



RHS Gardening School

You may have noticed a new award this term at the bottom of our headed paper. Over the summer, we were very pleased to have been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society Five Star Gardening School Award.

This is the highest award for schools and, in recognition of our efforts, we received £200 in National Garden Gift Vouchers, two 'RHS Five Star Gardening School' plaques to display in the garden and entrance hall, the right to use the Level 5 logo to use on school stationery and our website, plus a framed certificate.

Safeguarding

You Tube

YouTube Kids app automatically filters out inappropriate content. However, YouTube explains that it can't manually review all content, and "no automated system is perfect", so it may "miss" some videos

To help protect your child in this app, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode (or complete the multiplication problem / read and enter the numbers that appear) and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'

You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:

- Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' – or choose 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
- Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report inappropriate content to YouTube, use the 'flagging function': tap the 3 dots ('more') in the video player, tap 'Report', then select the reason for reporting the video (inappropriate visuals, inappropriate audio, or other)

The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

Prayer Focus

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is:

"We all share God's love in our own special way."

We are all different but this week's Gospel (St Luke, Chapter 17 verses 5-10) talks about the importance of faith to us all. We all experience challenging times, when it can be hard to keep our faith in God. Yet this reading gives us hope – it reminds us that even with a small amount of faith, and with God's help, it is possible to make real changes to ourselves and to the world around us.

Reminders and Dates

Monday 7th October – Photo orders deadline. Just a reminder to return any photo orders on Monday. Orders can be sent direct to Tempest after this date but will incur delivery costs.

Tuesday 8th October – Flu Immunisation

Friday 11th October – Closing Date for Eco Competition. Please encourage your children to create a poster about saving energy which we can display around the school. There will be prizes for the best entries.

Thursday 17th October 2.45pm - Fernworthy Curriculum afternoon

Monday 21st October – Half term starts

Tuesday 29th October – Pupils Return

Friday 1st November 9.30am – All Saints Mass

Monday 9th December 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Burrator, South Brent

Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Fernworthy, Ashburton

Thursday 12th December 2.00pm – Please note correct date - Crib Blessing, Venford, Buckfastleigh

Tuesday 17th December 2.45pm – Meldon Nativity

Wednesday 18th December 3.45pm – Carol Service

Friday 20th December – Last day of term

Monday 6th January – Pupils return

Building Learning Power

Reflectiveness

The children are now moving on to the qualities embodied in our Tortoise character. Until half term, they will be focussing on:-

Planning Learning Muscle - thinking about what you want to get out of learning, planning the steps you might take, accessing which resources you may need

Revising Learning Muscle - being ready to revise your plans as you go along, monitoring how things are going, changing your plans when you've had a better idea

Distilling Learning Muscle - mulling over experiences, drawing out useful lessons from experiences, thinking about where else you might use these lessons

Meta-Learning Muscle - being interested in how you learn as an individual, knowing your strengths and weaknesses as a learner, becoming a better learner.

The children who have best displayed these characteristics each week will be awarded a Pupil of the Week certificate in our Achievement Assembly.



Early Years' Health

We have invited the Early Years Bladder and Bowel Educator, Debbie Richards, for a drop in session for parents/ carers on Thursday 17th October. This is to offer advice and support with any toileting issues. She will be available to talk to from 3pm onwards in the school library.

Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

27th September – 3rd October 2019

Meldon	96.37%
Venford	98.16%
Fernworthy	98.33%
Burrator	96.49%
Whole school This week Year to date	97.37% 97.07%

Next week parents / carers will be receiving a letter about attendance which will provide some more detailed information about school attendance and our continued focus on improving our attendance rate as a school.

Healthy Tuck Shop

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the older children run a healthy tuck shop for the rest of the school. A variety of fruit, cereal bars and low fat snacks are available at break time with prices ranging from 40p to 60p. (Note: The KS1 children are always offered a piece of fruit free from the Fruit and Veg Scheme.) Next week, to encourage the children to try some of the items on sale, and because Mrs Perrins has made some very astute purchases, everything will be 30p!

Where possible we buy Fairtrade items and support producers overseas. Mrs Kerswell, with the help of our Year 6 Fairtrade Ambassadors, Imogen and Natalie, has undertaken to improve our commitment as a school to Fairtrade.

Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power - Reflectiveness - Team Tortoise!

Meldon – Fraser, Clara Venford – Matilda, Cici

Fernworthy – Jack Y, Winnie Burrator – Dani, Holly B-D



Maths Awards

Meldon – Ayrton Venford – Ned, Rumer Fernworthy – Courtney, Riley W Burrator – Ryan, Esme

Other

Gymnastics Medal – Esme

Martial Arts Award – Peter Swimming Awards – Kaiyah, Theo S-G