



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates For November

Friday 7th November

Individual & Sibling Photo's PTFA School Disco

Monday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November

Y2 Countryside Skills

Thursday 13th November

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Friday 14th November

Y3 Class Assembly 2:30pm—Parents Welcome

Value Certificates

Reception

Imogen has shown the value of <u>responsibility</u> by listening beautifully and trying hard with all of her classroom work.

Year 1

Joshua for being a wonderful <u>mathematician</u> by using his tens frame accurately to answer his part, part whole questions.

Year 2

Mabel for being a wonderful <u>scientist</u> by giving a superb explanation of the key vocabulary for 'Habitats'

Year 3

Alexa for being a wonderful <u>mathematician</u> by understanding and using the written method of addition.

Year 4

Daisy D has shown the value of <u>resilience</u> when completing her 'efficient subtraction' in Maths.

Year 5

Alia for being a wonderful <u>writer</u> by working hard to include the features we have learnt in her hot task.

Year 6

Elin for being a wonderful <u>scientist</u> by making great observations about the visible light spectrum and colour refraction.

We Did It!

What a morning! On Sunday, seven brave parents and Mrs Bainbridge joined me in finally completing our sponsored skydive. Our first attempt was rained off, so this time we set off bright and early, 5:30am from Stroud in fact, to take advantage of a narrow autumnal weather window, determined to get off the ground.

After kitting up and the briefest bit of training, there was barely time to think before we were waiting to board the plane. With a maximum of six jumpers per flight, the team was split between two planes.

Once in the air, one by one, we were shuffled along the bench, strapped to our instructors, and before we knew it, we were hanging, literally, on the open edge of the open side door, 10,000ft up! The weather could not have been more perfect: bright blue skies, clear views, and just enough breeze to keep things interesting. It was so clear, in fact, that those brave enough to have their eyes open could see all the way to the Isle of Wight.

And with no time to back out, we were pushed out and free-falling before we knew it, plummeting toward the ground. What an incredible feeling, but what a relief once the parachute opened and the only thing left to negotiate was the landing, which was surprisingly gentle and we all landed without incident.

Well done to the whole team, who have been brilliant from the moment they volunteered many months ago. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and not one I'll be rushing to do again! Although I know a couple of the parents were keen to go straight back up on the next flight...

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored, encouraged, and cheered us on. We've already raised an incredible £9,000, and we're now just £1,000 short of our target!

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