

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Sports Week 2022

We were lucky again this year for our annual sports week – the first we have been able to hold on the Recreation Ground since 2019. As you can read in James's report below, everyone enjoyed themselves!



Two teams of Year Fours took part in the Ilminster area tennis competition. Overall the school placed second and one team went onto the area finals in Yeovil. They all performed brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Another team took part in the Chard Quadkids competition at Holyrood Academy completing a Key Stage Two team with Swanmead. Each child took part in four events; a sprint; a long-distance run; a javelin throw and a standing long jump. The children were very proud to bring back the championship trophy!

In the run up to the Commonwealth Games which are being held in Birmingham this year the children enjoyed taking part in our own commonwealth games the highlight of which was a whole school dance choreographed by Mrs Holley.



Greenfylde Sports Week by James L in Coopers class

The grand annual Sports Week took place at the recreation ground from the 13th of June to the 17th of June. Each pupil took part in at least one event. Pupils at Greenfylde all showed off their skills and had fun. On Monday, the children all did a running race. The sun was shining brightly that day and everybody was sweating in the scorching heat from the sun. The children all took part in their own year group relay race. The Year 4's did a water cup race. On Tuesday, the school had a Commonwealth Games Day, where all the children performed a dance and did different games. On Wednesday, some children from Greenfylde and Swanmead took first place in the Quad Kids competition at Holyrood Academy. On Thursday, the pupils were back out into the boiling hot weather for field events. "This is probably the best sports day so far and definitely the hottest," said Luke. On Friday, they experienced the hottest day. It was their swimming day so they did water polo, one team got 8 points and the other got 3 points. "Sports week has been a very exciting and fun week and we're very proud of our students who won the trophy," said Mrs Nakayama. "We've interviewed the teachers who are very happy the students had fun."

Meet your child's next teacher

Next week we have our transition sessions to new classes on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June. After school on the Wednesday and Thursday, you have the chance to informally meet your child's new teacher. For children in classes up to Year 4, the teachers will be in Greenfylde and any new staff will locate themselves by the classes the children are coming from for their class. For those children in Year 5 at Swanmead, new Year 6 teachers will be in the Gymnasium/Quad if sunny. This will be from 3.30pm to 3.55pm each day.

If you are unable to make these we will also put on another opportunity in September.

Summer fete a huge success!

The summer fete returned on Friday 17 June and it was a resounding success! The incredible collective effort from across our whole community helped us to make a record-breaking **£3,000** profit! The FrOGS committee would like to say a huge thank you to the year 4 pupils for their incredibly successful games stalls, to all the Greenfylde and pre-school staff who helped to set up and run stalls and games on the day; to the many parent volunteers who helped on the BBQ, Splash zone, Glitter station and others, and to the wider school community for all your incredible contributions from cakes, to tombola prizes, toys and more. We were incredibly lucky to be able to enjoy live music from Alfie Galpin, bubbles galore from the Bubble Fairy, a visit from Ilminster Fire Station's truck, a demo from Chard Tae Kwon-Do, and to have Rapunzel and the Hulk spreading lots of cheer to the many, many excited kids! You drank the bar dry of Perry's Cider, ate all the Bonners burgers and sausages, drank all the slushies, ate all the ice creams, delighted in the Human Fruit Machine and drenched anyone and everyone within 1 foot of the Splash Zone! You won some incredible prizes donated from many of our local Ilminster businesses and you helped us to raise an incredible £3,000 profit and make many, many happy memories! We've had some wonderful feedback and seen some wonderful photos which we'd like to share with you all below:

"We loved it so much, it was the first school fete we've been to and it was brilliant the kids loved as did!"

"And a massive thank you to the FROGS committee and staff for all their hard work putting it all together"

"So well organised, you should all be very proud. We had a great night xx"

"It was really fantastic. It was our first ever school fete thanks to Covid, now we can't wait for the next one. Well done everyone"

"We had such a lovely time! Thank you for enabling the children to have such a wonderful Friday night – human fruit machine is undoubtably the best game I've ever seen (and we loved the cider!)"

"Thank you to everyone that organised this. My husband and I both said we wished fetes were like that at our primary schools. We had a great time and cannot wait until the next one.X"

"Wow!" What a fantastic summer fete everyone. Thank you so much for your organisation, effort and all the work that went into making it such a fun event. I looked around and could see everyone was having an amazing time. I've never been to a fete like it before, Drinks, live music, games etc were fantastic. Thank you Greenfylde and also a huge thank you to all the parents."

Covid guidance

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

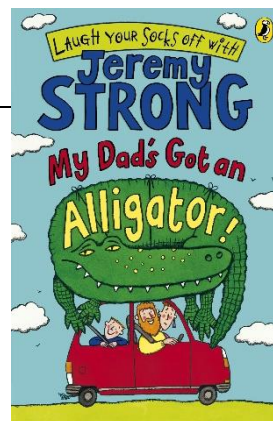
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Look at a book

This week's recommendation comes from Dunkerton Class - My Dad's Got An Alligator - by Jeremy Strong

Nicholas' Dad is silly and funny in all the best ways. He doesn't take anything seriously except joking! But even he may have overstepped the mark when he brings home an Alligator as a pet! Now Mum's annoyed, the next-door Martians are furious and Granny has completely disappeared. Dunkerton are really enjoying this hilarious tale of a family in reptile-crisis. Will the Alligator have to go? Can Mum ever have a bath again? And where has Granny got to?



New uniform

We are still awaiting the new Herne View cardigans and jumpers and we will let you know when these are in ready for purchase.

Lost Property

Please can we ask all families to ensure jumpers and cardigans are clearly named as we have had a lot of lost property recently and many with faded names we cannot read. Please keep checking the name is clear as if named we can quickly return lost property to the rightful owner.

Star of the week

Congratulations to our nominated stars.

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| Dove | Roman J & Eevee G |
| Pippin | Florence L & Caspian G |
| Sandew | Otis G & Millie P |
| Golden | Jessie T & Lucy C |
| Puffin | Ivy D & Troy B |
| Camelot | Dove B & Oliver H |
| Hook | Melissa N & Przemyslaw D |
| Dunkerton | Ivy-Rose J & Jack H |
| Morgan | Betsy B & Mason T |
| Ashton | Lwandile Z & Kloe F |
| Coker | Lana S & Elsie J |
| Coopers | Riley F & Max C |
| Gatcombe | Alex H & Paige H |

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 30th June at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 1st July at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. 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.**



Online safety update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TWITCH

Twitch is a livestreaming service which tends to focus on gaming. Users can publicly broadcast their gameplay and commentary online for other users to watch. It's a community-driven platform where viewers can support their favourite streamers' channels through PayPal donations, 'Bits' and more. Each streamer or group creates their own community for fans to interact with each other. Twitch has more than 15 million daily active users and includes non-gaming topics such as music, cooking and art. Anyone can create a channel to livestream or watch videos.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNCENSORED STREAMS

Uncensored content obviously carries a greater risk of inappropriate language and behaviour (streamers can, however, list their broadcast as unsuitable for children). Twitch has strict rules for streamers to follow, but requires viewers to report any streams which breach these guidelines. Each livestream is accompanied by a text chat which it is the streamer's responsibility to moderate.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most people are already aware that some video games feature adult content such as violence, sexual content, profanity and so on. Twitch does prevent certain games from being streamed on the platform, but most are still allowed. It is relatively simple, then, for a child to find livestreams of games that aren't suitable for them - including horror games.

HIDDEN COSTS

Twitch is free to use because it's supported by advertisers. Removing the ads requires a subscription to Twitch Turbo - or the Twitch Prime package (free for anyone with an Amazon Prime account), which blocks the ads and offers additional goodies such as bonus games. Streamers earn most of their income by asking users for direct donations or gifts of the virtual currency Twitch Bits.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

As well as streamers talking directly to their audience, Twitch enables viewers to use text chat to speak to the person they're watching. It's a social platform which also allows viewers to interact with each other via text while they are watching livestreams - including exchanging private messages. This raises the possibility of a child being approached and messaged online by total strangers.

WEBCAM SHARING

It's common for streamers to use their live webcam footage. This allows better interaction with their viewers, but also adds risk: the stream might include sponsored content or product placement that isn't child friendly. Using a webcam in livestreams increases the chance of malicious viewers finding out where the streamer lives and provides bullies with visual reactions to their hurtful behaviour.

PRIVATE CHAT ROOMS

Twitch encourages streamers to create their own communities, which extend beyond its platform. Many create a public Discord group, for example, for viewers to join and communicate with each other. Discord is a completely separate entity to Twitch and offers a higher risk of predators, grooming and cyberbullying if your child gets involved in the voice or video chat with strangers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EXPLORE IT YOURSELF

Twitch doesn't have any parental controls, but it is possible to block troublesome users if it becomes necessary; the best solution is to watch some Twitch channels by yourself or with your child to find some that are suitable. Watching some streams by yourself is also a good route to understanding the sort of content that your child would be consuming regularly on Twitch.

WATCH WHAT THEY WATCH

Twitch does have a lot of child-friendly content; some streamers use a 'family friendly' tag to highlight material that's suitable for children. However, anyone can use this tag - including users who (accidentally or otherwise) stream games with less appropriate adult themes. The best way to counter this is to view different streams and follow suitable channels for your child to watch.

LEARN HOW TO BLOCK

'Security and Privacy' in Twitch's settings lets your child block messages from specific users. Teaching your child how this works will help them avoid online abuse. If they livestream, knowing how to block people in the chat also helps to prevent cyberbullying or harassment. Evading online interaction is impossible, of course, so talk to them in advance about boundaries and safe online communication.

LIMIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reduce the chance of accidental purchases by ensuring your bank card isn't saved on Twitch or the Amazon account that Twitch Prime could be linked to. Restricting access to your PayPal account is also wise if your child watches Twitch on the device you use to make purchases. Explain to your child that they don't need to subscribe to channels to watch them and that donating or gifting 'Bits' is optional.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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September Sessions

Our registers are now open for September 2022. Thank you to those who have sent in your session requests for September 2022. 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.

Art Exhibition

Please do go and take a look at the beautiful art work created by both pre-schools and the school. This is held at 'Ilminster Meeting House' between 14th – 25th June.

End of Term Date

The pre-schools will close at the end of the pre-school day for the summer holidays on Friday 22 July 2022. We reopen for the start of the Autumn Term on Tuesday 6 September 2022.

Cygnets Pre-School

This week at Cygnets we have been enjoying lots of water play, exploring how ice melts when it gets warm and getting messy with gloop. The children have also enjoyed some big splashing in the garden to cool down, from this we have been continuing to practice independence when changing their clothes.

School visits

Children have been so excited this week, telling us about visiting big school, we are continuing to encourage independence and talking about school with the children.

Sunny Ile Pre-School

This week at Sunny Ile has been all about Insects and birds. We have looked at the lifecycle of a butterfly, made a bug hotel, played with spaghetti worms and made bird feeders for our garden. These activities have been towards the Schools ECO Award with the Reception children at school. On Friday we were very lucky to look at some Cockroaches which Debbie brought into preschool. We will be continuing this theme next week, so over the weekend please do upload photos to Tapestry, if you find any insects or hear the birds singing on your adventures.

Hats and toys

Please can you ensure if your child brings a hat to pre-school that it is named. Please can we ask that toys are left at home and not brought to pre-school or left in the child's bag. We have lots of lovely toys for the children to play with and we wouldn't want their own to get broken or lost.

Teacher Visits

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers from Reception will be visiting our pre-school to meet and play with the children who are going to school. This will support the transitions to school. We are still continuing with our school readiness skills such as taking shoes and socks off, (Children are enjoying feeling the sand between their toes in the sandpit) and listening and attention.

Transition to School Visits

The children going to school have 2 opportunities to visit their new class and teacher. These dates are 29 June in the afternoon and 18 July in the morning. If your child is at pre-school at these times, we will take them over to their class.

Water Play

The children are loving the water play in this warm weather. Please ensure you put a change of clothes in their bag. We can then change their clothes if they are very wet.





Current Vacancies

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

26.83 hours per week - term time

We are looking for LSAs with enthusiasm, initiative and a joy of learning to help us provide outstanding education for the children of Ilminster.



SCHOOL CLEANERS

10 hour per week

3.45 pm to 5.45pm

Monday to Friday

44 weeks a year



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Permanent Post - 5 hours per week

8:20-8:50 and 15:20pm-15:50

Monday to Friday term time



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Dear Sir / Madam

Ilminster Fire Station are looking to recruit On-Call Firefighters

If you live or work within 5 minutes of Ilminster Fire Station and would like a new challenge, then we would love to hear from you. Ilminster currently have vacancies in their team and are looking for new people that can provide fire cover between 0800hrs–1800hrs. Our contracts start at 30hrs cover but the number of hours you choose can be up to you.

Are you a stay-at-home Mum or Dad?

If you are at home while the children are at school, then you could provide cover during the school day. We offer various options of cover that can be designed to suit your childcare arrangements. Don't worry if you can't reach the full 30hrs requirement during these times as we can offer plenty of opportunities during other off-peak times to cover any shortfall.

Do you work from home?

We are discovering that more people now work from home. With this in mind, many people are now joining their local fire stations to provide fire cover. Please come and meet us to discuss the various options of what providing On-Call cover whilst working at home could look like.

Do you work shifts and have time to spare during the day?

Many people either work night shifts or split shifts. This means that when you are not working and have time to spare during mornings or afternoons you could offer fire cover to Ilminster and surrounding villages.

Do you work in Ilminster but are not sure your employer would release you for fire calls?

If you think that your employment could manage without you during an emergency call we can engage with your employer to explain how busy you are likely to be. We can agree different times of the day or week when your employer may not wish for you to respond. We can explain some of the benefits that may come as a result of you being a firefighter.

Ilminster Fire Station wants to recruit a team that is fully representative of its local community so we want a really diverse team bringing different, skills, cultures, hobbies and outlooks. All we do ask is that you have a passion to protect and help your community and have a good level of fitness.

If you are curious but would like to ask a few more questions we are holding a recruitment open morning on

Saturday 16th July at Ilminster Fire Station between 10am and 2pm.

Please come along to find out what we do, what the training implications are and what the recruitment process looks like. We can discuss how being an On-Call fire fighter fits in with your day-to-day life and explore various options to help support you.

If you can't make that occasion, then you are always welcome to pop into the station on a Monday night between 7:00 and 9:00 pm when Ilminster conduct their drill night. You can also visit our website www.dsfire.gov.uk/careers to find out some more information.

Your local station really does need your help so we would love to see you.

Kind regards

The Team at Ilminster Fire Station