

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Psalm 8:1



July 2014

In some ways it just seems like yesterday that Dan and Rufus arrived for the first day of school last September. Yet here we are already at the end of our first year. It has been a joy that so many children have joined us over the year. We praise and thank God for His goodness, loving kindness and faithfulness towards us throughout the year.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who've helped us this year.

This term we've been joined by Iyannah and Toby. However we are sorry to say goodbye to James at the end of this term. It's been great to have you with us this year and we'll miss you. Below is a photo of James performing his first public piano solo two weeks ago.



"I really enjoyed playing my first piano solo (Bach's First Prelude) in St George's concert hall. It was good to experience the difference between playing piano at home and performing in a concert with everyone watching me. I felt pretty nervous beforehand when I saw all the people in the audience, but soon relaxed once I started playing. I didn't make a mistake!" James

Water

Our theme this term has been Water. In our daily assemblies we have been looked at some of the many references to water in the Bible. On Wednesdays we've learned about Jesus's power over nature, sickness, sin and death through stories with water.

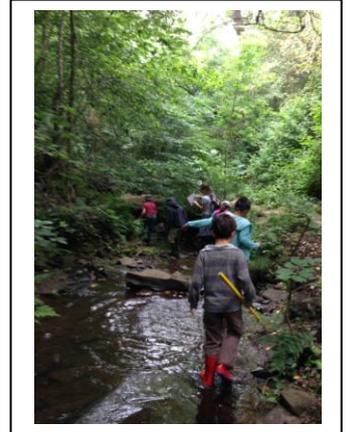
One of the highlights of this term was the trip to the River Frome. On Wednesday 18th June we went for a walk to find the source of the Frome. We walked from a place called Coombs End along the Cotswold Way. We walked through Dodington Park, James Dyson's estate. I (Toby) was interested in how much money James Dyson has!

Then we reached the Frome and we followed it up to the source. We discovered there were 2 sources, one was water flowing out of a pipe and one was a real spring with water flowing from under a rock. I (Jamie) really enjoyed finding the source in the trees.

Later we went to Oldbury Court to see how the river had changed. It was much wider and bigger and a lot slower too.

I (Jamie) was interested to find out that as the river got wider it slowed down. I (Toby) was interested to see how much faster the river was at the source than at Oldbury Court.

The best bit of the day was falling in the river at the end (Jamie). I liked finding the source of the Frome most of all (Toby). By Toby and Jamie



River Poems

The children wrote some fantastic poems based on a river's journey. The older ones also made them into powerpoints. There are too many to publish here, so we will try to add them to the website over the holidays.

The Bears' Dilemma

The teddies were planning a picnic but were worried when they heard it might rain. They needn't have worried because Sophia, Ezra, Iyannah, Jonathan and Tilly investigated the best materials to keep them dry. Ezra suggested that we could put our hands under the different materials and drip drops of water on the material. If our hands stayed dry we could use the material.

Before we knew it, all the bears were kitted out in new wellingtons and hats as well as waterproof coats.



Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury vouchers for us. We had over 1100. As Phil (Dan's Dad) said "That's a lot of pastry cutters! However we have decided against the pastry cutters this year and instead have ordered a card which will allow us to buy cooking ingredients. We have also been able to order athletics equipment and some stampabouts for playtime.

In addition, last Wednesday we found a box outside the front door from a 'friend'. When we opened it, inside was a football goal. It took 2 lunchtimes for our engineers to put it together and it has been well used ever since. If our 'friend' is reading this, a big thank you from us all.



Swimming and other achievements

Congratulations to Dan and Rebekah who achieved 100m and Imogen who achieved 400m in swimming earlier this term. Also to Ezra, who has recently learned to ride his bike without stabilisers. James (and his elder brother Paul) have reached the finals of a national chess competition, which will be held in Manchester this September. What an achievement! We look forward to hearing how you get on James. We always like to hear what the children have been doing outside school, so please let us know.

Sports Day

Last Tuesday we went to Emmaus School in Trowbridge for their Sports' Day. The Juniors competed in the sprint, fun race and the relay. The Infants took part in sprint, sack and egg and spoon races. Everyone competed well and enjoyed themselves- including Rhys, who took part in the toddlers' race. Rufus won a bronze award for coming third in the sack race whilst Dan and Immie's team came first in the fun race. Rebekah, Miyah, Dan and Immie just missed third place in very close relay. As they were competing against Y5 and Y6 teams, it was an amazing performance! Thanks to Emmaus School for allowing us to join them.

The Earth in Space

This will be our theme next term. We will be starting our learning with a visit to @Bristol and the Planetarium on Wednesday 17th September. Details to follow towards the end of the holidays

September

We are delighted that Mrs Karuna Monteiro and Mrs Cherie Braun will be joining us in September. Mrs Monteiro will be teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Braun will be with us on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays as a teaching assistant. Five of our part-time pupils will be coming full-time from September, so we now have some spaces on a Friday for flexi-schoolers.

School will continue to start at 8:45am and end at 2:45pm. Children can be dropped off from 8:30 onwards.

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Uniform

Mrs Gulliford will be putting a uniform order in during the summer holidays. Please let her know by email or text if you need anything by the 10th August. She will need to know the sizes you want. Fleece are more generous in sizing and sweatshirts will fit the average for the age.

Dates

Thurs 4 th September	Staff training day for staff and volunteers 10.00-12.00
Mon 8 th September	Term starts
Fri 12 th September	Term starts (flexi-schoolers)
Wed 17 th September	Trip to @Bristol and Planetarium

Prayer meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month – 7:45 at 20 Frampton End Road.

Term dates 2014 -15

Mon 8 th Sept – Fri 24 th Oct 2014	Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 12 th Dec 2014
Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 th Feb 2015	Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th March 2015
Mon 20 th April – Fri 22 nd May 2015	Mon 1 st June – Wed 15 th July 2015
Staff training days – 4 th Sept 2014, 16 th -17 th July 2015	
School closed May Day bank holiday	

Thank you all for your prayers and support this year. Have a great summer holiday.