

## ***A Very Watery Theme!***



Dear Parents

This week welcomed in the month of May with a hint of summer in the air.

Correspondingly, we opened the swimming pool, much to the delight of all (well most of) the children. At an ambient temperature of 28°C, the water was more than pleasant for those who might have worried that it was going to be chilly. A second sump pump was added over the closed season to further improve the filtration system. It really did look sparkling and inviting. The pool will again be open for Friday evening fun swims and (if there is a big enough demand) we will also open the pool for family swims during the holiday.



To make sure we have full use of the pool, many of the teachers have been updating their lifeguarding qualifications this week. They have a theory session followed by a practical follow up in the pool and will then be qualified to be Baywatch boys and girls!



The maintenance of the pool is normally the jurisdiction of Les Senter, but he is on long term sick leave having broken his leg whilst working on the pool over the Easter holidays. We wish Les a very speedy recovery, though he is likely to be off school for quite some time. Our regularly four ball has shrunk by 25% and a very grumpy and frustrated budding Tiger Woods festers at home.

With Les away, Ray has been working very hard to fill in the missing gaps. One of these tasks has been helping me patrol the drop off zone outside school on South Walks Road. We have been on duty because of the repeated concerns expressed about the number of parents who park on the double yellow lines by the main gates. We have witnessed this first hand ourselves and I have chatted to a number of the perpetrators. I have also witnessed many people swinging across the traffic to park, facing the oncoming traffic, which in itself appears very dangerous, especially when pulling out. I fully realise that parking is in short supply and that you all have busy lives but please do follow all aspects of the highway code to ensure a serious accident does not happen.



If we continue to have concerns we will have to ask for the support of the local constabulary who will deal with the matter more formally.

Elsewhere in school, this term's club letter has been sent out and dates of our holiday clubs have been published.

Behind the scenes, we are all "paddling like crazy" to produce our very first Yearbook for you. With a deadline of Speech Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, our objective is to produce a very high-quality magazine that portrays our school year. We have set aside a page for the achievements of our alumni and would love to hear from anyone who might be able to share details of what former pupils are up to. Do please spread the word far and wide.

You may well have noticed a fabulous bright yellow "welly dog" in school this week. It has been made by the RNLI to help publicise "RNLI welly day" which we celebrated today.



In this morning's assembly we celebrated the story of Grace Darling. I had a very excited assistant who had prepared her script to read

out. Rosa C was very brave and confident and clearly likes the limelight!

On behalf of the RNLI can I thank you for your kind donations to such a worthy cause. Do remember they receive no direct government funding and rely on donations to maintain the excellent service they provide.

It has been noted this week that even staff have to follow uniform school rules. Mrs Wilson was witnessed telling the 'boys' off for not wearing the correct school attire!



As the school year reaches a crescendo of events, exam week for senior pupils lurks on the horizon. A more detailed letter home from Mrs Sewed will give finer details, but do remember children from Form 6 upwards will have their exam week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The exams will all be sat in the school hall. Much of the preparations for these exams will take place within the classroom. Children will be sitting practice papers and learn about exam techniques and how to manage time. Some extra practice at home is beneficial but we do not want these exams to be a major point of stress for anyone. Our aim is for them to be a positive experience that reinforces all the things that have been learned and in particular all the skills that have been acquired.



A long dry weekend ahead awaits us. Do remember there is no school on Monday morning and that we return on Tuesday.

The whole school and class photos take place on Tuesday. Class Reps meet with me at 8.30am on Thursday morning and we have our final Open Day of the year next Friday. Do please remind friends and family to pay us a visit.



In the following week, a film crew will be in school for two days. They will be filming a short piece that will give visitors to our web site a child's eye view of school. It promises to be an exciting couple of days.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with your family.

*John Thorpe*

Mr John Thorpe  
Headmaster

## *Nursery*



This week we had a lovely opportunity to get out and feed the Ducks with Nursery and then on our way back they had a little play in the Salisbury Fields Park.



We also welcomed Ayesha into Nursery, we are pleased she has settled well into Sunninghill.

A couple of notices to all Nursery parents that on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May we have our Nursery class photo, all children welcome to attend; starting at 9:20. We then have our whole school photo starting at 9:30 which again all children are welcome to attend.

We have Bugfest coming in on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 9-10am, all children are welcome to come join us to follow on with our mini-beast topic.

If you would like to attend any of these events please let the Nursery staff know.

Hope you all have a lovely bank holiday.  
Mrs Beasley.

## ***Reception***



Reception heading off on their trip to the ancient bluebell woods to carry out some observational drawings.

## ***Form 1***



The children took part in a workshop with Darrell Wakelam this week. The River Habitat linking with our whole school River Frome Project.

During Forest School Form 1 visited some unspoilt ancient woods. They had a great time doing observational drawings of bluebells, with lovely results.



Thankfully they also had time to climb a tree or two!





## ***Form 2***



Congratulations to Arthur who has finished all levels of the swimming lessons! Weymouth swimming pool cannot believe he's done it by the age of 7!

## ***Form 6***

During the Summer Term the Form 6's are celebrating and exploring diversity as part of their PHSCE curriculum. This week we have been considering types of disability including visual impairment. We also considered what is normal for us.



In pairs the class took it in turns to be blindfolded whilst their partner gave them verbal instructions on how to build a paper plane. This proved to be very challenging, clear instructions and good listening skills were needed to ensure success. At the end of the lesson some of the planes even took flight.

Nikki Carr, Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Well being co-ordinator  
PHSCE

## ***Music News***

This term Form 2 are learning to read music and enjoyed creating words on the stave.



Next week Mrs Stell will be teaching on Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Teale will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## ***Notes from a Small Garden***

It was lovely to be back in the garden this week, although there was no official garden club we always have a few keen faces at our gate on a Wednesday, rain or shine!



Everything is blooming! Our apple tree is in full and beautiful blossom and the greenhouse is jam packed full of seedlings.

We planted out our peas into the raised bed and sowed some more for a later crop. Sweet peas were also planted along the fence and some more trailing strawberries hung from it.

Snails were saved from my clutches and rehomed in the bug house. A very lucky escape!

Looking forward to our first official club next week, with so much planting out to do it will be a busy one!

Jo Foote

### ***A Little Refresher***



With us all spending more time outdoors during the summer months, we thought it useful to remind you about Lyme disease.

More information can be found on the link below.

[www.lymediseaseuk.com](http://www.lymediseaseuk.com)

### ***Waiting Staff Required - Moreton Tea Rooms***

We are a busy award-winning café with 60 covers inside and 60 outside. At weekends and during the holidays we can be completely full over lunch and teatime. We provide table service using tablets and an EPOS system. Due to our rural location, you will need your own transport (DT2 8RJ)

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- confident and able to work hard and fast under pressure and to keep smiling, no matter what
- able to delegate but happy to muck in



If you would like to discuss further or/and arrange a trial shift, please call Kate on 07971 589333

# Sports News

**Team: U10 Tennis v Millfield**

**Venue: Millfield**

**Result: Win 5 – 3**

The U10's played their first tennis fixture of the season at Millfield. After being slightly intimidated by their sheer volume of tennis courts (16!) the boys got into their rhythm and started to play their singles matches. The standard of play was excellent with players being consistent with their serves and groundstrokes. There was no sign of initial nerves when their competitive spirits came out to battle and Sunninghill were leading 3-2 after the first round of matches.

The next round included two doubles and a singles match which Sunninghill won 2-1 overall.

**Contribution Award: Felix and Sam for staying positive and calm under pressure.**

**Team: U10/11 Cricket v The Park**

**Venue: SPS**

**Result: Win**

A mixed U10/U11 team played their first game of the season against our great friends from the Park School. A highly expectant crowd sat full of anticipation, though I believe this may have been as much to do with Kerry's cream tea as it was the game!

SPS batted first and scored a steady 249 runs in their ten overs. In reply, the Park School set off briskly though some excellent catches out on the boundary kept their run chase in check. Their final total was a few runs short and we ended up victorious.

All the players should be congratulated for their batting, bowling and fielding skills which were excellent. I found it very difficult to select the contribution award.

Kerry's cream tea was a very close second though in the end it went to Gethyn for his all-round contribution to the game, with some champagne fielding moments the real highlight.

Mr Thorpe

**Team: 12/13 Cricket v The Park**

**Venue: SPS Martinstown**

**Result: 249-242 Win**

The U13/12's played their cricket match at Martinstown cricket ground. The ground is immaculate and a real treat for the boys to play on. Sunninghill were batting in the first innings. The players waiting behaved very well by being quiet and calm. Every player batted very well with Tom and Henry both scoring 4's. Toby and Josh scored second highest as a pair with 14 whilst Tom and Aidan defended their wicket brilliantly.

In the second innings Sunninghill fielded very well and there were some strong bowling on display. Harry, Henry and Tom took a wicket, whilst Ben came very close. A great first match although the boys are aware they need to bowl fewer wides next week.

**Contribution Award: Aidan and Tom for their solid batting.**

**Team: U11 & U10 Mixed Pairs Cricket v Sandroyd**

**Venue: Sandroyd**

**Result: 1 x Win & 1 x Loss**

With fingers crossed we left Sunninghill in the rain and arrived at Sandroyd just as the weather gods decided to flick the off switch. We played two games with varying success with genuinely mixed teams. Mrs Telfer was very pleased with her team and they batted better than Sandroyd to win narrowly by 4 runs. In the other team batting was far better overall than bowling with a highlight being Archie's six scored with the ball heading to

the horizon. He also managed to run 6 before the message got through! The game was narrowly lost on the bowling and despite using the underarm technique Sandroyd in some cases did not receive a ball they could hit. Georgie ended with the best bowling figures and my highlight was Bea's look when she bowled out the batter with her second ball. Overall though a good first attempt at cricket for many.

**Contribution Award: Archie for batting and Georgie for bowling.**

### ***Form 8 Responsibilities for the Summer Term***

Head Boy –Nathan  
Head Girl – Lily  
Sports Captains – Tom & Frida

**Prefects:**

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia

Art – Jessie  
M&D – Clara & Lily  
Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida  
STEM – Verity & Poppy  
Languages – Lea & Amalia  
Humanities – Olivia  
Eco schools – Jessie & Verity  
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## *Weekly Diary*

WHOLE SCHOOL		Clubs begin this Week
DIARY OF EVENTS	6th May	<b>Bank Holiday- School closed</b>
	7th May	Class photos & Whole school photo 8.30am
		Bryanston orchestral day 12.15pm
		Charles Jardine water colour painting- Form 8 1.00pm
		U9 & U8 mixed Diamon Cricket V Sandroyd @ Martinstown 2.15pm
	8th May	Forms 1 & 3 Forest Schools
		Forms 5-8 Clayesmore Athletics 2.00-5.00pm
	9th May	Class Reps Meeting 8.30am
		Reception Forest Schools 8.30 am
		Sailing @ Portland Sailing Academy 4.30-8.00pm
		Golf @ Dorset Golf & Country Club 4.30-7.00pm
	10th May	Open Morning 9.30am-12noon.
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00- 11.30 am
		Forms 3 & 4 Sailing, 2.00 pm
		Friday Sports Enrichment 2.00 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 3	
	Menu - 7th May	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
	Curriculum Maps-Summer 2019	
Nursery	Grandparents' Day	
Reception	Club choices- Summer 2019 /Trip to Lorton Meadows/ Grandparents' Day	
Form 1	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 2	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 3	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 4	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 5	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 6	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 7	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	
Form 8	Club choices- Summer 2019 / Grandparents' Day	



## Dorset Badminton Association Open Day Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Dorset Badminton would like to invite players of all ages and abilities to attend one of our training sessions with a view to joining us in September. DBA has a structure in place to ensure that players receive the correct level of support and training in order to develop their game. So why not come along, have some fun and see where you might fit in, our coaching staff look forward to welcoming you to the family.

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**Venue - LEAF Academy, Duck Lane, Bournemouth, BH11 9JJ**

**U12's (born 1/1/2009 or after) & U14's (born 1/1/2007 or after) - 09.00 - 11.00**

**U16's (born 1/1/2005 or after) & U18's (born 1/1/2003 or after) - 11.00 - 13.00**

To register an interest or if you have any questions please contact

Richard Owen - Badminton England UKCC Level 2 Coach

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Please complete the tear off slip below and bring it with you on the day along with £3 towards court costs/shuttles and registration fees.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE BELOW AGE GROUP:-

(print details clearly please)

**Under 12**  
**(2009 & after)**

**Under 14**  
**(2007 & 2008)**

**Under 16**  
**(2005 & 2006)**

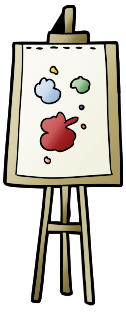
**Under 18**  
**(2003 & 2004)**

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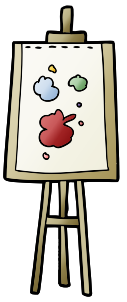
Full Address - .....

School - ..... Name of Parent/Guardian - .....

Mobile No - ..... Email - .....



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## **Dorchester Library**

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7th May 4.00pm - 4.45pm**

**Suitable for children aged 8 - 11. Booking essential.**

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