

# Newsletter

## News from Mrs Patchett

With Mr Edwards-Grundy away with our Year 6 children at Quinta this week, it was my pleasure to lead Collective Worship on Monday and Friday.

On Monday we drew together all our thoughts about Patience, including thinking about what it means to be patient with ourselves. We all agreed that it can be very hard to be patient with ourselves, but we were encouraged by thinking about famous people who have had to wait years and years to be successful. Getting to where we want to go can take time, we have to wait for others and be patient with ourselves.

We also thought about how Patience ties in with our other Values, like Perseverance and Courage. We reflected together on how being patient can sometimes require a lot of these other Values and how all of our Values work together to help us be a community where everyone can flourish.

Today we celebrated the learning that has taken place across the school throughout the week. It is always a joy to watch children share their triumphs and talk about the things they have been working on. Very often the things they share illustrate how they have been patient, most often with themselves.

I really hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## News from Rev Simon Kirby

During half term there will be lots of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It is a remarkable achievement to have done any job for 70 years and very few people will remember a time when Queen Elizabeth's father was King. You may or may not be celebrating with a street party or some other activity, but I think most people are looking forward to the extra Bank Holiday!

The word 'jubilee' comes from the Old Testament of the Bible. It's the English version of the Hebrew word *jobel*, which means, ram's horn. A ram's horn was played as a trumpet to mark Jewish celebrations.

In Old Testament times, the jubilee celebration took place every seven years and saw prisoners and slaves being set free, debts being forgiven, and thanks being given to God. A jubilee was a tremendous and life changing community event.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a book has been published called "Our Faithful Queen", which speaks of the strength the Queen has found from her faith in Jesus. It is an inspirational read. (We do have some copies at Cogges if you would like to see one).

I'm not sure we will hear many ram's horns being played this coming week, but I hope that we all get to enjoy some good music, sunny weather and happy times with family and friends as we enjoy the long weekend.

## Values Awards

Well done to all the children who were given Values Awards this week. As always, these awards were given in recognition of behaviours that really demonstrated our Values, including Patience.



## News from outside of school!

This week the children from Year 6 have been involved in all sorts of outdoor activities at Quinta. There are lots of photos on the Year 6 page of our website, but here is a taster of the things they got up to. We think they will all sleep well this weekend!



## News from Around the School

Friends and family of children in Year 5 were invited into school this week to watch the children perform their version of 'Jungle Book'. The performance was really impressive, with toe tapping numbers ensuring everyone left with a smile. Well done to all the children in Year 5, who pulled the whole performance together in just five weeks – great work!



Our Year 1 children have also been out and about this week. On Wednesday, they spent the day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of the work they have been doing learning about animals.



## Sports events

It's also been a busy week of sport. Our Year 3 children had a day of cricket coaching, and our Year 2 children went to Wood Green for a morning of Ultra-Olympics.



# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Wednesday 1 June



## FREE PLAY DAY



Burwell Recreation Ground  
11 am - 3pm



### Free Entrance and Free Activities

Toddler Vehicles: Junk Modelling: Go Kart Party: Body Zorbing:  
Smoothie Bike: Climbing Wall: Tricky Trails Bike: Drumming: Fabric  
Upcycling: Fire Play: DIY Face Painting: Go Kart Party: Body Zorbing:  
Martial Arts: Giant Bubbles and more!



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BLENHEIM, WITNEY TOWN HALL CHARITY



# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Thursday 2 June



## Beacon Lighting

The Leys Recreation Ground



9.00pm - 10pm

Free Event

9:00 Coffee Shed open for refreshments  
9:30pm Proclamation from the Town Crier  
9:30pm to 9:35pm Park Run runners will arrive the Leys  
The cadets will form a guard of Honour  
9:40pm Mayor, Cllr Liz Duncan will say a few words  
9:45 Beacon Lighting  
9:46 WOAPA choir



WITNEY AIR CADETS, THE COFFEE SHED, PARK RUN,  
WOAPA, WITNEY MAYOR, WITNEY TOWN CRIER,  
WITNEY ROTARY CLUB  
AND WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL



## Covid vaccinations

The Clinical Commissioning Group has asked us to send the following reminder to parents.

All children aged 5-11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19 vaccine and this half-term holiday is good time to get your child vaccinated in time for the summer when cases might increase.

Two doses of the vaccine (at least 12 weeks apart) should give the child long-lasting protection against serious complications of infection and some protection from mild symptoms. To book an appointment, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination> or call 119.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101441/covid-19-a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11.pdf)

## Jazz Fusion

In future newsletters, we hope to share photos of what goes on in some of our before and after school clubs.

We are starting this week with our newest club, run by Emma Baker.

This club is full of energy and provides a great end to the school week.



*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*