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WELCOME TO THE TEAM – A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

You may remember we have been on the hunt for a new parent governor to join our governing body. We are delighted to announce that Mr Pettitt has taken on the role and will be joining us at our next meeting this month. Here's a little bit about Mr Pettitt and the skills and knowledge he will bring to the team:

Sacha David Pettitt

With over 22 professional years working within the Energy Sector, I bring an honest and hard-working approach to my work. This same attitude and professionalism I will bring into this important role, not only for the strategic development and progression of the school within the wider local community, but uttermost for our Students.

I am looking forward to working with the parents, teachers, other Governor's and of course our Head teacher to continue with the improvements required in order to provide our children with the greatest opportunity for success and development.

I am sure that my Professional experience as a Senior Manager within the Global Energy Sector will be ideal for assisting with the demands of planning strategies, monitoring & evaluating the school's performance and taking accountability for my actions & decisions.

As a Global Leader I take pride in listening to the requirements & concerns of my colleagues working in Regional offices through-out the World and it is only with these voices that I can develop and create the success for my Company & Team. It is with this ethos, as I calm and persuasive person that I step into this role, listening to the voice of the parents and addressing the concerns and/or ideas that they have, in order to take the school forward. After all it is their children that we are developing for a successful life.

I will ensure to make myself available to listen to parents and pupils and bring in different skills from a global business life, along with caring passionately about the welfare of all involved in the school. These are some of the key qualities I believe a Parent Governor must possess and which I hope to bring into this role.

Welcome to the team Mr Pettitt.



PE NEXT TERM

STREAM	Monday	Friday
RIVER	Tuesday	Thursday
ESTUARY	Thursday	Friday
OCEAN	Monday	Friday

Class Stream should have PE kit in school at all times, all other classes should come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE.

SPORTS DAY 2022

Well what a fabulous day we had! The weather was perfect for the first sports day in years that parents could attend!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children and special thanks to all those who gave up their afternoon to help out with the activity stations and scoring and of course the PTFA providing much needed hydration and refreshment and the stickers each child was wearing so we knew which house they all belonged to!!!!

The parents races were a huge success! Who knew we had so many keen runners out there just waiting to get competitive!

The final results at the end of the day were:

Donaldson 539 points

Morpurgo 476 points

Dahl 423 points

Rowling 390 points

Excellent efforts from all the children though, everyone did fantastically!



NEW WEBSITE

As we near the end of term we would just like to remind everybody of our amazing new website.

Over the summer holidays a lot of questions always crop up, particularly as we near the start of the new school year. Questions about uniform, term dates, and all the important things a parent needs to know to prepare for the new term.

With nobody in school to ask this can be a problem but there is a wealth of information on the new school website to help you stay in the know and feel prepared.

CLASS RIVER VISIT TO THE MOSQUE

On the 13th June Class River took a trip to the Masjid El Noor Mosque in Gloucester. We had a great time! Imam Hassan helped us to learn even more about Islam! We learnt about some important beliefs and traditions in Islam. We then got to try on clothes that some Muslim children wear. We also washed our hands, face and feet before entering the big prayer room to learn more about how Muslims pray. It was a really fun and interesting morning! Class River were a credit to our school and they all showed our value of respect.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

6TH SEPTEMBER – Term begins

10TH OCTOBER – Y6 Bikeability (all week)

24th to 28th OCTOBER – HALF TERM

16TH NOVEMBER – Photos (Individual/ siblings)

26th APRIL 2023 – Photos (Class & Leavers)

A VERY MUSICAL TERM FOR HUNTLEY

Over the last term, walking the corridors has been a symphony of sound as our children have been learning to play a variety of instruments and making their very own song! Class Stream and Class River have been learning the pbuzz (like a trumpet), Class Estuary have been learning the guitar, and Estuary and Ocean have been making a song with the help of Gloucestershire Music including a trip to the recording studio. The whole school had a go at African Drumming – even staff & governors!

Years 4, 5 & 6 were invited to a live music event at Gambier Parry Hall where they got to play instruments, sing and use ipads to make music.



ATTENDANCE FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR – UPDATES AND REMINDER OF POLICY & PROCESS

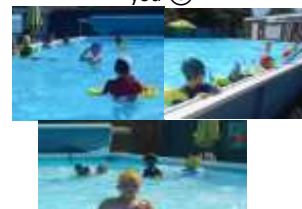
Over the last academic year we have been quite relaxed in our approach to attendance – particularly term time holidays. We felt this was necessary given the effect covid had on holidays and attendance in general. As we approach the next academic year we would like to prompt everybody to familiarise themselves with the attendance policy (which can be found on the school website) before booking any holidays as we will be returning to normal procedure.

Term dates are also available on the website and you will see that we have put 2 inset days at the end of the June holiday to hopefully enable families to have a longer holiday without accruing absences.

10 sessions (5 school days) absence within a 10 week period can be fined by Gloucester County Council.

CLASS STREAM SWIMMING AT ANN CAM

Class Stream have had a wonderful few weeks swimming at Ann Cam! Thank you so much to all of our parent helpers who have come along, we quite literally could not do it without you! Thank you 😊



NATURE QUIZ



Well done to the school nature quiz team.
After hosting the first heat here they got through to the Forest area final at Coalway.
What an achievement!!

THE WILDERNESS CENTRE

The Wilderness Centre was really fun! We did lots of activities including low ropes, when you go across an obstacle course on a rope a bit like a tight rope. We also did crate stacking where you stack crates and if you fell down you would fall without the ropes strapped onto you. Orienteering was really fun, we went out in the forest on our own to find different words. Air rifles was good as well, shooting lead bullets into targets to score points. We finished off with a camp fire and toasted marshmallows! On the last day we did more activities like spiders web, tunnels, night line and sadly packing for home.

The food was delicious, we had cooked breakfast and pancakes, made our own packed lunches and had burgers and jacket potatoes for dinner. The nature was lovely and the view was stunning, but it was super cold at night!

Reported by Tabitha Jones Y4



COMMONWEALTH GAMES AT NEWENT



Six girls and six boys from Year 5 and 6 took part in a range of sporting events at Newent School. This included a climbing wall, obstacle course, kwik cricket and standing long jump. They can third overall. However, they came second in the sportsmanship competition showing respect, perseverance and good sportsmanship.



DYNAMO CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Well done to our year six Dynamo cricket team – They got through the semi-finals of the Forest tournament!

Great team work!

CLASS RIVER TRIP TO DEAN HERITAGE CENTRE



Class River had a great day out at the Dean Heritage Centre! We have been learning about the history of mining in the Forest of Dean and this trip really brought our learning to life. We went on a mining walk to see some of the local area that was once a part of the mining process in the Forest. We walked along routes that would have once been used by trams, horses and trains to transport the coal that had been mined from the Forest to other areas. We also saw lots of old stone quarries on our walk.

We even got to experience what working in a mine as a child would have been like. We had to pull carts called hods along. But instead of their being coal in the hods... there were children! We had a lot of fun but decided we would probably prefer to live now rather than in the past as we don't have to work down the mines!

I was so proud of Class River's fantastic behaviour on our trip. Even the members of staff at the Dean Heritage Centre said what a super group they were and how well they listen. Well done Class River!

CLASS STREAM TRIP TO THE WATERWAYS MUSEUM



Class Stream had a lovely trip to the Waterways Museum and went on an exciting boat ride!

"I learnt that they used horses to pull the narrow boats" Alfie

"I liked learning about floating & sinking & making a boat from plasticine" Olivia

FOUNDERS DAY 2022

**£1750.56
RAISED!!!!!!!!!!!!**

BBQ, TOMBOLA, BAR, SPLAT
CURTIS, BUBBLES, RAFFLE, Y6
STALLS, GUESS THE SWEETS IN
A JAR, CAKES, DANCING, WE
HAD IT ALL!!!!



A huge thank you to everyone involved: volunteers, children, everyone who came and especially the PTFA for all their hard work, behind the scenes so much goes into making this fantastic event so successful and I think we can all agree they have pulled off another perfect Founders Day!!!

We are so thankful to be surrounded with such a fantastic school community!

A NEW SCHOOL SONG



Years 5 & 6 have enjoyed 10 weeks of music lessons this term writing a song! Supported by Victoria and Salo from The Music Works, Gloucester, they have composed and written lyrics for a song inspired by courage and change. On Tuesday 12th, we enjoyed an exciting day out recording our song and music video! Keep an eye out on the schools YouTube channel for the final edit!

The children will be showcasing their video for Year 5 & 6 parents on Tuesday 19th July, a Parentmail message has gone out with an invite 📺

