

Headteacher update:

It feels good to have some respite from the sun today. This week, when we hit the summer solstice, we certainly felt the length of the days! In assembly today we explored the reason for the longest day; talking about the tilt of planet Earth. I also spoke to the older children at lunchtime about the origin of the word solstice....Sol meaning sun, sistere meaning 'come to a stop or stand still'. Although the summer solstice isn't necessarily linked to hot weather, it certainly contributed this week!

As we are now at this mid-point in the term, I'm pleased to say that all statutory assessments are out of the way, so we are now able to get back to focusing on teaching and learning and the array of Term 6 events. Thank you to those of you who came to support Sports Day and for helping to make it so enjoyable for the children by ensuring they had what they needed and by your gentle support on the day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Gemma Fricker

During Sports Day 2023 we saw precision and strength in the javelin throws...



Some amazing athleticism...in speed bounce and relay sprints...



Concentration and some creativity (possibly outside of the rules!) in the egg and spoon races...



Aim and calculation in the bean bag target event and all kinds of techniques used in the sack race!



Everyone had a great time and needed an ice lolly and rest to end the day.



Photos and information about what has been happening in classes, the learning plans as well as important messages from teachers are all found in the class blogs ([click below](#))



Important Messages:



School end time will change from September 2023

The school day is currently longer than the government expectations so we are bringing forward the end of our day to **3:20**. this will enable support staff some time to hand over to teachers and enables parents to pick up Infant children ahead of the Junior school end time. To support families to get children in school ready to start the day at 8:50, classroom doors will be open at 8:45 from September.

Absence requests

Parent requests for early collection on a Friday have increased this term. We recognise travel is difficult on a Friday, but cannot authorise absence in term time that falls outside of our school policy.

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Curriculum Update: PE-Sports day

Thank you to all who attended our sports afternoon on Thursday! Despite the heat, the children had a wonderful time. It was wonderful to see everyone putting all of their PE lesson practise into play, trying their very best and cheering on others! We, as a staff team, are so proud of every single child for being such great sports people and remaining positive throughout the afternoon. A big special mention to all of the children who competed for the Red Team who will now hold the winning title until next year!

Abbie Evans, PE Lead