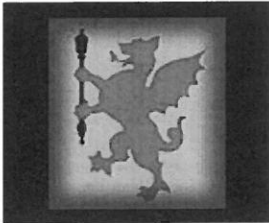


Date: 24th February 2017

What a great start to spring!



Ilchester's Got Talent

What a super evening was enjoyed by one and all as many of our children show-cased their many varied and amazing talents. Digger driver, singers, dancers, magician, musician to name but a few. My thanks to **ALL** who took part to make this a most enjoyable event. Our children put their *all* into their performance and each and every one of them can be very proud of their achievement. Congratulations to our winners: Freddie from the Juniors and Louie from the Infants; second place: Lexi, Aoife, Olivia and Ava from the Infants and Evalyn from the Juniors and third place: Finn and Jamie from the Infants and Ben, Josh and Adam from the Juniors. The secret judges were also keen to recognise the outstanding contribution of Heather and Ruby.

YCAA Short Story Writing Competition

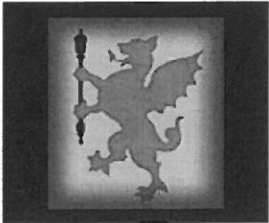
Congratulations to Brooke, Connor and Heather, our three pupils who will be going through to the final of the YCAA Short Story Writing competition. The three overall winners will be announced on 6th March and our children are invited to attend a Presentation on Tuesday 21st March in Yeovil Library at 11.00am. They have done extremely well to get this far, as the standard was extremely high this year. We wish them all good luck!

Sensory Garden

Progress is steaming ahead with our Sensory Garden Project. We have received an offer of a garden working party and our children have been busy writing to companies for sponsorship. We still need items such as plants and junk items e.g. old bicycle wheels that can be used imaginatively and creatively. So if you can help us in any way (no matter how small) to create a beautiful area for all our children and parents to enjoy, do please contact Miss Wharton or Miss Bath or just leave items with the Office Team.

Leaders Award 2017

We are delighted with the progress of this project with lots of ideas giving our children a fantastic opportunity to engage with real engineers who will convey the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their daily working lives. Pupils will be able to let their creativity run free and draw and write about how they interpret the question "*If you were an engineer – what would you do?*" and come up with inventions and ideas. An exciting and inspiring presentation with activities centered on aero engine models is promised by parent volunteers to our Year 6 pupils, whilst another parent volunteer is leading a project for our Lower Juniors. We are still seeking inspirational engineers to come and provide our children with information or activities; so do please consider putting yourself forward if you can help.



Coffee Mornings

Do come and join in the Coffee mornings held each Wednesday in March at the Ilchester Town Hall from 10.00am. A few of our Year 5 children will be our School Ambassadors helping each week at this wonderful community event which is always enjoyed by both pupils and the wider community. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Each class will bring home a flyer when it is their class's turn to provide cakes. Please look out in the book bags for the flyer!

World Book Day / Book Week

A separate letter accompanies the newsletter this week listing all the events planned for this week. There is much happening so please do look at the letter. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite Book Character on Monday 27th February.

Parents' Evening

Our Year 6 pupils will be assisting at Parents' Evenings, ensuring our evenings run smoothly. It is also an excellent opportunity for them to take on duties such as this in readiness for similar events at Secondary School. Do please check in with them in the school hall. They will take you to your appointment.

A reminder that Parents' Evenings are Tuesday 7th March and Wednesday 8th March (Class 8 Monday 6th March and Tuesday 7th March).

THERE ARE NO CLUBS DURING THIS WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOREST SCHOOL AND YEOVIL TOWN FOOTBALL

Stanchester WOW Day

Year 5 pupils are invited to spend the day at Stanchester Academy on Tuesday 14th March. We encourage all Year 5 children to attend the Wow Day, regardless of whether Stanchester is their preferred Secondary choice / likely catchment school. This day is designed to give all children a taste of Secondary School and the kind of things that they might be doing in a little over a year's time. In previous years our whole cohort (barring a very occasional exception) has attended and enjoyed a taste of the future. The deadline for forms has been extended to Monday 27th February; please return your form if you have not already done so.

And Finally...

My thanks to all who have assisted / plan to assist in our many varied and exciting projects. Through the continued support of Parents, FIS and the Wider Community we are able to provide our children with so many inspiring and imaginative experiences. Your support is invaluable in moving our school forward and giving our children the very best we can in their early years of education at Ilchester School.