# **HUNTLEY NEWS 04/11/22**



Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

### Curriculum:

## Cheltenham Literature Festival and Visit to the Wilson Museum:

On Monday we went to the literature festival in Cheltenham. We met the author Emma Carrol and she introduced us to her new book called 'Escape to the River Sea' She read the start of the book to us. There were 20 other schools there including us and each school could ask her a question. We were able to get our books, called Letters from the Lighthouse, signed by her, or could just say hi. You get to read his book in Class Estuary and it is their class guided reading book at the moment.

Then we had lunch and walked to the Wilson museum. When we got to the museum we were split into two groups. One group did pattern hunting first and the other drew fossils, stuffed animals and other things in the museum.

Report by Kaylen and Charlie







On Friday Classes Stream and River visited the Literature festival. They met the author/illustrator Nick Sharrat. He illustrates his own books and the children listened carefully as he explained how to draw some of the characters. Have a look on the website for more information/ photos from the day.







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### **Performance Poetry Competition winners**

Last week saw our performance poetry competition take place. A massive thank you and well done to all those who took part. We had an amazing 50 entries and we were so impressed with the high standard of all the performances.

It was a very difficult task choosing the winners and we couldn't pick just one from each year group! The winners are:

Reception: Isaac and Arlie Year One: Georgia and Bailey Year Two: Ted T and Harley Year Three: Louie and Coralie Year Four: Esmae G and Sybil Year Five: Amelie and Esmay H Year Six: Austin and Sophie





### **Canal and River Trust**

Class River had a visit from the Canals and Rivers Trust. The children carried out a canals workshop to find out about the history of canals and why and how they were made. Then they had a talk about the River Severn. They identified the source on a map and looked at photos. They followed the course of the river to the sea.







### **Behaviour/ Attendance**

It was great so see so many parents/ carers at parents evening this week. I hope you found the English information useful in the hall and that you maybe managed to meet some of our governors.

# **Personal Development:**

**Collective Worship:** Today we held our Harvest Festival in the church. It was lovely that so many of you could join us and thank you, on behalf of the Gloucester City Mission for your generous donations. Remember, if you want to find out more about the work of GCM please watch the assembly delivered by the year four children. It can be found on the website.

**Certificates:** Well done to the following children who all received awards in last week's merit assembly.

Head teacher award: Hamish.

**Class Stream and River –** To all Class River and Stream for excellent behaviour, listening and drawing at the Cheltenham Literature Festival

Hand writer of the week - Ted G

**Times Table Rockstar of the week** – Kieran **Numbots:** Luna- Rust, Alfie, Eli and Hope – Iron





**Other achievements:** Congratulations to the winners of Class Stream Reading raffle Arlo and Henry. Keep up the read reading in Class Stream!





**Bikability:** Well done to all the year sixes who have successfully completed their bikabilty training. The rest of the year sixes will do doing it before Christmas.

# **Christmas Poster competition:**



## **Guinea Pigs**



Report by Maia and Betsy.

In class Ocean we have guinea pigs They are called Snickers and Jellybean. Snickers is white and black with brown spots and Jellybean has special red eyes and his fur is blonde.

Jellybean is brave and doesn't mind a scratch but Snickers is the opposite! He likes cuddles but is too shy to come up to you. In Class Ocean we do the cage cleaning on Thursdays to make sure they don't have a dirty cage.

To raise money for the guinea pigs, we sell squash in the playground once week. We use the money to buy hay, treats, toys and food.

### Leadership and Management:

### School Council at Huntley School:

School council at Huntley come together a couple of times a term to have a meeting about what we need or would like to do for the school. We talk about our key values and we also share our ideas with one another. All school councillors from year 3 to 6 work on all kinds of projects and we normally work in small groups for different projects for different things. We all love this school and love working on school council!! We all love working on projects and helping the children in our school.

Report by Austin, Isobel and Josh School Council members

# Meetings with Newent and Dene Magna Schools:

Over the last couple of weeks Mrs Curtis and our Chair of governors Fiona Gordon have met with the head teachers from Newent and Dene Magna schools to look at strengthening the links between us and our catchment secondary schools. Mrs Curtis also had an interesting meeting about transition to secondary school with Newent School looking at ways to make the process as easy as possible for the children.