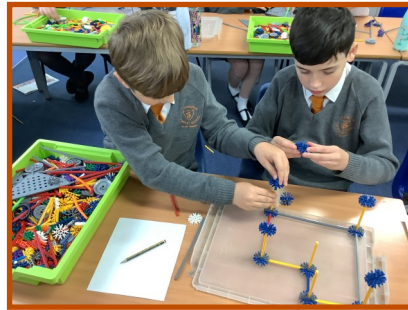
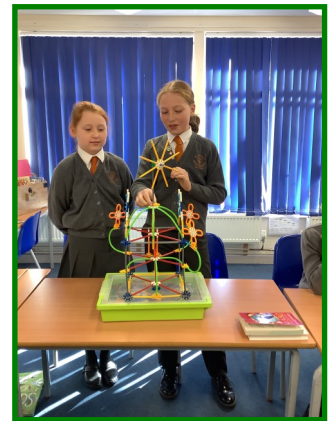
Dear God speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family, help us to share,



Class News!



St Mary	Poppy B - I liked to see things in the fire truck. Mia - We made a marble picture. It looked like a firework!
St Joseph	Amberlee—I've been helping my friends. I have liked literacy and writing a story. Seth—I have loved playing with my friends and helping James.
St Peter	Hebe – I've enjoyed God Matters because it was talking about our lives and Jesus' life. Edward – I like Literacy because you get to write lots. My favourite thing to write is the biography of Mrs Howells!
St Patrick	Henry - I love my new Topic Stone Age to Iron Age because we got to do soap carving. It was fun! Maya - My teacher teaches us fun things like making Stone Age cave paintings from mod rock.
St George	"I have enjoyed learning about mosaics because we get to learn about what's happened from when the Romans were alive." Bella "I liked maths this week because I like looking at the lines of symmetry and I liked PE because it's fun and helps us keep active." Raffy
St Teresa	Autumn—Really enjoyed completing secure it with our learning about nets. Sophia—Really enjoyed working on the miniature worlds for reception and the PowerPoint that we have now completed
St David	Maya - The Knex workshop was absolutely amazing because we got to learn about different engineering. Also, really well done to Inca and Daisy for winning! Benedict - I really liked the Knex workshop because we got to find out about Renishaw. We got to build our own spectacular models too!



Time to start School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from **September 2022** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire County Council. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2022**. If your child is Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school by this date.