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Busy, busy, busy.....so many things to look forward to. Grandparents Day was fantastic. Thank you to those who came along for this to see what their grandchildren have been up to!

The Nursery Sealife trip was also a great success. The Year Six trip to Wales is imminent with all the children extremely excited about all they will be doing. Still to come, we have our Open Day, the Year Four Wardens residential, the Camp Night, Sports Day, the Summer Fair, the Summer Shows and Speech Day. So many exciting things! Ready steady, here we go....

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Sunday 21st - 26th May - Year 6 Trip to Wales

Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June - Half-term Holiday

Thursday 8th June - Year Two trip to Thrigby Hall

Saturday 10th June - School Open Morning

Thursday 15th June - Year 3 and 4 trip to Go Ape and Thetford Forest

Thursday 15th June - Year 4 and 6 Camp Night

Friday 16th June - Reception trip to Bewilderwood

**Tuesday 20th June - Concert by pupils of Mrs Lincoln
(Singing and Piano)**

**Tuesday 27th June - Concert by pupils of Miss Bullen
(Violin and Guitar)**

Friday 23rd June - Sports Day and Summer Fete

Monday 3rd July - EYFS Concert

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July - Summer Show

Friday 7th July - Speech Day

Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July - Holiday Club



This week in nursery we have been exploring the topic of 'creatures that live in the sea'. The highlight of the week was definitely our trip to the Sea Life Centre where we got to meet lots of the animals we have been learning about in person! We were a little disappointed that we didn't get to meet a 'Hammerhead Shark' (our favourite) but we did enjoy watching Noah the sea turtle swimming around above us in the underwater tunnel.

- Mrs Braidwood





We are continuing with our science topic on plants in Year Two. This week we talked about how plants reproduce. Many of them produce seeds, such as the sunflower, but some send out shoots to find other ground to grow in. We could see this clearly on our 'spider plant', which had lots of 'baby spider plants' on it. Did you know...spider plants are actually called *Chlorophytum Comosum*?! During our science lesson, we took some of these shoots off the main plant and planted them in pots of their own. We are excited to see how well they will grow!

- Mrs Solomon





Year Three and Year Four established that there are two main functions of sunglasses. The first being protection from the bright sunlight so that your retinas are not damaged and the second being looking cool. The class set out on an investigation to test various materials of different opacity, transparency or translucency to find the perfect material for our sunglasses lenses. They then each designed and created their own pair of frames complete with 'protective' lenses.

- Mrs McCarthy





Reflecting shapes and patterns across an axis was no problem for our budding mathematicians in Year Four this week. Utilising a myriad of resources including mirrors, coordinate plotting and even the light from the windows, the children took the task with stunning ingenuity.

- Mr Hunt



As the Year Six pupils prepare to embark on their adventure in Wales this Sunday, it's wonderful to think about all the opportunities they have had to develop their leadership skills over the year, as well as the excellent role models they have become. Each pupil has always risen to the occasion and demonstrated a growing maturity, whether it be as house captain, outdoor navigator, prefect, librarian, school councillor, running the book fair, or simply caring for younger pupils every day.

We look forward to hearing about their exploits next week in Cymru!

- Mrs Sonn



Yoga and Mindfulness

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. We started our day on Tuesday with a Yoga and Mindfulness session in the sunshine. What a wonderful day to start the day!





Grandparents Day

It was an absolute delight to see so many grandparents come along to Grandparents' Day. The children were thrilled to be able to share the morning with their grandparents and to draw their portrait and talk to them. They especially enjoyed being able to have a drink and a biscuit with their grandparents! Thank you all for coming along!





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Props Club

This week in Prop club we have been working hard getting the flaps painted ready for the magical palace to be added! We have so many different projects on the go from toadstools, to rocks and hanging glass chandeliers. The pupils have really given their all.

Year Two have also been giving a little helping hand during their art lesson (whilst their art was drying). They helped order over 150 plastic bottles ready for the ice chandelier!!

- Miss Bennie and Mrs Webster





School Mascots

Well done to all of our mascot winners this week!

Reception: Ottilie P

Year One: Freddie

Year Two: Lucy

Year Three: Max

Year Four: Violette

Year Six: All of Year Six

Show & Tell

Some amazing creations from Cody, Sophia and Margot! King Charles, an underwater kingdom and a shaker instrument. Well Done!



The Great Book Exchange

Take, Read, Love, Leave!



We are organising a book swap!

Please could you have a rummage around at home and bring any books you no longer read into school, so that they can be read and loved by someone new.

HOW IT WORKS:

For every book you bring in, you will be given one token. On book swap day, you can trade your tokens for other books!

Who knows what reading adventures you will have!



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