

Newsletter 2 Autumn 1 - End of term review

It's been a very busy start to the school year and the half-term holiday is upon us. The last day of school is Wednesday 19th October and the children return on Monday 2nd November.

Here is a summary of some of the fantastic and exciting things the children have been up to...

Sports Round-up

Netball

The Waterwells Netball team kicked off the year with a pre-season netball tournament held at Bentham. The children had the opportunity to play friendly games against lots of other Gloucestershire schools and practise the skills that they have learnt. They had a win and a couple of draws, which really boosted their confidence.

The netball season then started with a home game against Longney Primary School. The children played well against a very tall team and had lots of attempts at a goal, but the final score was 3-0 to Longney.

The next game we played was against Beech Green Primary, again another home game, with lots of fabulous parent, children and teacher support. The atmosphere was excellent which really helped the team to get a draw of 2-2. The team impressed showing good netball skills, finding space around the court, defending brilliantly and two home goals scored by Jade (Year 5). A special mention must also go to Ola (Year 6) who used her massive throw to get the ball into the attacking third.

More recently, the children played Field Court Juniors and worked incredibly hard to secure their first win. Goals were scored by Year 5 pupils and brothers Keon (2) and Jorell (1). The match finished 3-2.

With each week that passes the children are gaining confidence and working better as a team. Well done to all the children involved.



Football

Waterwells football team have started the season strongly. They won the ESFA Gloucester small schools 7-a-side tournament at Plock Court winning against Croft, Shurdington and St. Pauls and drawing with Longney. Goal scorers were Jorell, Keon and Isimhenmhen. The children played very well. They made it into the local Citizen newspaper and earned Waterwells' first ever sports trophy! The team will now go on to represent Gloucester city in the county event in December. In recent weeks the team have begun to play league matches. They drew 1-1 with Longney, Jorell scoring our only goal. They then went on to seal a fantastic 6-1 win against Coney Hill. Isimhenmhen scored a hat-trick and Jorell and Keon one goal each. A superb start to the season.



Year 6 Devon Residential

Many of the Year 6 children went to Devon last week for their residential trip. Mr Henesey and Mrs Fryer accompanied them, alongside Robinswood pupils and staff. The children stayed on a farm on Dartmoor and helped look after the farmyard animals. They also enjoyed many days out, including visiting Cheddar Gorge, the Eden Project, Plymouth Aquarium, the Hoe and even had beautiful sunny weather for their guided walk across Dartmoor. The children had lots of fun and certainly seemed tired upon their return!

Year 5 Science fun!

This term year 5 have carried out several Science Investigations based on their 'Properties of Material Unit' with Mrs Green, a Science Teacher at The Crypt School.



Using a range of scientific equipment they helped Mr. Zwiggles, the owner of a sweet factory, find the 'stretchiest' sweet and learnt how to record their results in both tables and graphs.

They also investigated how gas can be compressed into small spaces by building rockets and launching them on the school field. Everyone successfully built and launched a rocket. The furthest had to be retrieved from the Forest School Area! We are looking forward to more Science sessions next term and hopefully some children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to carry out experiments in the Science Labs at The Crypt.

School Council

The children have had their own school council elections this term, which involved some children from each class in years 1 to 6 doing a short speech to their peers. The children voted, the votes were counted and the class reps have been elected.

Year 1 – Issy Floy and Alec Porter

Year 2 – Chloe Webb and Leila Etheridge

Year 3 – Alfie Penrith

Year 4 – Shontaya Hattiloney

Year 5 – Hayden Hull

Year 6 – Chantelle McDonagh

The children will be the voice of the pupils and work together to make Waterwells an even better place to be!

Notices

PTA

The PTA had their first information session this term. We now have a group of parents who would like to stand to be on the official committee. Even if you're not on the committee, all parents are members of the PTA and have a right to vote for committee members. Information about those who are standing and voting forms will be sent out after half term. Please return voting forms by Tuesday 10th November. Committee members will then be elected on at the first AGM meeting on Thursday 12th November at 1.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Road Safety

On Wednesday 7th October a School Safety Officer came to conduct a traffic and pedestrian count as well as looking at access and parking arrangements. Unfortunately, the area does not meet the national guidelines and threshold for a crossing patrol (known in the past known as a lollipop person).

Whilst we will continue to promote road safety awareness with the pupils, we urge all parents to please drive, park and walk with care and due regard to the safety of others. Parking is still available to the side of the school, so please do not mount pavements or park on double yellow lines as this can be hazardous to others and prevent full visibility, particularly of pupils. The line painting and signage outside the area is to be reassessed.

Cut through / walkway to Hunts Grove

We have been notified by building developers that the cut through/walkway to Hunts Grove is still closed, so please ensure you leave enough time to get to school on time. It is due to open at some point next term. We will notify you when we know it is officially open.

And finally...

The Reception classes are in need of **4-pint plastic milk bottles (with lids)** for part of their topic work next term.

Many thanks.