



WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 8th March 2024

Proud moments:

Acorn

We've had a fabulous STEAM week in Acorn class! Shout-outs to:

Reggie for exploring filling and emptying in Forest Schools

Carson for a brilliant swim session, going into the deep end and practising kicking his legs to get to an adult

Violet for increasing the amount of time she's sitting for circle time

Eddie for beautiful engagement with the Planetarium experience, sitting calmly and concentrating on what he could see

George for great turn taking in our Boccia game in PE

William for beautiful communication when playing with the bubbles. I would hesitate and he would say 'bubbles' to tell me that he wanted more

Bradley for making amazing connections with his communication book, he pointed to camping then tent linking the two together

Tommy for being a super helper, supporting to carry the puddings back to the table at dinner time

Well done Acorn class 😊

Apple

Eli for engaging well in busy activities in the hall and following music prompts in class.

Henri for lots of lovely independent and 1:1 reading this week.

Jayden for clear communication and learning new Makaton signs.

LBB for showing high levels on engagement with STEAM week activities and looking very proud and happy when you have finished.

Kohan for showing brilliant independent learning skills all week, especially making a alien in playdough and volunteering during the science experiments.

Riley for being a superstar at the Davie Nieper choir.

Sam for lots of verbal communication expressing what you would like and activities you enjoy.

Shey completing work independently in free-flow sessions.

Teddy for engaging well at the Curling event and picking the skills up so independently and quickly.

Willow

Jared for excellent exploration when engaging with one of STEAM week activities!

Reggie & Maggie for lovely concentration in the planetarium for STEAM week.

A for working hard to develop her palmer grip for mark making.

Oliver for lovely engagement with the Science Boffins. He particularly liked the plasma ball!

Aradian for lovely engagement with the slime making experience.

Lavinia for beautiful singing in the planetarium.

Samuel for lovely engagement with our STEAM Art activity.

Ben for being brave in the planetarium.

Beech

Teddy for his beautiful engagement in attention autism.

William for doing beautiful morning tasks and concentrating so well.

Y for collecting all the playdough from his friends after dough disco

Lucian for swimming on his back so beautifully this week. And saying staff names.

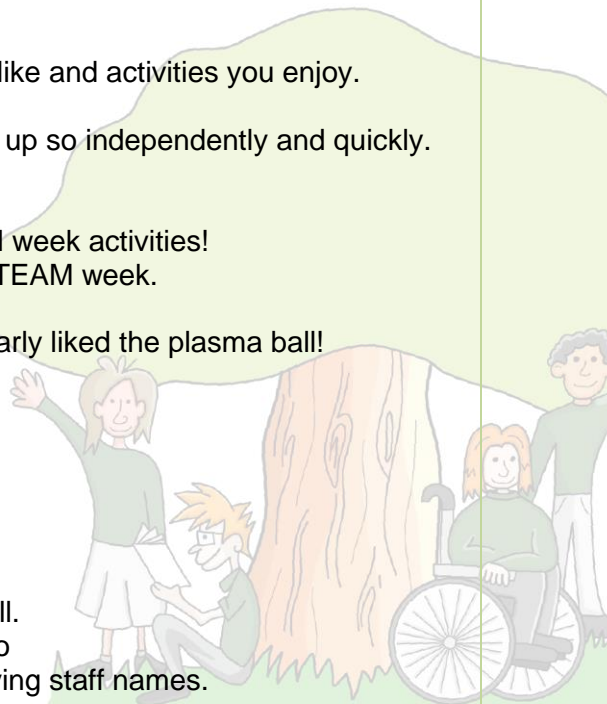
Octavia for exploring lots of books this week with staff.

Olek for engaging so well in our Sherborne session, demonstrating preferences to staff.

Otis for enjoying the sensory trays this week, fully emerging himself in them.

Dauids for being so brave and confident around the animals.

Charlie for sharing his beautiful laugh with staff this week, singing along to morning songs.





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Ash

ED - some lovely engagement in our story on World Book Day.

GR - caring for friends, recognising when they are upset.

IK - made an amazing structure using marshmallows and cocktail sticks during an engineering task.

JH - sitting and listening to a full story in the circle with his peers.

KH - great engagement with the range of animals during our visit from Zoe's Animals earlier in the week.

LS - Brilliant phonics, making 'f' sounds and writing the letter.

NW - putting the butter in the bowl during cookery even though she was not keen on the texture of it.

OC - made a marvellous structure using marshmallows and cocktail sticks during an engineering task.

PO - retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with lots of lovely vocabulary and without any adult prompts.

RL - trying hard in phonics to recognise sounds and thinking carefully about sounds he has learned before.

WB - asked a super question about the snake when Zoe's Animals visited earlier in the week - 'do snakes live in South America?'

WR - showing some improved listening skills in our STEAM week activities where visitors have come into school.

Juniper

Juniper class have had an amazing week for STEAM week! On Monday, we saw lots of animals such as snakes, millipedes, tortoise and guinea pigs! On Tuesday, we had a fantastic Attention Autism session and a visit to a huge planetarium where we watched a projected solar system journey. On Wednesday, children made slime, watched experiments with fire and also polymers. On Thursday we experimented LOTS, making jelly baths, building castles in the clouds, we made oil fireworks and also watched what happened when we added mentos to coke! Students have engaged beautifully all week and have really coped incredibly well with lots of change and transitions, all whilst having lots of fun at in between! Well done Juniper class!

Sycamore

Ruby for great space themed PE session.

Ed and Spencer for great planet work/ art.

Ben for fantastic swimming.

Josh for being such a fab scientist.

Spencer for great planet art.

K for being so amazing in her review.

Lola great science work.

Faith super work in PE.

Seb for brilliant engagement in Attention Autism.

Harry for being so amazing singing in the choir.

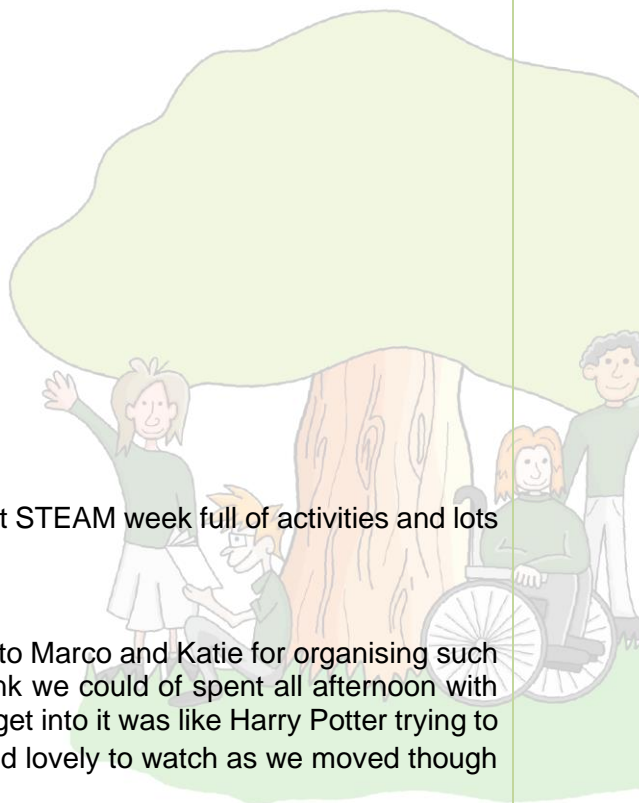
Larch

We are so proud of our Larchies this week! We have had a great STEAM week full of activities and lots of fun has been had by all.

Blossom

What a wonderful week we've had for STEAM week, thank you to Marco and Katie for organising such a brilliant week. Blossom class loved Zoe's party animals... think we could of spent all afternoon with her and her lovely animals. We loved the planetarium, trying to get into it was like Harry Potter trying to get to platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ 🤩. Once inside it was very relaxing and lovely to watch as we moved though space.

Asher- Great work in your physio swimming session, you're working really hard on pulling yourself up when laid on your back.





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Harry- Brilliant standing while watching a motivator.
Ivy- Lovely interaction with peers and staff.
JAE- Wonderful head control, looking around at your peers.
Killian- Super standing and then cruising around the table while watching a motivator, keep it up!
RB- Brilliant work on the eye gaze equipment we have in school keep up the hard work!
Teddy- Amazing world book costume!!! you've coped so well with the change in the timetable due to STEAM Week.

Holly

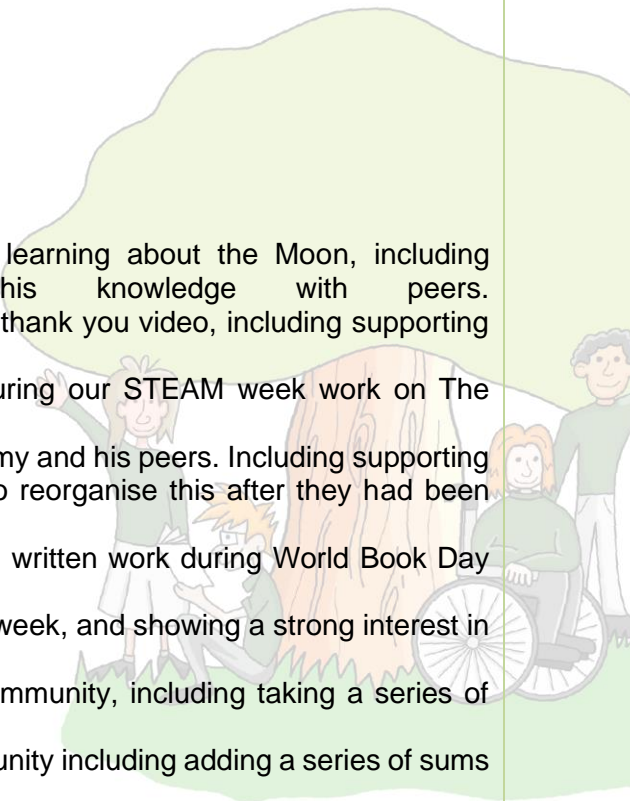
We have had a fabulous STEAM week, full of interesting and engaging experiments and activities. Our proud moments this week have been with:
Jake, for great walking around school.
Ashleigh for amazing social skills.
Billy for working hard in horticulture – Billy is also our star of the week!
BJ for conducting super science experiments.
Chelsea for initiating conversations with her peers.
FS for working hard in horticulture.
Frankie for developing her independence skills.
Lara for asking questions and discovering.
Leo for helping his friends in class.
Rosie and Sara for their hard work during work experience.
Well done Holly Class! 😊

Cherry

NM - amazing communication using new signs.
JV - independently signing alongside words.
CN - super phonics work.
JM - following two step instructions independently.
AN - writing beautifully during phonics.
KR - copying dance moves during PE.
SH - requesting new items using communication aid.
DE - becoming more and more independent every day.

Oak

Logan for some excellent work during STEAM week when learning about the Moon, including answering lots of questions and sharing his knowledge with peers.
Billy T for some excellent support to his peers when creating a thank you video, including supporting his peers to step down from a step.
Jaydon for some excellent understanding and engagement during our STEAM week work on The Martian!
Ryan for some excellent support to other staff around the academy and his peers. Including supporting another member of staff with printing and then helping them to reorganise this after they had been dropped!
Hannah for some excellent comprehension, understanding and written work during World Book Day where our space-themed focus was The Martian!
Elian for some excellent engagement and focus throughout the week, and showing a strong interest in all our space related activities.
Alfie for some great money and bill calculating when out in community, including taking a series of prices and totalling the correct amount to £18.10.
Dan for some great price calculating whilst out visiting the community including adding a series of sums to total £18.10.
B for some super work supporting peers to create a ramp during STEAM week to race their self-created space rockets!





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Bethany for some excellent work during our STEAM week session on the Solar System, including making her own spinning solar system!

Charlie for some being willing to volunteer to take part in a variety of interactive activities including demonstrating how the nose can generate electricity.

Hazel

A huge well done to all of Hazel Class who have really got on board with all the STEAM activities we have done this week.

Special mentions for:

Amie and Jonathan - Beautiful engagement with the planetarium.

Cally and George - Fabulous with the animals visiting the school.

Faith - Showing real focus when in the planetarium.

Kian - great predictions in our class-based science experiments this week.

Lewis - Brilliant when taking a message to a different class.

Liam - Engaged beautifully in art, identifying the different colours and spinning the salad spinner to make planets.

Max - Wonderful independence in Horticulture.

Rebecca - Helping staff with jobs and asking some really great questions.

How can you help?

We are still accepting donations for the Easter Egg Raffle 🐰

Dates to remember:

Thurs 28th March 24- Break up day

Fri 29th March 24- Bank Holiday- School closed

Mon 1st April- Fri 12th April 24- Easter holidays

Mon 15th April 24- School re-opens to pupils

Mon 6th May- Bank Holiday- School Closed

Wed 8th May 24- Year 8 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) immunisation

Fri 24th May 24- Break up day

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May 24- Half term

Mon 3rd June 24- School re-opens to pupils

Fri 14th June 24- INSET Day

Tues 23rd July 24- Break up day

