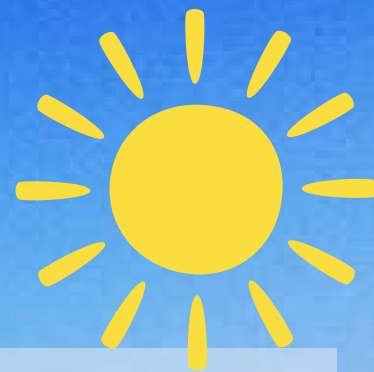




Issue 14 Summer Term 2023

Welcome to the Summer 2023 Empower Trust Newsletter containing a host of examples of some of the exciting learning activities experienced by children in the schools across the Trust this term. I'm sure that you'll be impressed with the range and quality of the children's work and opportunities.

As the school year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank parents, families and communities for the support that you have offered to your local school over the year. Our schools are fortunate to have very high levels of support from parents and the local communities they serve and school staff are really appreciative of this.

The very clear and sustained upward trend in terms of school performance across the Trust has continued in 2023, reflected in recent Ofsted inspections and further confirmed by the latest outcomes achieved across the Trust schools; the overall 2023 EYFS, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs outcomes are the highest that have been achieved since the Trust was formed in June 2018. Some schools achieved their best ever results!

The 2023 outcomes reflect of the care that school take towards developing positive relationships with the children and supporting them to work towards achieving their personal and academic potential. We are fortunate to have such a talented and committed workforce, all working towards achieving our shared aim; 'To create a home for world class learning that improves the lives of each child in our family of schools.'

I retire as CEO on 31st August after leading the Trust from the very beginning.

Having worked in a number of roles in education for 43 years, over 34 years as a Headteacher or CEO, I have seen some significant changes during that time, none of which has given me more pleasure than seeing how Empower Trust schools have developed over the past 5 years. I believe that I am leaving the Trust in a very strong position to enable every school to continue to thrive.

Mrs Allyson Brown, our Deputy CEO and Director of School Improvement, is also leaving Empower Trust to take up a senior position as Director of Education and another multi academy trust. Ally has played a key role in supporting school leaders and staff to improve outcomes for the children and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her every success in the future.

Finally, I want to wish the children, staff, governors, parents and communities all the very best for the future. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely

Ian Nurser
Chief Executive Officer





Reception

Reception really enjoyed a visit from the Animal Man. We were able to touch and hold a snake and a gecko. We got to meet a skunk and an Owl too. We learnt lots of interesting facts and created lots of new memories.





Year 1

As part of our learning in Design & Technology we have had a wonderful time designing and making our own smoothies or fruit salads.



My fruit salad is very colourful!



We have had a very busy and exciting week taking part in lots of sports based activities. Here's just a few highlights.



We had lots of fun with the parachute, we especially liked running underneath it.



I really enjoyed archery. I got a bullseye.





YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to The British Ironworks to study sculptures as part of their art learning and discovered many interesting new facts about endangered animals linked to thier current science and English work.





YEAR 3

Year 3, spent two mornings with Road safety Ray, learning how to keep ourselves safe when out in the community. We know we have to Stop, Look, Listen and Think.



Stepping Out has made me feel very independent. I liked it



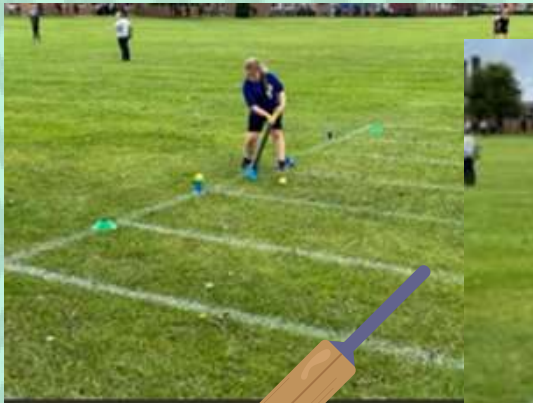


YEAR 4



Y4 enjoying the new music app launchpad. Some budding composers in the mix

Some of Year 4 girls took part in a Cricket Festival at Thomas Adams this week.



Its been a sciencey and sporty week in Year 4!



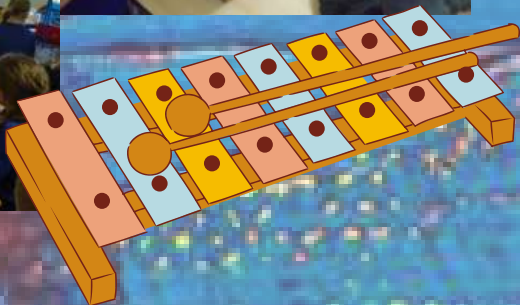


YEAR 5

We have been learning about complimentary and spectrum colours. We drew animals and split them into sections, and then painted with complimentary and spectrum colours



We have also been learning about sculpture and the Canadian sculptor Patricia Leugen and have created our own class sculpture from newspaper, modrock and wire.



We have spent some time with Ms Simpkins playing the glocken-spiel and singing "Living on a Prayer".





YEAR 6

**We have been writing our own songs
this week - Watch out Ed Sheeran!**

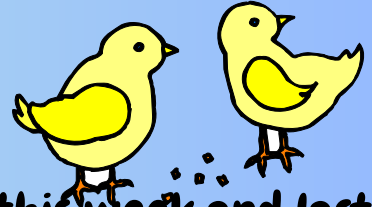


**Year 6 had
fun helping
out at the
summer fete.
They ran the
'Play your
cards right'
stall and sold
tickets for
their Y6 play.**





Oak Class



There have been some very young visitors to Oak Class this week and last. We have had some chicks from Incredible Eggs. They provided the eggs and equipment for looking after the chicks. The children have been amazed watching the chicks hatch and grow.

All chick have now been safely returned to the farm.





Juniper Class

In Juniper Class our topic is Flight and we have just looked at the story of Icarus and Daedalus. Icarus flew too close to the sun and his wings melted!



We have been to the forest this half term and are starting to write a recount of this experience. In the forest we played hide and seek, climbed trees and hid shapes for each other to find. We also looked for minibeasts but didn't find many. Then we raced across the field.



Juniper Class went to Hoo Zoo on Tuesday.

We saw lots of different animals and had a dinosaur tour where we learned about lots of different dinosaurs. We also played in the park. There was a jumping pillow and a zip wire.

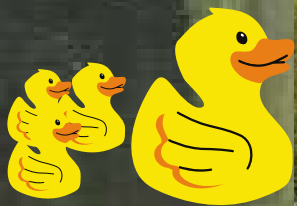




Rowan Class



As part of our topic Rowan class went on the Sabrina boat tour down the River Severn. Whilst we were on the boat, we learnt a lot about the history of the river and how it has changed over time. We saw a lot of wildlife including ducks, swans and a insects. After the boat trip we went into the Dingle and did some observation drawings of the plants and wildlife we saw there. Whilst we were there we saw a family of ducks and ducklings, they were very cute! After that we went for lunch on the bandstand because it as raining. Luckily the skies cleared and we were able to go on the play park! We had a really enjoyable day





Sycamore Class



Sycamore Class visited Liverpool World Museum as part of their history topic of the Ancient Egyptians. They learnt about the process of mummification during a workshop where the children acted out how to mummify a body.



KS1 SPORTS DAY

AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, KS1 HAD THEIR 'SPORTS DAY' ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE. DESPITE THE RAIN, THE CHILDREN HAD A FANTASTIC MORNING TAKING PART IN TRACK RACING, BALANCE SKILLS AND RELAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART AND A THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS FOR COM-ING AND SHOWING THE CHILDREN YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended the Year 3 Spelling Workshop on Wednesday 17th May. Parents had the opportunity of looking at a tool used in class called Spelling Shed, and learn how their child is taught how to spell in class. They ended the session with a spelling competition with their child. This was then followed by a yummy lunch in the hall all together.



Year 3 Trip to Hawkstone Park Follies

Today we went on a visit to Hawkstone Park Follies. During this visit we followed compass', gave out our own directions using compass points and discussed landmarks and human and physical features we noticed.

We used the following skills:

- Begin to collect and record evidence (fieldwork)
- Use 4 compass points to identify directions and locations
- Observe, record and note features in a locality
- Record images on digital technology



Earlier this week, Year 3 & 4 took part in a pedestrian training workshop. The children looked at different crossings, learned how to cross the road safely and be aware of their surroundings. The children enjoyed their training and feel more confident about pedestrian safety..



Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May, we celebrated The King's Coronation by coming to school dressed in red, white and blue. The kitchen also decorated the hall and served traditional fish and chips with coronation cupcakes. Thank you to Atalian Servest for going to all the effort.



Year 5

Year 5 PGL Residential Trip

Last weekend children of Year 5 class packed their bags to have a fantastic weekend at PGL Baschurch. They had a great time taking part in challenging activities such as high ropes, canoeing, fencing, archery, orienteering and even having a go on a giant swing! We are so proud of how much the children pushed themselves and we hope they enjoyed the trip.



Year 5 Trip to the Shrewsbury Islamic Centre



Year 5 spent the morning earlier this week at the Islamic Centre. The class were given a tour of the centre and shown the Muslim Holy Book, the Qu-ran. They also were shown the process of Wudhu. This is where Muslims wash their hands, feet, face, hair, mouth and nose so they are clean enough to touch the Qu'ran. The children asked lots of questions and were very respectful during their visit.

Shrewsbury Academy Dance Festival

Over the past month, Year 5 Class were taught a dance routine by Lucy from Shrewsbury Academy. Earlier this week, Year 5 Class visited Shrewsbury Academy to perform their dance routine to other primary schools who also attended. They also had the opportunity to watch an ex-pupil of Shrewsbury Academy play a wonderful piano piece. For taking part in Shrewsbury Academy's Dance Festival, the class were each gifted a notebook to take home with them. Year 5 were fantastic and had a great time. Well done.



Year 6



Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew

Earlier this week, Year 6 class visited Crucial Crew at Nesscliffe Military Training Centre. The children took part in a range of activities explaining the dangers of drugs, internet abuse and bullying, stranger danger and the effects of hoax calls. The children were brilliant and really enjoyed attending the programme.

STEM Workshop with Richard from the Sea Cadets



Year 6 class took part in a STEM workshop earlier this week. The workshop focused on buoyancy (Upthrust), how boats float, density (including volume & mass) and the Archimedes principle. The children took part in the following activities:

- Changing the volume of plasticine in order to float in water.
- Using the Archimedes principle to figure out an objects' true density.
- To finish the workshop, an activity where the pupils needed to design and build the best 'boat'/ vessel which can manage to carry the heaviest cargo (marbles).



Year 6 Residential to Bryntysilio

Earlier this week Year 6 packed their bag to have a fantastic few days at Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre. The children enjoyed taking part in gorge walking, canoeing and mountain biking. The weather was glorious and the children had a fantastic time of camping in the summer village on site. We are so proud of how much the children pushed themselves and we hope they enjoyed the trip.



Year 6



Year 6 Wizard of Oz Production - On Thursday 13th July, Year 6 put on a sensational performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' with the support of Year 5 class as their chorus. The children and staff worked so hard and were phenomenal! All children who took part had fantastic time and we are very proud.

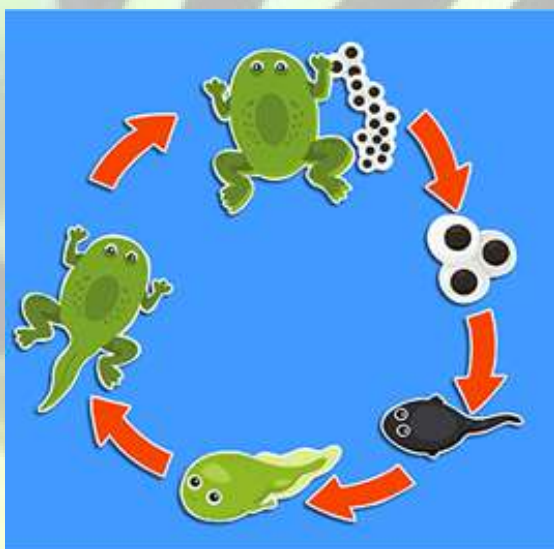




Early Years

Our focus story has gone really well. The children have remembered the story well and can recite some of the events. The children in N2 have used a text map to support their sentence structure and the staff in N1 have been supporting the use of key vocabulary.

To add to our lifecycle work, the children have also observed the tadpoles in school our pond, during Welly Wednesday – I wonder what they will become?!



Staff took the first groups of children to the fruit farm! They had a wonderful time, singing songs on the minibus, learning where different fruits grow and picking strawberries. They also loved having a picnic and ice cream. The children back in setting have all enjoyed sharing the strawberries for snack time. We can't wait to take the remaining groups on Tuesday!



Coronation Celebrations



Our Coronation Celebrations consisted of creating a collage that the pupils all contributed to which is hanging in the Towns Library.



Reception



The children started this term with a wellbeing day focussed on resilience. The children learnt what resilience is and ways to improve their own resilience. They also played some team games which relied on supporting each other and remaining focussed.



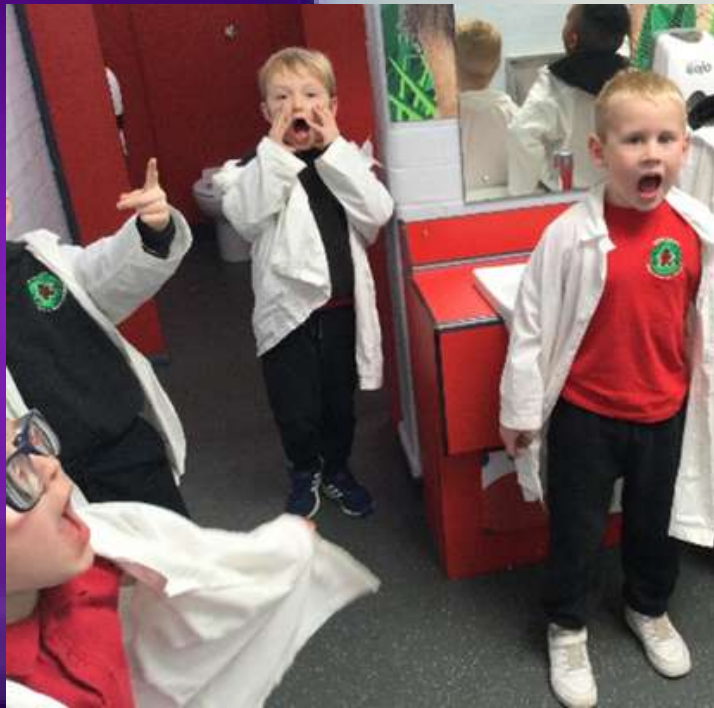
The children enjoyed participating in the Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out last week. They all tried very hard and even managed to beat Pottermus! We may have some potential Stoke players of the future.





Year 1

Since returning from half term we have explored sound in Science. At first we used balloons and pompoms/a drum to look at how sound makes a vibration. We learnt that sound travels in waves into our ears and then our brain makes sense of the vibrations. Then we explored echoes and how the sound bounces back. This worked particularly well in the toilets! We enjoy being scientists and exploring the world around us.



Year 1 really enjoyed participating in their Sports Day on Tuesday despite the less than sunny weather! We took part in lots of different activities including the hurdles, javelin, and egg/spoon race. Congratulations to the team in Moon who took first place and a huge congratulations to all who took part with good sportsmanship. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and we hope you enjoyed the morning!



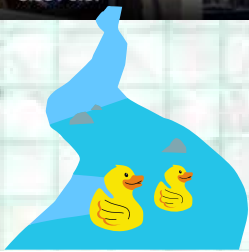
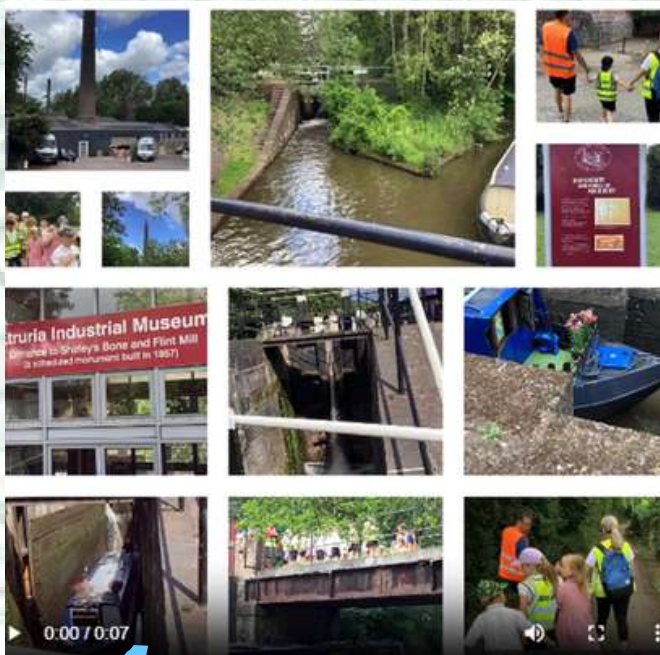


Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been conducting some outdoor maths! We had to find the challenges that had been hidden outside and answer the questions on each card. Great job Year two 😊



Over the past few weeks Year 2 have completed their visits to Stoke on Trent. This visit has been to make Geographical comparisons between Stoke and Market Drayton. We have visited the canal, and high street in Stoke as well as Market Drayton and noticed the similarities as well as differences between the two. The Year 2 children have all thoroughly enjoyed this trip, and all behaviour has been excellent, well-done Year 2!





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Wilfred Owen School - 05/05/2023
Thank you @Academy_Food_UK @ziscsheepers for helping us celebrate the Coronation today. The cupcakes were amazing!



Wilfred Owen School - 30/04/2023
Fantastic weekend @PGLTravel with our year 5 children. They demonstrated great teamwork and resilience. An absolute pleasure to share the weekend with them.

Wilfred Owen School - 25/05/2023
Year 6 children were asked to create a 'Steady Hand Game' as part of their DT studies.
They had to draw on their prior learning of circuits from their Electricity unit in Science and apply it to their project.

Year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed testing the games.



Wilfred Owen School - 21/06/2023
Last week we had another excellent curriculum support session followed by a trust network with Mr T does History. Really looking forward to reading my copy of this! @empower_trust



Wilfred Owen School - 19/06/2023
Beautiful setting for our year 6 residential to Bryntysilio.

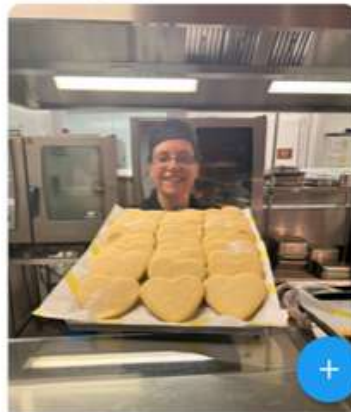
@empower_trust @bryntysilio



Wilfred Owen School - 23/06/2023
Great to meet Karen and Dale from Lime Trees Care Home. We are looking forward to developing the community link and excited about the ideas for how our school can support you.
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Wilfred Owen School - 23/06/2023
Thank you @ziscsheepers and everyone in the catering team for supporting our Refugee Week with gorgeous heart shaped biscuits.
@Academy_Food_UK



Wilfred Owen School - 20/06/2023
This week we are celebrating Refugee Week. Compassion is the theme this year and we are putting our compassion into action.
#CompassionIntoAction #RefugeeWeek
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Wilfred Owen School - 23/06/2023
A huge well done to our year 5 and 6 team that took part in a rounders tournament at Mary Webb School this week. They won the tournament, winning every one of their games along the way!
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Sports Day!

Our annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday 14th June. Both the upper school and lower school events were very well attended by parent and family spectators, which was lovely to see. Undeterred by the sun and heat, the children performed exceptionally well across the board, which resulted in some extremely tight results between the house groups this year. A BIG "Well done" to all!



Celebrating Success

Olivia (3CP) and Charlie (3CJ) were invited by the FA to be mascots for the disability (cerebral palsy) FA Cup final held at St George's Park on 25th June. They led out the teams, live on BT sport, before the final started. What a fantastic experience!



All throughout June, Abigail (5SL) participated in football trials at the Shrewsbury Town Football Club Foundation. After attending four sessions and playing against the existing team, she has been offered a place in the U11s squad for the coming season. She has also been successful in gaining a place on the North Shropshire Under11s girls team. Many congratulations on your selection Abigail. Maybe we will see you playing for the Lionesses one day?!

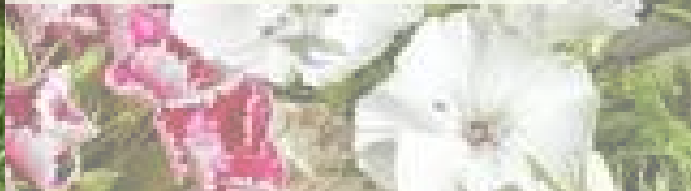




BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK WE ARE BLOOMING MARVELLOUS

Earlier this year, to mark British Science Week, all year groups were given a planter and a packet of wild flowers to see which year group were blooming marvellous. What started as a year group challenge has since snowballed into a revamping of one of our two quads in school. We now have a herb garden, a range of perennials, an abundance of wild flowers and sunflowers, a bug hotel and a diverse selection of shrubs, kindly donated by Les Green Nurseries. Our Eco—Warriors have made recycled bunting to display around the quad, painted recycled plant pots to add a splash of colour and have chosen a new name for this haven of tranquility—Nature's Nest! We now have a great area in school to use for a range of both practical and creative activities. We also hope that it can be a communal space to host some of our annual events, such as our Macmillan Coffee morning on September 29th.

Thank you to everybody who has helped on this project.





Coronation Bake Off

Wow, oh wow, what an amazing Bake Off we've had this year! With over 100 entrants, we had a room full of biscuits, cupcakes and showstoppers that would rival that of The Great British Bake-Off tent. The theme of Coronation was used beautifully, how patriotic the Studio looked filled with red, white, and blue. The five judges were blown away by the time and dedication given to show off some extraordinary baking skills. Lisa Savill, cake lover, head judge and donator of the

Bake-Off shield, quoted, "What a wonderful display of pageantry and celebration! His Majesty the King I'm sure would have greatly appreciated all of your efforts and would have been delighted with the outcomes." Taking up most of the afternoon, all judges found it very tricky to decide on the final category winners. Drum roll please...



Lower school biscuits: Arthur, 3RG

Upper school biscuits: Olivia M, 6WJ

Lower school cupcakes: Edward, 4KR

Upper school cupcakes: Georgina, 6WJ

Lower school showstopper: Olivia Q, 3CP

Upper school showstopper: Jack, 6WJ

Overall school winner: Georgina, 6WJ



Year 3 have been exploring! We have been to soak up the sights, sounds and smells near The River Tern at Bottom Lane, as we have been learning about rivers in Geography. The children were eager to meet Hugo the horse who was very friendly. We found leaves, trees, bird-feeders, the river, insects and so much more —there was so much to look at. Some of us huddled in the shelters and listened to the rain and thunder while we sketched—it was very exciting! Others visited on a beautiful sunny day. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you so much to Emma Williams for allowing us to visit, and for looking after us so well.

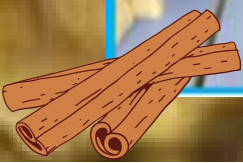


Salve! We may have only visited Wroxeter for the morning, but wow did we pack a lot in! Roberto the Roman was our guide and began by teaching us Latin and talking about the local Roman city remains all around us. From exercising to washing, we learnt what Romans did in their spare time, what they ate and how even how they toileted. Roberto really helped us all to visualise what life was like 1800 years ago as we walked through the doorway of the largest freestanding Roman wall in Great Britain.



In Design and Technology this half-term, Year 3 have been learning about one of our staple foods—bread! We've been sampling and evaluating different types of bread from around the world such as ciabatta, pitta and bagels.

Children then decided what they would add to their own unique bread and gave it a name. Most popular was bread with sultanas and cinnamon or chocolate. The Studio was then turned into a bakery for a day and with a bit of fabulous team work, the children mixed, kneaded and shaped their own loaves. Then came the best bit—tasting! Our classrooms smelled amazing as we scored and evaluated what had just been baked. Delicious!





YEAR 4



Year 4 have been working hard as always. This half term, we have enjoyed learning more about trade with South America and the hierarchy of Ancient Egyptian society. We had some super Egypt projects handed in! We're also busy practising our athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day.

Our Science topic over the past few weeks has been focusing on habitats of plants and animals and also classifying them using different methods. We have explored a range of different habitats for a selection of vertebrates and invertebrates and also plants. These lovely examples of work show some of our results from the plant hunt that we carried out in different habitats around the school grounds.





YEAR 5

It has been another incredibly busy half-term. In English, we have been studying Gill Lewis's *Sky Hawk* and have created our own non-chronological reports about a new bird Iona and Callum may have discovered. In maths, we have been revisiting place value and have explored Roman numerals, negative numbers, and sequences. We were amazed where we could find Roman numerals in our everyday lives!

Our new science topic is examining materials and their properties and the reason why these properties make it useful for a given purpose. Would you really want a chocolate teapot? Or paper car? We explained why these are awful ideas!



YEAR 5&6

On Wednesday 5th July, the Year 5 and 6 Choir took part in the annual Market Drayton schools' summer celebration concert at Grove School. Choirs from our school, Market Drayton Infants, Longlands and Grove came together for an afternoon rehearsal, followed by a picnic tea on the field, and then a concert which showcased all of the choirs' talents. Our amazing choir performed *Mountain* by Sam Ryder as well as a joint performance of 'You've Got A Friend In Me' with all of the other choirs.

We were so proud of the children, who not only delivered an outstanding performance, but also represented the school brilliantly with their behaviour.

Thank you as always to the parents and carers for supporting our Choir. If you would like to see our fabulous choir perform a selection of songs, they will be on stage at the Market Drayton Carnival on Saturday 15th July at 10:30am





YEAR 6



Over the last half term, our year 6 children have been focused on preparing for SATs week. They have shown great dedication to making progress in their learning and have maintained a positive and resilient attitude throughout. The staff across the whole school are extremely proud of the pupils and their perseverance across the week.



In other areas, we have been investigating mould and yeast in our science work as part of a focus on micro-organisms. We developed our understanding of the conditions needed for mould growth and ended up with some very mouldy bread as well as exploring how yeast can blow up a balloon!

Over the next half term, we are looking forward to learning about inheritance and evolution in science and creating collage pieces in art, inspired by the artist Jacob Epstein.





Coronation Celebrations

We did lots of fun events and activities to celebrate King Charles III coronation. We had a crown decoration competition and then we held our very own Great British Bake off.

We also invited parents to a coronation picnic on the school field.



King's Coronation Picnic – 5th May 2023

St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery



We welcome His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire to St Mary's to unveil the commemorative Coronation plaque. It was great to have the student council, bake off winners, governors and parents present for the unveiling.

The funds to buy a British Ironworks plaque were raised by the Great British Bake Off competition which took place on the week leading up to the Coronation picnic.





Key String Assembly

We had a 'Key Strings' assembly. It was fabulous to raise the profile of music within the school with so many cross curricular links especially history. Both performances were very interactive and very visual creating a positive buzz about music.





Llandudno Trip



As part of our learning in history and geography, we went on a school trip to Llandudno on Wednesday 12th July 2023.



We were all very excited to see the sea and play on the beach. Whilst we were there, we went for a walk along the pier, ate our lunch (trying not to have our lunch stolen by the seagulls), and spotted human and physical features as we walked along.



We were very lucky to have Punch and Judy perform for us as we have been learning about these puppet shows in our history lessons. Then we ate an ice cream and played on the beach.





**WE HAVE HAD SO MUCH
FUN IN NURSERY THIS
TERM! WE HAVE BEEN
DOING OUR PE
LESSONS WITH MISS.
SMITH, BEING
ADVENTURERS IN OUR
FOREST SCHOOL AREA
AND WE MADE
DIFFERENT ANIMAL
SHAPE OUT OF FRUIT!**





**IN CLASS ONE THIS TERM,
WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT
'PEOPLE WHO HELP US'. WE
EVEN HAD A VISIT FROM THE
POLICE TO OUR CLASS!!**



**In science we have been learning
lots about Plants! We have been
on lots of tree and plant hunts
around our school.**

**In RE we learnt about Gospel The Good
News Book, and discussed lots of prayers
and the reasons why people may pray to
God or Jesus. We decided whether we
thought that the prayers were good before
writing our own.**





We have had a very busy term in Class 2! We have enjoyed outdoor learning sessions which have been linked to aspects of the curriculum such as science and understanding the world. Children have enjoyed working collaboratively to recognise common trees within our school grounds, observing closely and commenting on the characteristics they could see. Year 1 children used their prior knowledge to decide whether each tree was deciduous or evergreen. Children were then able to create their own posters to help others around the school to recognise trees by listing the recognisable features. Children have also enjoyed looking for common garden birds, using their prior knowledge of tally charts to record how many of each bird they could see and commenting on the most seen birds and those which were rarely seen in our outdoor areas.



Children also enjoyed learning about the Sikh faith as part of our multi-faith week. Children enjoyed learning about the origins of the religion and the 5 K's as well as important figures such as Guru Nanak and sacred places such as the Gurdwara and The Golden Temple. Year 1 children used their knowledge of mosaic collaging to recreate The Golden Temple and enjoyed tasting some traditional Sikh foods such as lassi and daal whilst Reception children enjoyed creating a Nishan Sahib, a Sikh holy flag. Children then created posters to record all that they had learnt and 6 children volunteered to stay in the classroom to showcase our learning to the rest of the school, whilst the rest of us went to visit other classes in KS2 to learn about Hinduism and Buddhism.

We all had lots of fun at our school sports day too!





CHETWYND DEER PARK TRIP



Year 3&4 went on a trip to Chetwynd Deer Park. They made natural collages, developed their photography skills and enjoyed the beautiful countryside.





Year 6 Prom 2023

Our year 6's had a fabulous time, getting all dressed up for the party!





Nursery



This term, we have been exploring the Land of Make Believe

We shared the popular stories: The Gruffalo, The Kindest Giant in Town, Squash and a Squeeze, The Enormous Turnip, The Ugly Duckling. Together, we investigated the actions of the main characters.



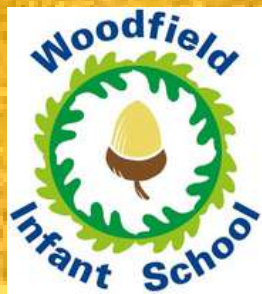
Our book corner has been extremely popular, and the children are consolidating their knowledge that print has five key concepts: Print has meaning, Print can have different purposes, we read English from left to right, the names of the different parts of the book, page sequencing.



Be Kind

We recognised kindness, strength, gratitude and uniqueness. The children were inspired by the characters which lead their role play: making links between the actions of their favourite characters and actions of others in our community.





Reception



We have enjoyed our learning in Forest School, hunting for different minibeasts. We have had lots of fun outdoors playing parachute games and also doing lots of balancing and different ways of moving, We have had lots of fun taking part in bikeability and growing in confidence when riding a bike- lots of us are now ready to ride without stabilisers!

We have been learning about our new artist of the term- Yayoi Kusama and made pictures, paintings and sculptures in her style by using spots.





As part of Mental Health Week, we enjoyed a chatty walk with Wenlock, Clee and Willstone classes at St George's.

Year 1



As a mathematician, I am learning to find and represent half of a quantity.



In Art, we had a go at making our own Batik. We made our design with wax crayons then painted over the top of it.



Year 2



Science

In science we have been looking at the life cycle of a bean. We have dissected a seed, planned a fair test to investigate what a plant needs to grow, and made predictions and observations.



Art

In art we have been looking at the work of Georgia O'Keefe. We have created large sketches of flowers using a variety of media sources.



We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by dressing up in red, white and blue, making our own crowns and even singing a Coronation song.



We all had a fabulous time taking part in Sports Day. All of the children found at least one of the activities that they really enjoyed and most of the class loved them all!

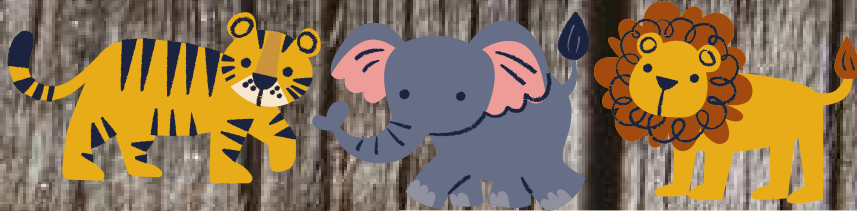
Year 3



CLEE VISIT TO ATTINGHAM

Today, Year 3 went on a lovely visit to Attingham Park to help us learn more about plants as part of our summer term science unit. We listened to a talk from one of the gardeners and learnt about how they take care of the grounds and the plants. We had a hunt for lots of different types of flowers and plants, and we learnt lots of new plant names. We also got to sketch some of the beautiful plants in the walled gardens. Thank you to all the parent helpers and governors who also came along to help.





Year 4

CHESTER ZOO CORNDON CLASS

Children had a fantastic day out when we visited Chester Zoo last week. Their highlights included visiting the monkeys, the rainforest animals and the penguins.



RAINFOREST ANIMAL COLLAGE

A selection of pupils artwork from this week.

Part 1) Create repeating rainforest patterns using oil pastels.

Part 2) Create a leaf 'stamp' using string and then use it with poster paints to create rainforest print.

Part 3) Cut all your hard work into strips!

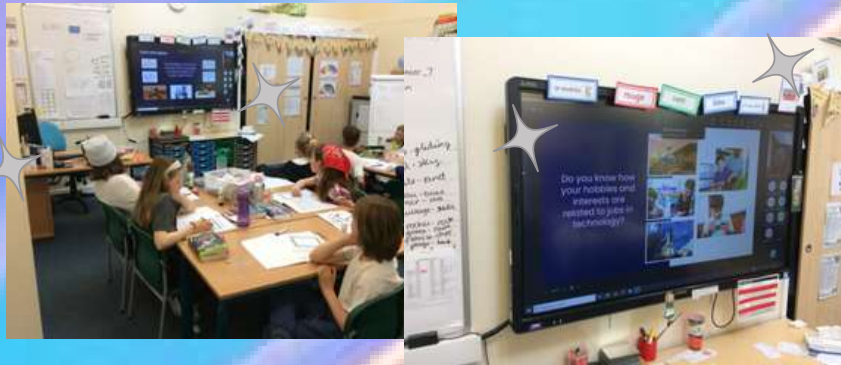
Part 4) Stick your strips to another piece of paper, considering the textured look you want to achieve.

Part 5) Create eyes and a mouth (or beak) using the media of your choice.

Part 6) Stick them on and your creature is complete!

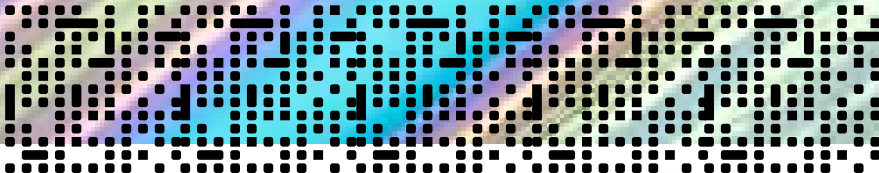


Last week, Year 5 took part in a live assembly with an Education and Learning ambassador from Tech She Can on Space Day! This was a discussion based on technology and how it can help us study and explore space. It also discussed opportunities and aspirations relating to working in a career in the space industry, which some of the children may explore this avenue in the future. The children were really interested in all the information shared and conversations arose from their previous learning about Space in the Autumn term.



YEAR 5 TECHATHON

Year 5 enjoyed a "Techathon" afternoon at Shrewsbury High School. Children were given a series of codes to crack before presenting their new skills to their parents at a special celebration afternoon tea!



HAUGHMOND SPORTS DAY

Haughmond class loved taking part in sports day. They all cheered each other on, gave every activity their best effort and showed sensible behaviour throughout the event.



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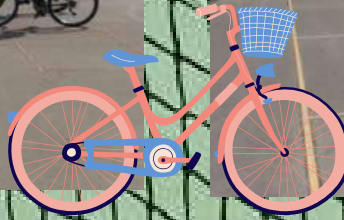
JUMP



Year 6

RAGLETH BIKEABILITY

Ragleth Class enjoyed taking part in Bikeability this week. We learnt all about how to keep ourselves and others safe on the roads. This is an essential skill as we move towards the end of the year and the start of Year 7.



CARADOC - SPORTS DAY!
We had lots of fun last week at Sports Day! Well done Caradoc!



PAPER ART IN CARADOC
We have been learning different paper techniques and combined them to make 3d images. Here are some of our finished designs.



Farewell to our CEO Ian Nurser

We would like to bid a special farewell to Ian Nurser, CEO of Empower Trust, who will sadly be retiring at the end of this term.

Ian had a ground-breaking vision for the establishment of a Primary School Trust within Shropshire 5 years ago and, from that vision, Empower Trust was formed.

Ian's mission to, 'Inspire, Empower and Achieve' every pupil and colleague with his unwavering commitment to excellence has led to the Trust achieving its best overall statutory assessment outcomes since the Trust's formation at the end of summer 2023. A fitting tribute and strong legacy that he will leave us with.

Ian, thank you for your years of service and dedication to the education sector and Empower Trust. Your leadership and vision will be missed, but your legacy will continue to inspire us all. Wishing you a wonderful retirement and the best of luck in your future endeavours.

From your colleagues at Empower Trust



and farewell to our Deputy CEO Ally Brown

Ally is leaving Empower Trust to take up a senior position as Director of Education at another Multi-Academy Trust.

Ally joined Empower Trust as the Headteacher of St Peter's CE Primary & Nursery School in 2019 and, as part of her wider role, worked closely with the CEO of the Trust to develop a school improvement strategy across all 8 schools. In September 2022, Ally joined the Central Team on a full-time basis as Deputy CEO & Director of School Improvement. Ally is also a registered Ofsted Inspector.

Ally has played a key role in supporting school leaders and staff to improve outcomes for the children and we wish her all the very best and every success for her exciting new role and for the future.

Welcome to our new CEO Carla Whelan

"I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone in our communities over this next year, look at how we can continue to enhance our young people lives and learn together. I recognise the significant work that's already taken place in schools across the Trust, the hard work and the commitment at Empower and I am committed to continue the values and culture already embedded and help to continue their growth."

