



## JULY NEWSLETTER 2

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Despite the inclement weather we are still having fun at school and planning for next year. Enjoy reading about some of the activities the children have been undertaking.

### **Class 5 Outdoor Adventurous Activity**

Children in Class 5 enjoyed their Outdoor Adventurous Activity trip to South Cerney. The children's challenges ensured they tried new things, were active and developed team work & cooperative skills. The sun shone and they came back with big smiles. Here are some of their thoughts on their day:

**Myla:** When we were in South Cerney I enjoyed working together to complete different activities like building shelters out of logs.

**George:** At South Cerney I enjoyed the fire building because we got to use the sticks we had collected in the woods to make a fire using cotton wool and flint.

**Sophie:** When we were at South Cerney we did so many activities but my favourite was when we filtered water – we had a competition to see which was the cleanest.

**Alex:** At South Cerney I enjoyed making fire and building a structure that wouldn't cut off the oxygen flow.

Thank you to Mrs Burns and Mrs Birch for organising the day.





### School Awards

We were delighted to have a balmy, dry day for our award ceremony this year. We held it outside and the children sat in their separate bubbles.

The Alex Fryer Shield is given each year to a child who shows a love and passion for music. The winner this year was Maude. She has been part of the school choir and choirs outside school. She loves performing and her joy can be seen by all who watch her sing. Maude sings beautifully – with real feeling. Congratulations Maude – we are all really proud.

The Endeavour Shield is given each year to a child who shows a strong heart, courage, perseverance and real effort. Liyah encompasses our school values: **ambition, resilience, responsibility, cooperation** and **kindness**. She was the worthy winner of the Endeavour Award for 2021. Liyah always wants to improve and is quietly resilient. She never gives up and makes the most of every learning opportunity – even if it is hard. **We are all so proud of you Liyah– Well done!**

The Robinson Cup is awarded each year to a child who shows enjoyment and determination in sport. Violet received this award this year. In school she is ambitious and challenges herself in every PE lesson, giving more than is asked. She enjoys all aspects of sport and puts in real effort. Outside school, Violet joined Cross Fit and excelled at strength work, gymnastics and box jumps. In March 2021 she competed for Gloucestershire Athletics Club Quad Kids and won all the events in her age category. She can do a brilliant single leg pistol squat-impressive! Well done Violet – we can all see you love and excel at sport.



### **Creative Dance Days – C5**

The children and staff in Class 5 enjoyed working with Miss Mills who led their dance day brilliantly. We heard the music pumping all day in the office and every time I walked past I saw active, happy faces. At lunch time Class 2 made a line and watched Class 5 practising too – it was lovely to see. Here are the thoughts of the children:

**Liyah:** I enjoyed the freestyle circle where I did my aerial. I liked Chloe and Myla's cartwheels and Mrs Mifflin & Mrs Yorke's dances.

**Eilan:** I enjoyed learning different moves and dancing in a group.

**Chloe:** Dancing with Miss Mills was extremely fun as I learnt many new moves I hadn't even heard of before.

**Harrison N:** I enjoyed making a dance routine with my friends.

**Lily:** On dance day we did a whole performance and it was really fun as we memorised the whole dance.

**Harrison H:** I enjoyed making a circle where you could go to show your moves.

**Georgia:** Making the group dances was fun. We all cooperated and we used everyone's ideas and new skills we learned – it was really fun.



### Y6 Leavers Assembly

We plan to hold our Y6 leavers assembly on site for parents for Y6 parents on the last day of term for children: **July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**. It is a time when the children look back and reflect on their time in school at Eastington and their next steps at secondary-the children are preparing for it now!

Y6 parents it will be lovely to share this special moment with you-up to 2 family members can come for each child. The assembly will be socially distanced inside the hall – we will set chairs out in pairs to help with this. The hall is an area we can ventilate with ease too. Please come to the main black gate at 4pm. Please hand sanitise when you come onto site, sit in your family group and wear a mask inside the hall.



### Treasure Island!

The children and staff have a real treat to look forward to on the last day of term. We have booked a film/theatre show of Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote **Treasure Island** in 1881. It is set in the days of sailing ships and pirates and tells of the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the buried **treasure** of an bad pirate, Captain Flint. The theatre team will do three performances in the hall over the day. The hall will be well ventilated and two classes will watch at a time – the classes will be separated from each other and children will stay in their class bubbles as they are do at lunchtime.



## Sport Premium

Due to restrictions on how we operated due to covid-19, we were not able to use all our Sports Premium from 2020-21 so we have rolled the left over money in to the Sports Plan for next year.

We are delighted that the sports premium will continue and we have mapped out how we will use this funding to support sport and activity in our school for 2021-22.

We are continuing with using sports coaches to support the professional development of staff as well as ensure children receive excellent sports coaching - Mr Meloscia will lead games teaching, Miss Brown will lead gymnastics teaching, Miss Mills/Mrs Shaw will lead dance days and we also hope to have a new coach leading Core Fundamental Skills with Reception/KS1 children.

Miss Pates, our Sports Leader, will lead a group called 'Learning through Sport' where our school values will be developed through sports. It will be an opportunity to involve children who are reluctant in being active to become more active too. Miss Pates will also develop a group of Sports and Well-Being Leaders. These children will plan and run activities to support children in the five ways of well-being at lunch times: Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice, Give. We are excited to have arranged para-Olympian Andy Lewis to work with our Sports and Well-Being Leader group too – a brilliant opportunity for them to learn from an inspirational achiever.

We have organised opportunities for new sports to be tried by different classes too such as wall climbing (two walls will be coming to school), archery, additional Outdoor Adventurous Challenge, tubing and laser tag.

We hope we can compete again with other school too as guidance allows.

Plans for some of the above will clearly be dependent on the guidance/restrictions we work within. Our fingers are crossed that things will ease to enable us to work more typically in September.

## Families Gloucestershire Magazine



Families Gloucestershire magazine has moved online. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including holiday activities, summer learning, health and family food. Here is the **link** to their latest digital issue:

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/glouc?fr=sZjY0MDM5NDI5MzA>

**Key Dates**

- July 20th is the last day of Summer Term 6 for children
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September is the first day of Autumn Term 1 for children