



Roots to  
grow



Wings  
to fly



# St Cuthbert's C of E Junior School

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Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

## Outdoor Adventure Week

Last week the children enjoyed lots of different activities during outdoor adventure week. This is a week that the children look forward to and challenge themselves to go further than they did the previous year.

The children are able to experience many different activities such as orienteering, blind trail, problem solving, parachute, archery and of course there is always great excitement with the climbing wall and caving.

Children use many different skills during this week; compassion, resilience, friendship, teamwork and sportsmanship in addition to the physical skills these activities required. I hope you can see from the photographs I have included just how much the children enjoyed themselves.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Faulkes who had organised all of the activities and timetables for the week. It was a lot of work but everyone agreed it was worth it.

The weather was very kind to us and the sun shone all week. It did get rather hot most days so thank you for sending the children in with drinks, hats and sun cream.

I have included some photographs below of some of the wonderful opportunities the children have enjoyed this week.











### **Film Night**

A big thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mrs McLaren and all of the other staff who stayed to make film night such good fun. We welcomed some of our Year 2 children who joined us for hotdogs, fruit and drinks before settling down to watch Stuart Little.

### **Transition Arrangements**

Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> will be the day that children move up to their new classes. Children will spend the whole day in their class. Children will be registered in their original class and then move to their new class. They will be dismissed at the end of the day from their new class.

Move up day is always a mixture of worries and excitement but I hope that spending a full day with their new class, children will feel more settled and less worried.

The Blue School have confirmed that although 5<sup>th</sup> July is the next teacher strike day, transition for Year 6 children will still go ahead on this day. The Blue School will send information to parents about arrangements for this day.

## **Silent Auction**

Mrs Thorne is raising money to fund some new outside play equipment. We have a lot of fantastic auction items on our Facebook page such as:



Bouncetastic Children's Party – a 2-hour Bouncetastic Children's Birthday party at Wells Sports and Fitness. This is worth £150.00 and has been donated by Adam Spencer



Wookey Hole Family Ticket admitting 2 adults and 2 children donated by Mrs McLaren



Cream Tea for your whole family made by Mrs Allen



Nuvac Vacuum cleaner worth over £100 donated by Jason Woodcock who owns Sansum Solutions Cleaning Company.



These are only a very small number of the items up for auction. If you would like to place a bid, please log on to the school Facebook page, find the item you are interested in and place your bid there. Mrs Thorne will be sending out a full list of all of the auction items for you to look at and bid on.

## **Poetry Competition**

We have some very talented children in our school. Recently, a number of children entered a competition and quite a few were awarded 'commended' for their wonderful poetry. One poem was awarded 'highly commended'. We were so impressed with this poem we wanted to share it with you.



### **My Special Place on Earth**

My special place on earth,  
doesn't exist,  
My special place on earth,  
Is a myth.

I'm always feeling,  
Feeling anxious, worried or scared,

Except for this one place...

My very last resort,  
My rendezvous point to escape,  
My wonderful, beautiful, and amazing mind.

I get lost in my fantasies,  
Beautiful sunsets in forests,  
Next to rivers, streams or waterfalls.

Or sometimes even great battles,  
With sword and shield in hand,  
And armour on my body.

This is my special place, not on earth,  
It may be abstract,  
And dark and gory,  
But it is my special place,  
And there is nowhere I'd rather be.

By Oren  
Year 6

### **Sports Day**

We ended our week of adventure last week with sports day. Even though we moved it to the morning to try to avoid the heat of the day, it was still very hot indeed. My many thanks for all of those parents who came to cheer the children on with their running, jumping, throwing and welly wanging, I know they appreciated it.



After lunch, we all enjoyed a lovely ice lolly to help cool off. We were supposed to be doing the fun run on Friday afternoon but we have postponed this and will reorganise it when we have some cooler weather.

### **INSET Days**

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Please have a lovely (and hopefully sunny) Glastonbury festival weekend. We will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

With many thanks for your support,

*Helen Mullinger*

Head Teacher