




APRIL
2022

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It has been a great term and I can't quite believe we have come to the end of it already. The children have accomplished so much over the last few weeks and this newsletter showcases just some of it.

Our steel signing ceremony was a fantastic occasion and the children were really excited to write their names on the steels and add the odd picture too!



Steel Signing Ceremony

<https://www.egcarter.co.uk/news/new-school-is-marked-with-a-steel-signing-event-as-construction-gets-underway> New School is marked with a Steel Signing event as construction gets underway On Wednesday 23rd March E G Carter & Co Ltd were joined by representatives from Gloucestershire County

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Carter's have also put together a video of the changes to the site and the building and it's well worth a quick look.



Building Work Update

29/03/2022 Bird's eye view of the building work progress
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JISsRyTup9A> 18/03/2022
25/03/2022 We have completed the installation of the steel frame. Next week will see us install the stairs, begin

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The building continues to grow; the two stair cases are in and the scaffolding is going up to allow the brick work to start! I hope you enjoy looking at the [build update photos](#).

Our World Book Day was a huge success and our teaching team pulled out all the stops to make sure it was a memorable day. The book swap worked brilliantly and this is something we are looking to run next term as the children have fed back how much they liked it.

I would like to thank our school council for their recent organising of our Comic Relief day which was a huge success. With the help of our school

community, we have smashed our initial target! The competitions ran and judged by the school council were brilliant and they were very impressed by the entries.

Another thank you goes out to all the children who have represented our school in the different competitive events this term; football, girls football, rugby and the wild life quiz. We are very proud of each and every one of you – well done. We are looking forward to more competitive events next term, including our Inter house choir and cricket events.

To finish off the term we had an Easter assembly with Reverend Gary and Reverend Jackie re-telling the Easter story – it was a wonderful way to finish the term.

That leaves me to say, have a cracking Easter weekend when it comes and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 25th April.

Georgina Flooks
Headteacher

Forest School

It has been lovely being up in Forest School with 2T and 1B over recent weeks. It is always such a privilege to observe the different ways in which they learn and play. Some children naturally work together as teams to build camps or make wonderful creations in the mud kitchen, whilst others chose to work by themselves to achieve their own goals. I have been so impressed by their engagement with the idea of land art producing wonderfully creative outcomes, and whilst some children continue to work on their art all afternoon, others are straight up the nearest tree or digging for treasure or worms in the free play part of the session. So often more is less in Forest School and it is fascinating watching them learn so much playing with a few pegs, a trowel, a litter picker or one of our soft toys or dinosaurs.

On that note, if anyone has any dinosaurs their children no longer play with, or soft toys animals (only those specifically found in forest school i.e. deer, fox, rabbit, mouse, rat, badger, owl, robin, mole), I would always be happy to give them a home.

Mrs Chavasse





Reception: Towers and Turrets Day

We had the most marvellous day attending our Royal ball that we planned. We experimented with melting ice to release the swords, made trebuchets, learnt and told jokes as part of the entertainment at the Royal ball, as well as learning a traditional medieval dance. The children looked amazing and lots of fun was had by all.



Reception: Our Special Visitors

In Reception we have had some very special visitors, which have helped us to explore our I wonder question this term 'I wonder how living things grow?' It has been fascinating to see the chicks hatch and has really helped us to understand the lifecycle of a chicken. We have learnt how to care for them and how to hold them carefully. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the chicks to stay and will miss them. Our daily chick updates have been a highlight with the children.





Reception: Book Swap



Year 1: Book Swap



Year 1: World Book Day

Year 1 had lots of fun creating some large-scale collaborative art inspired by 'The Monster Book' by Alice Hoogstad. We followed a mysterious trail of footprints to discover the picture book that would be our focus. It was a day filled with imagination and colour!





Year 2: The Great Fire of London Re-enactment





The Great Fire of London Re-enactment

On Thursday 3rd March year 2 set fire to our Great Fire of London houses that we made for our home work project on the school's field to demonstrate

What it felt like in 1666. I felt a strange tingle in my tummy because I was terrified cause I thought the fire might come over to where I was standing.



When our teacher lit a flame on the first house I was gipped to see what was going to happen next. After a while the blazing light transformed into a flicker of light and made me feel alarmed. The fire was nearly out it started to smell like a horrible odor coming from the smoke which died out a minute later.

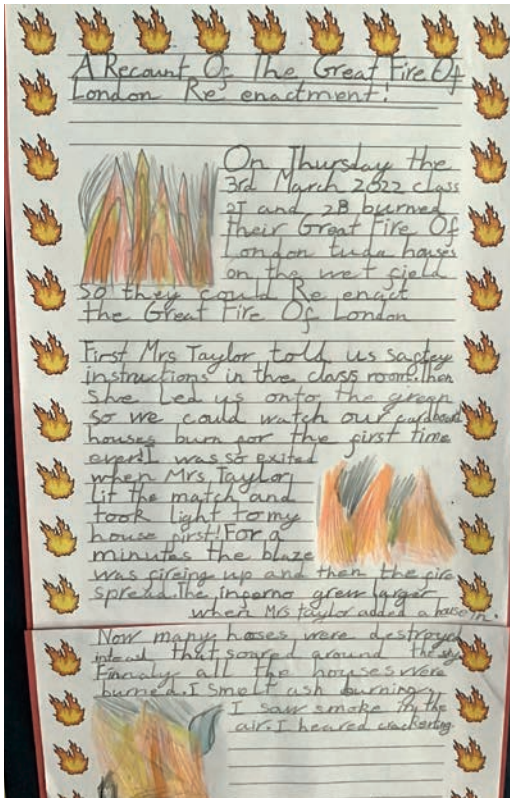



A Reenactment of Our Great Fire of London

On Thursday 3rd March our class burned our Great Fire of London houses. It was to demonstrate what it was like in 1666.

First we listened to a safety talk. Soon the teacher set fire to the first house. I felt nervous and excited at the same time! After a while the flame spread to the next house. There was ash swirling and swirling in the air. The flame grew and grew and grew! It turned into a big inferno! Soon the houses were reduced to ash.

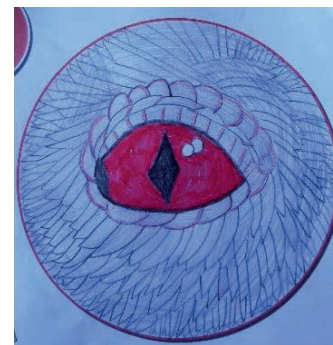


Red Nose Day 2022

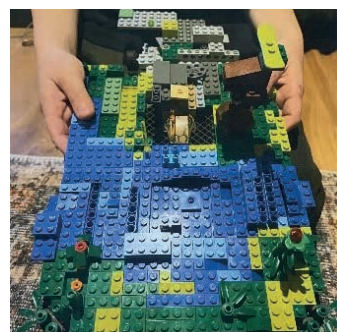
There were some fantastic competition entries from the children - especially well done to Year 4, who have submitted the most entries.



Edward, Year 5



Indi, Year 4



William, Year 4



Eve, Year 3



A huge congratulations to Alice (2T) and Jemima (2B) for winning the competition in the Infants. Their Red Nose Day characters were super as were all the entries!

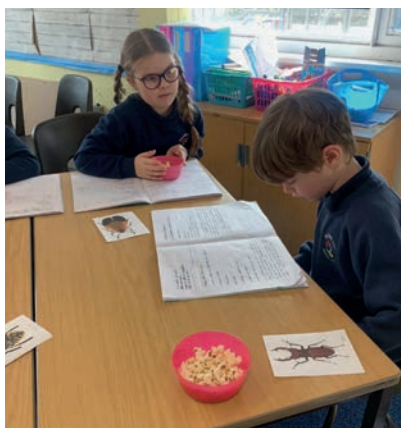
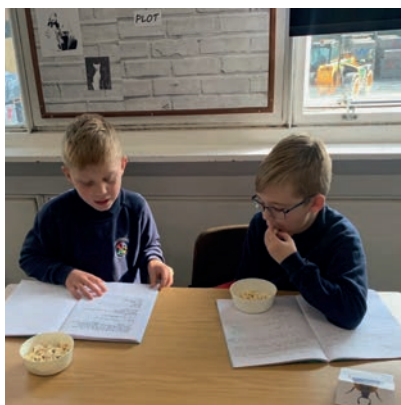
Year 3 Book Swap

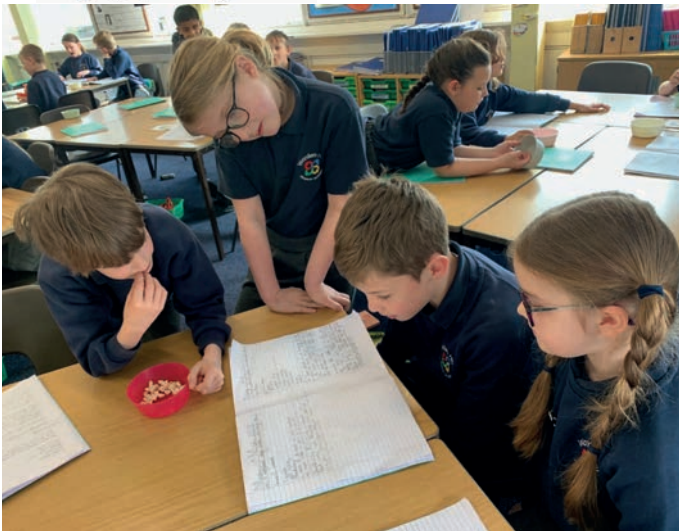
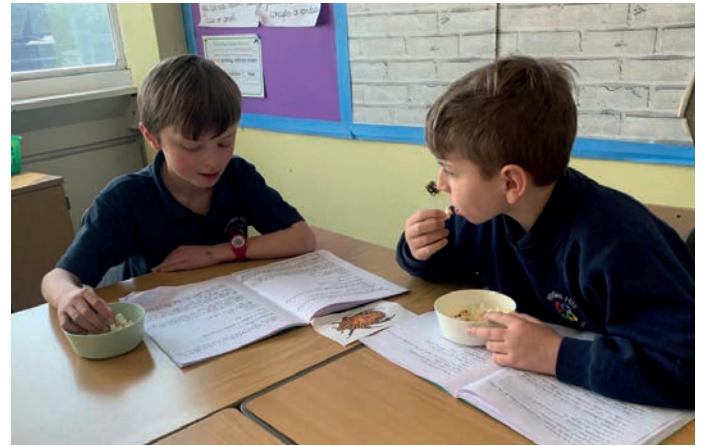
3W have brought in their books for the book swap. We have listened to their recommendations and book reviews. The children enjoyed exploring them and choosing one to read. There was plenty of choice which was great!



Year 4 Share their Beetle Boy inspired stories

Year 4 were so inspired by their workshop with M.G. Leonard this month that they decided to write their own Beetle stories. At the end of the week, they shared them with their friends by the fire. Year 4 read and listened beautifully to the exciting stories that were written. What good story doesn't need popcorn to really set the scene of an adventure!





Year 4: Forgiveness Talk

Year 4 were joined by Reverend Grady to discuss their RE unit for this term, focusing on forgiveness.

Reverend Grady gave us an interesting insight into why Christians forgive and also how hard it is to forgive at some points in your life. Year 4 were able to share their knowledge of the bible stories we have explored with Reverend Grady.

Thank you for meeting with us, Reverend Grady!

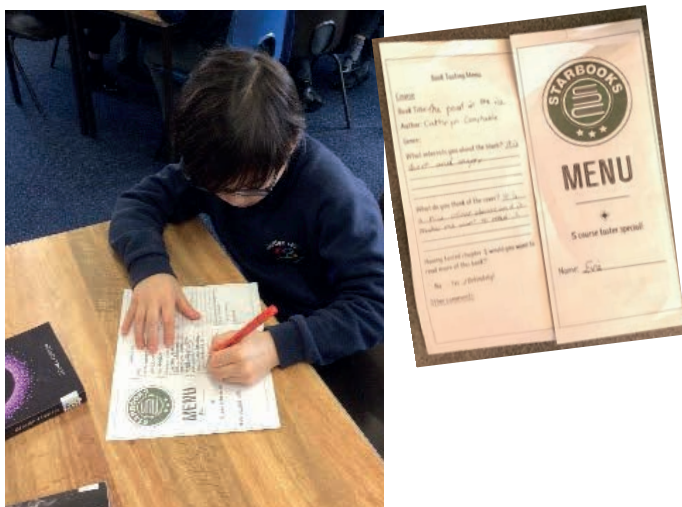


Year 5: World Book Day

The children did not walk into their usual classroom but ‘Starbooks Café’. There was bunting, books and biscuits!



Every table was covered in a variety of books for the children to ‘taste’ on their ‘Book tasting menu’.





The day continued using the book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker as inspiration – a wordless picture book.



Children wrote about how the view from the window had changed over the years, from the point of view of the boy or the cat. The children also drew the pictures from the window themselves.

From the boy's point of view:

Yes, today is my day! Twenty whole years! They've just gone past so quickly. Standing with my girlfriend, I take a moment to reflect on my childhood. I remember it like it was yesterday, when trees thrived in wide open plains of wilderness. Birds were coated in brilliant, vivid colours. An old shed stood proudly and slowly faded away until it turned into a corpse. We had a swing - oh, how I loved that old swing.

Nowadays, my home has been enclosed in a jam of houses. It's hard to find any space around here. People and houses are around every corner. Cars are madly accelerating everywhere like a bug in a kitchen. In fact, dozens of shops and buildings are dotted around like stars in a clear night sky. Infinite roads trail off into the distance. There's a major abundance of people around me when I look. I can hardly believe this was where I spent my childhood. Luckily, I've ordered a removals service so I can enjoy my past days once again...

Louis 5R

From the cat's point of view:

It felt as though it was only yesterday that I peered through this prominent window, though nearly everything's changed since. I loved it when the rabbit was here. I used to go right up to it and poke my nose through the metal bars. At one time, I remember clearly when the boy picked me up carefully into his snug and cosy bed. But now that seems like it never happened, for he stands on my lawn with a new best friend beside him. I thought he swore he would be my bed buddy forever... and now look, he's just dumped me here like he doesn't want me and I'm filthy and he stands there as bold as brass! I gaze beadily with my slit yellow eyes from the window sill and I abruptly realise that the whole landscape has been reconstructed. Lots of big block houses surround us; it used to be only wildlife and nature. There are cars and enormous trucks buzzing and snaking themselves round the roads. I honestly want the sound of birds twittering merrily at the first break of dawn. It was perfect back then- the aroma of the flowers and the sweet scent of the strands of lime grass- but now it's built up with gnarly concrete. I let my whiskers tickle the glass gently as I let my eyes land on the patch where the wooden shed used to be – I used to love that.

Rosemary 5R



by Harry 5R



by Florence 5R

Year 5: 'We The Curious' trip

On Thursday 7th April Year 5 went on a trip to 'We the curious' Science Museum in Bristol, to enhance and consolidate our children's learning about this term's Science unit 'Earth and Space'.

First, the children took part in a workshop all about the Earth, Sun and Moon. The museum's Magic Globe showed them how the movement of the Earth relates to day and night. They then learnt about the seasons and the phases of the Moon. Our session ended with an explosive demonstration of how a rocket is propelled up into space!

After the workshop, Year 5 visited the 3D Planetarium. We pretended that the Planetarium was a spaceship, the presenter its pilot and we were the crew. We were space tourists on a holiday of a lifetime, exploring our amazing Solar System.

The children also enjoyed the hands-on activities.

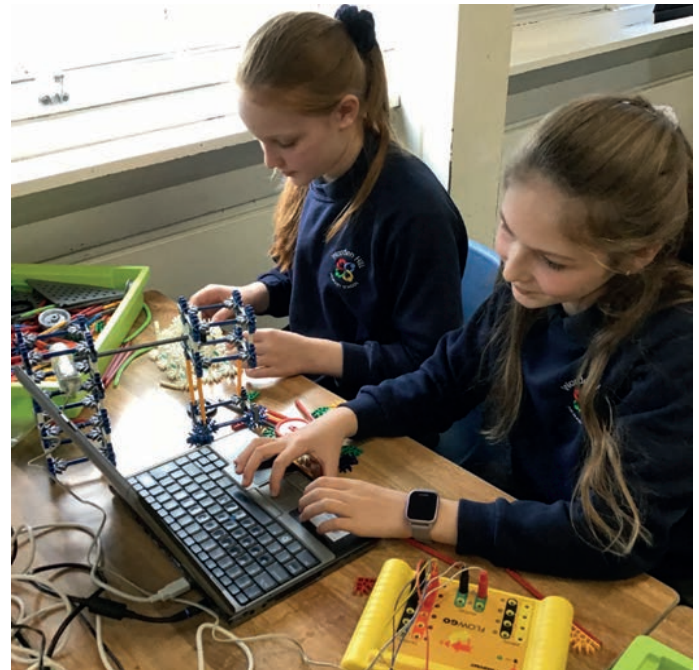
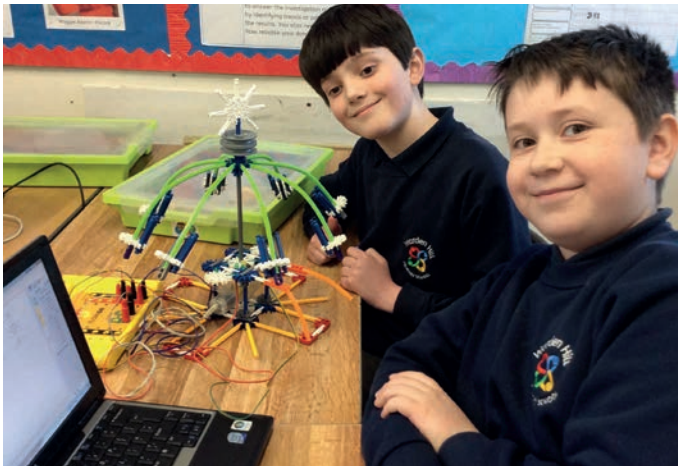
Our children were a credit to Warden Hill and we all had a brilliant day!



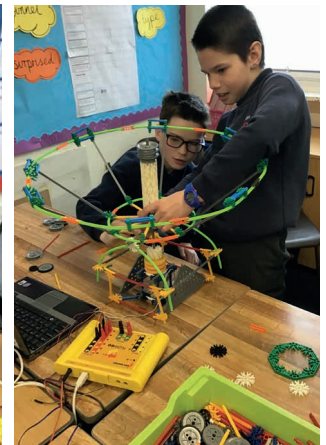


Year 5: K'Nex Workshop

Last week, both Year 5 classes took part in a workshop focussed on the electrical systems, monitoring and control area of our Design and Technology curriculum. During the day, our children were challenged to build and program a fairground ride using K'Nex. They had to work to a design specification, using their creativity to engineer an exciting fairground ride.



Our children experimented with structures, before using laptops and control boxes to program movement, light and music. At the end of the day they presented their fabulous fairground ride to the rest of their class.



Eco Warriors

At the start of the year our Eco Warriors carried out an environmental review of our school. As a result they decided to focus on these 3 areas: Litter, energy and waste.

This term the Eco Warriors have increased the range of items that we can recycle at Warden Hill. They would like to encourage families to recycle more and invite you to send in crisp packets and writing instruments, which can be put in our recycling bins. TerraCycle will collect and process these items and use them to make plants pots, outdoor furniture and playgrounds equipment.

More
Eco news
on our website:



[wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/
eco-warriors/](http://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/eco-warriors/)

What can be recycled at Warden Hill:

CRISP PACKETS

These must be empty and not tied or folded into shapes
COLLECTION POINT: Junior and Infant Halls

WRITING IMPLEMENTS

Pens, felt-tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils, correction instruments (tape and fluid), fountain pens and ink cartridges.
COLLECTION POINT: Classroom

PAPER & PLASTIC

Paper, cardboard, plastic milk bottles
COLLECTION POINT: Classroom

BATTERIES

AAA, AA, C and D batteries
COLLECTION POINT: Main Entrance

FRUIT & VEG

COLLECTION POINT: Infant Playground

Wildlife quiz

Our school have once again entered The Wildlife School Quiz, run by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. On Thursday 31st March our team took part in the first round against Coberley Primary.

Huge congratulations to Noah, Florence, Milly, Ana and Yasmin for winning by a massive 10 points and making it through to the next round.



Gloucestershire
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TAG Rugby Tournament

On Wednesday 23rd March, pupils from across year 5 and 6 represented Warden Hill in the annual TAG Rugby Tournament at Newlands Park, amongst over 20 other schools from Cheltenham.

Our three teams were split across different groups and each competed in 5 games in the morning session and a further 3 games which were played in the afternoon. All in all, a very busy, sunny, rugby-filled day!



Every single representative from Warden Hill conducted themselves fantastically throughout all aspects of the day. They worked extremely well together, respected the officials and opposition, supported each other as friends and teammates and battled on to the final whistle.

There were moments of individual brilliance in the form of breakaway try scoring and last ditch defending, as well as incredible teamwork and displays of leadership. We are really proud of each and every one of you! Well done!





B Team Tournament

On Friday the 25th March, Warden Hill took a Year 5 and Year 6 team to the B Team Tournament at St Edward's Prep School. It was a brilliant and very enjoyable afternoon played in the glorious sunshine. The children were a credit to our school and demonstrated the Warden Hill Way.

Both teams played three matches and the afternoon ended with a Warden Hill derby. The derby game was decided by a single goal, 2-1 to Year 5.

There was an exhilarating second half comeback by Year 6 after Mr Herbert's inspirational team talk. This was orchestrated by Reuben and Leo, who overloaded the right hand side, which created lots of goal scoring opportunities. Jack M, in the Year 5, made a fantastic stop as Year 6 rushed through on goal and by the end of the game, Year 5 were hanging on. The star performers for Year 5 were Jasper and Jack C.

It was a brilliant way to end the football season. Thank you parents for the support.



Girls Football

Our girls' football team have been exemplary role models this year. Having had such a fantastic turn out of footballers at club before Christmas, we managed to include all of these girls into a rotation system to play our four league fixtures in the spring term. We have since added yet more girls to the club – it has been wonderful to see how keen everyone has been to play.

Each player was selected for three of the four fixtures against St Marks, Swindon Village, Charlton Kings and Holy Apostles. This has given everyone the opportunity to have plenty of competitive time on the pitch, where we have learnt to be as competitive in matches as we always are with each other in training! Having played against some very skilled teams, we've scored a couple of goals courtesy of Evie and Ellie and Mr Williams, Miss Cupper and parents alike have noted how much more organised the team have looked and how much more confident we have become facing tough opposition. Well done on always doing Warden Hill proud, girls!



Yellow Rules!

Congratulations to Coln House for collecting 4213 point this term making them the winners. Coln members will have their non-uniform day on Friday 29 April.



Special thanks to House Captains for keeping the weekly scores.



3,957
Windrush



3,961
Churn



4,213
Coln



3,620
Leach



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