

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Ilminster Literary Festival Poetry Recital Final

This week, Greenfylde held the final via Zoom of the Ilminster Literary Festival Poetry Recital Competition. To compete, youngsters had to memorise a poem to perform with expression, intonation and presence to a panel of judges from the Literary Festival committee. Children came from Greenfylde, Combe St Nicholas C of E Primary, Neroche Primary School, St Bartholomew's C of E First School and Hambridge Primary School and there will also be a category for young people from Wadham Upper School to be held at a later date. Judges were full of praise for all the competitors as all performed with confidence and flair and made the judges deliberations very difficult. We were very proud of our finalists Sam, Alfred, Reuben and Fen and Fen secured the runners up prize in his category with his recital. Congratulations to all involved especially all our pupils from Greenfylde who took part in the initial school based competition and who will also be receiving their participation certificates in class.



Somerset Cricket Olympics

We have had an excellent result in the Somerset Cricket Olympics – Greenfylde has come 3rd out of 30 Somerset schools! There were five parts to the competition to encourage the children to develop skills in throwing, bowling, catching and batting. Well done to all involved and the prize is half a term's coaching for key stage 2 in September with a Somerset cricket coach.



Water Bottles/hats

Please can we ask that all children are sent with water bottles they can refill during the day, especially in this hot weather and that these should contain water rather than juice. We would also suggest that children should bring a hat (named) as we are often outside and have sun cream put on before they come to school.

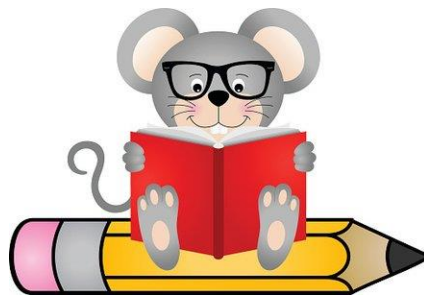
New Classes

Your child will be bringing home a letter letting you know which class and who their teacher will be next year. Where we have received friendship choices, current teachers have used these to ensure they are with at least one of their chosen friends. We are still awaiting the next Government guidance as to how the transition days will work as we hope to have three sessions for the children in their new classes and to be able to send you photographs of their new classrooms. So children can see who they will be with next year, we have arranged for them to meet as their new classes for a short time t in socially distanced bubbles outside today. This will start the transition process and we will have time in the rest of the half term for the children to get to know their new teacher and ask any questions about moving to a new year group.

Classes and teachers for next year will be:

Dove (Reception)	Mrs Caines/Mrs Linthorne
Pippin (Reception)	Miss Woodley
Sandew (Reception)	Miss Bullen
Golden (Year 1)	Miss Cresswell
Puffin (Year 1)	Mr Jordan
Camelot (Year 1)	Mrs Budd
Dunkerton (Year 2)	Mr Swift
Hook (Year 2)	Miss Green
Ashton (Year 3)	Mrs Nakayama
Morgan (Year 3)	Mrs House/Mrs Oakerbee
Coker (Year 3/4)	Mrs Sainsbury
Coopers (Year 4)	Miss Swinson
Gatcombe (Year 4)	Mr Lewis

Mr Ashdown will also be in school to provide Management Cover etc



Covid 19

If your child has any Covid symptoms (new continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell) please do not bring them to school. Rather your household/support bubble must all isolate and the person with symptoms will need a PCR test (not lateral flow). Please share this result with school and if negative your child can come back if well enough and the household no longer needs to isolate.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars.

Dove	Lenny A & Ivy D
Pippin	Jacob D & Betsy P
Golden	Milo H & Alfey S
Puffin	Miriam H & Rian P
Camelot	Jessica C
Hook	Reuben C & Scarlett R
Dunkerton	Ryan D & Leela H
Morgan	Jack L & William M
Ashton	Izy C & Asher H
Coker	Elsie W & Flynn S
Coopers	Rahul Q & Charly W
Gatcombe	Deon C & Monica N

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 17th June at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 11th June at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of our stars are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our stars. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**





Learning at Greenfylde – Knowledge Organisers

This term we will be introducing a new learning initiative, knowledge organisers, which we believe will make an impact to your child’s learning and provide you, as parents and carers, a greater understanding in what your child is doing at school.

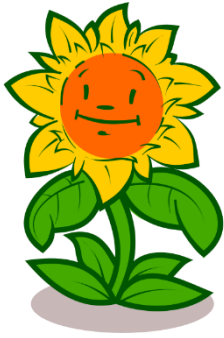
This half term we will be trialling Knowledge Organisers for one subject per key stage, EYFS – History, Key Stage One – Geography and Key Stage Two – Science.

Knowledge organisers are a tool which summarises key facts and essential knowledge that we teach in school, linking to the National Curriculum. Every time your child starts a new a new unit of work they will be given a knowledge organiser, this is essentially a “fact sheet” for the topic. Knowledge organisers will also be available online via Google Sites and Tapestry.

We will start “low-stakes quizzing;” reviewing and retrieving knowledge. We do these quizzes as it strengthens student memory and enables them to access more complex tasks. Increasing memory also helps students to think more creatively, critically and analytically.

Parents can support their children's education by discussing the information on the knowledge organisers with their son or daughter and quizzing them on what they know.





SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021

Well ... who would have believed that in 8 short weeks, the concept of SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET would have attracted so much attention! From the germ of an idea of two little boys, Arthur and Edward, who wanted to give out sunflower seeds to their neighbours during the Lockdown back in January, to now – a Community Project drawing together schools, churches, care homes, nurseries, cubs and scouts, shops and cafes, tourist attractions, craft groups and artists and a grand total of around 6000 sunflower seeds distributed throughout Ilminster, Chard, Crewkerne, Taunton, Yeovil and many little villages in between! All growing sunflowers to beautify their towns and villages and to make people smile!

Since its launch as a Community Project on March 28 with a dedicated email address and Facebook page, SUNFLOWERS OF SOMERSET has distributed 650 leaflets with free seeds attached through outlets in shops, churches, garden centres, post offices and cafes and then delivered packs of seeds to 11 nurseries and pre-schools, 15 schools, 6 churches, 5 care homes, 5 Cubs and Scouts groups, 2 hotels, 2 Residents' Associations and 2 Tourist Offices so far! But time is running out and those little seeds



need to be in the ground within the next couple of weeks! We still have around 500 Giant Sunflower seeds and an equal number of Dwarf Seeds if anyone knows of someone or an organisation who can use them and we are still waiting on several other places who have not yet had time to respond to us

Photos of school children getting dirty, care home residents getting mucky fingers as well as the youngest planter (Asha aged 18 months) and Pip the Dog (yes!) all planting their seeds have been sent to us and all of them can be seen on our Facebook page. The Kitchen on Silver Street in Ilminster have a competition going on between the staff and their little pots can be seen in their shop windows! Crewkerne Hospital's patients and staff have created a beautiful Sunflower montage for their day room; Hornsbury Mill are so excited about planting their 100 Giants in their grounds and organising an event or two, that they see themselves as 'Sunflower City!' Thurloxtton Farm, who grew the most amazing sunflower meadows last year, have just planted out their zillions of seeds and are crossing their fingers that they will do as well this year. Meanwhile, up in North Somerset, Friends of Grove Park in Weston super Mare are busy filling their flowerbeds with 500 sunflowers to be planted by many different community groups and in Porlock, a 'Person from Porlock!' (ref. Samuel Taylor Coleridge's famous poem about Kublai Khan), is heading up a small team of volunteers to spread Sunflower Sunshine all around Porlock Village..... and so the list goes on.

Many schools are planning 'well-being days' to create sunflower art and poetry – Greenfylde School's work will be on display at The Minster and Swanmeade's at the Library in Ilminster. Neroche School in Broadway will have their work on show at Monks Yard in Horton Cross. More plans are afoot amongst other schools to do the same – watch this space for news! Residents of Horton Village are planning a Sunflower Trail of painted stones around their village and The Meeting House in Ilminster will be holding Sunflower Art workshops in the school summer holidays. Hats off to Tesco's in Ilminster who are sponsoring us to organise a children's Sunflower Bonnet Parade on the August Bank Holiday weekend with lots of prizes for 'best bonnets.'

There are 'Tallest Sunflower' competitions being planned, some gardening groups are planning photographic competitions and there are thoughts of a Teddy Bear's Sunflower Picnic as well as a

Sunflower craft fair on the agenda. So much happening ... so much sunflower activity within the next few months so exciting!

And it all kicks off during the first week of June with The Kitchen on Silver Street in Ilminster holding some 'Cuppa 'n' Colour' sessions – wellbeing and mindfulness colouring-in of sunflower pictures ... just go and relax with a latte and try your hand!

Other local businesses are coming on board too, the first one being 'Send a Little Joy' in Horton who have the most beautiful Sunflower greeting cards on sale. Check out their website here: www.sendalittlejoy.co.uk



We are hoping to get some Sunflower poetry under way and maybe some pictures for an exhibition too so are there any poets and artists among you? Please get in touch!

So - if you've got sunflower seedlings on their way up, have a think about what you might like to do within your organisation or in your village and please **DO** let us know so we can build it into our Sunflower calendar and publicity! We want to hear from you!

Happy growing!

Best wishes
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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Weather

Please ensure your child brings a suitable hat to Preschool. Especially as the sun has been shining lots this week. We do provide shade for the children during play but a hat will give them more protection – Many thanks

September Sessions

Our registers are now open for September. Thank you to those who have sent in your session requests for September 2021. Helen will get back to you as soon as possible to confirm your sessions. If you have not yet sent us an email with your request for sessions, please can you let us know as soon as possible by emailing Helen on hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Also if you know of any families who would like to join our pre-schools in September, ask them to message Helen for an application pack.

Safeguarding – Bags

Just to remind parents please do not leave anything in your child's bag like sun cream, medicines etc. Please hand these to a member of staff so we can keep it in a safe place.

Cygnets Preschool

This week at preschool the children have all enjoyed our beach theme role play with lots of experiences shared about their times visiting the beach. Keep an eye on tapestry for some lovely photos.

Sun cream and hats:

Please can we ask with the warmer weather that children are coming to preschool with sun cream already applied and with hats?

Spare clothes:

With water play always accessible please can we ask that children bring spare clothes with them, although we encourage aprons, these do not always keep the children dry.

Letter of the week:

Next week our letter / sound of the week will be G.



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Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have been having fun with school readiness activities. We have changed our Role Play into a School area – with uniforms – jumpers, trousers, dresses, skirts, school shoes, book bags etc. All the children have really enjoyed playing with this. Our activities include putting on uniforms themselves, taking shoes and socks off and letter sounds. It has also been a sunny week and we have put up on sun sail so we can still enjoy playing outside in the sunshine.

Activities this week

We have had lots of fun this week – Sunflower painting, Coloured glitter sand, painting with water with brushes outside (this was lots of fun), playdough mark making, board games, talking and looking at pictures about our family. Our garden area is looking colourful as the flowers start to grow. Den building and even lots of fun hide and seek outside in the sunshine.

Environmental health

We are pleased to announce we had an inspection from the environmental health for Food this week and we have been awarded a 5 star rating again

Dropping off

We would like to thank parents for your understanding in the change of gates this week for our lunchtime drop of and collection. We are grateful for all of you for maintaining social distancing at these times. We hope next week to be back to the double black gates onto the playground for picking and dropping off at lunchtimes. Keep an eye out for emails.

Adult led focus

Next week's focus is **Being Imaginative** – please look out for your key person's adult led focus on Tapestry – We have had some wonderful examples from parents and it's so nice to have a lovely journal for your child with parent's observations as well as Preschool.

Letter sound of the week

Next week's letter sound is "T" please add to tapestry examples of this sound – the children have been really good at naming objects beginning with B this week –lots of good examples are really lovely to hear how the children are listening really well to the letter sounds each week. Can you remember any sounds we have done previously?

Covid

We would like to remind parents that if your child is suffering with Covid symptoms, please do not use a lateral flow test to test these symptoms. Please contact 119 for advice on what to do and a PCR test would be needed.

Healthy Mums



**Free online course for pregnant women & new mums
starting this June**



Try pregnancy and post-natal exercise and learn how to achieve a healthy lifestyle for you and your little ones

Suitable for all stages of pregnancy and new mums. Babies & toddlers welcome!

When: Wednesday mornings 9.45-10.45am from 16th June - 21st July

Where: on Zoom

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