

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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Newsletter No. 10



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January already, it's hard to believe how quickly the term is moving. Despite the wet weather and a number of wet playtimes, the children have coped brilliantly, showing resilience, creativity, and great teamwork.

A real highlight this month has been the excitement around our new library, the *Reading Realm*, which the children have been thoroughly enjoying as a calm, welcoming space to explore books and develop their love of reading. We are looking forward to hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair in March which will help raise additional funds to add more books to the Reading Realm. Watch out for dates and times of the book fair coming soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 2

It has been another busy and exciting period of learning in Key Stage 2, and the children have been throwing themselves into their topics with enthusiasm (and occasionally a bit of Stone Age grit under their fingernails!).

In History, pupils have travelled thousands of years back in time to explore the Stone Age. They have been learning where this period fits on a timeline, key developments and significant events, and how life changed from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic era. A particular highlight has been our work on Stonehenge — discovering when it was built, where it is located, and why it still fascinates historians today. The children have also explored the lives of hunter-gatherers and compared Stone Age homes, from early caves to more settled Neolithic houses. Linking in with this topic in Art, we have learnt how to replicate Cave Art by making our own paint and using charcoal techniques.

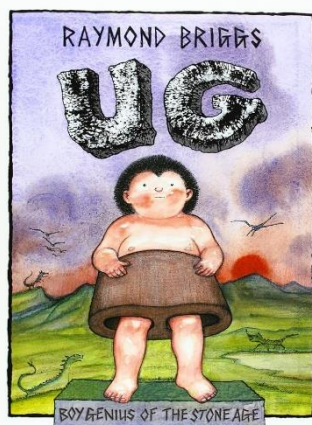


Science

In our Science lessons have been learning about rocks and fossils. Pupils have been investigating the properties of different types of rocks and learning how fossils are formed. Weather and tides permitting, we are hoping to bring this learning to life with a fossil-hunting trip to Helwell Beach — fingers crossed for friendly seas and cooperative skies!

Mathematics

In Maths, the focus has been on times tables, with lots of practice building speed, accuracy and confidence. This is especially important for our Year 4 pupils as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check coming up in June. The children have worked incredibly hard and are making great progress — keep up the practice at home where possible!



English

In English, we have been enjoying the very funny *Ug: Boy Genius* by Raymond Briggs. Inspired by the text, pupils have been developing their persuasive writing skills by creating adverts for Stone Age homes. Choices included a cosy Palaeolithic cave, a portable Mesolithic tent for nomadic living, or a more luxurious Neolithic cottage — complete with stone-age “modern conveniences”!

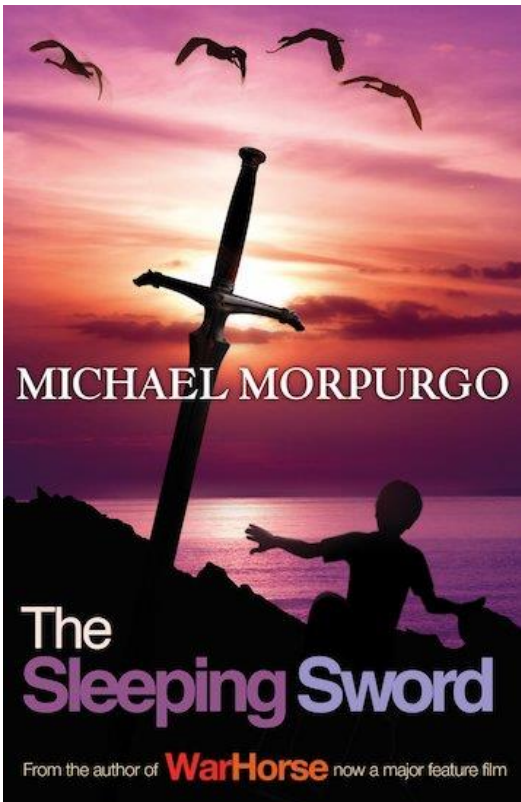
Religion and Worldviews

In Religion and Worldviews, the children have been exploring the idea of what gives us a “warm heart” — the things that inspire kindness, compassion and a desire to help others. This learning has been linked to the life and work of John Wesley, looking at how his beliefs motivated him to take action and care for those in need. Pupils have shared thoughtful reflections on what inspires them and how small actions can make a big difference. Pictured here you can see our Diamond 9 activity where children were asked to sort the images of spirituality into the ones which they connected with the most.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's been a pleasure to see the children so engaged in their learning, and we're excited for what's coming next.

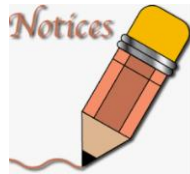
KS2 Book Recommendation:



Bun is trapped in a living death. Since he dived off a rock and hit his head, his whole world has been dark. He lost his sight in the accident, and now stumbles aimlessly around his parents' home in the Scilly Isles. But one day, walking in a field, Bun wanders into a hidden cave. It turns out to be a tomb containing a wonderfully wrought sword and shield. And as Bun grasps the sword, something miraculous happens: something that will draw him into the long-lost world of King Arthur and his knights, and reveal to Bun a quest of his own...

- A timeless and captivating story by a best-loved writer
- Weaves the ancient Excalibur legend into a modern setting
- Michael Morpurgo has written over 100 children's books
- His novels include *War Horse* and *The Butterfly Lion*

ATTENDANCE



Well done Reception class on amazing attendance!

Reception	96 %
Donaldson	94.6 %
Anning	93.5 %
Attenborough	94.9 %
Rashford	95.5 %
Gates	92.3 %
Mandela	92.6 %
The Den	88 %

Dates for the Diary:

February

- 10 Safer Internet Day
- 11 Butterfly Book Assembly
- 16-20 Half Term
- 26 Gymnastics Event (Wellington)
- 27 KS2 Music Event



Commissioner Visit

This week, we were really pleased to welcome Jo Leek, Children & Young People: Emotional Health & Wellbeing Commissioner for Somerset to see My Happy Mind in action.

We visited classes and spoke to children from across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to capture their views about this programme.

For this week's *Appreciate* challenge, we invite families to take part in an **Appreciation Walk**.

While out walking or travelling together, encourage your child to point out things they appreciate around them — for example, nature they notice, people who help them, or small moments that make them feel happy.

When you get home, talk about one thing each of you appreciated most and why. This activity helps children slow down, notice positives in their environment, and understand that appreciation can be found in everyday moments, supporting the aims of the *myHappyMind Appreciate* module.

New Menu

If you would like your child to have school dinners after half term, please return the new menu to the office by Monday 2 February.

House Points

Doniford		1295
Helwell		1090
Blue Anchor		1149
Warren Bay		1263

Hi everyone,

We are still busy in the background planning some different events for the next few months.

First up is our Silent Disco on 12th Feb with some Special visitors, so get your dancing shoes on and come and join us!

Then in March we've got our author visit for World Book Day (4th) so get thinking about your favourite character! We've also got Mother's Day secret room (thank you to those who've offered to help with wrapping) and our Easter Eggstravaganza to look forward to so keep an eye out for more information.

Thank you.



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Knights Templar School Community Association
"It takes a village to raise a child
Imagine what a town could do!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

12TH FEB SCHOOL DISCO
Silent Disco for Knights Templar students...
With some Special guests!
5-6.15pm
£3pp

3RD MARCH MOTHER'S DAY SECRET ROOM
Some of the team will be in school to help your child choose and wrap gifts for mother's day.
£3.50 per gift (max 2 per child)

4TH MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION
Local author visit in school!
(Day before official WBD)
Come dressed as your favourite character!

28TH MARCH EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Join us for an Eggciting Easter celebration with a visit from the Easter Bunny, Rainbow Raffle, Egg Hunt, Craft, Easter Gardens and more...
11am til 1pm
£4 per child



YrR to Yr4
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL SILENT DISCO
THURSDAY 12TH FEB
5PM TIL 6.15PM
£3 PER CHILD (CASH ON DOOR)
JUICE INCLUDED
& SOME SPECIAL VISITORS!