

## Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

This was an unusually short half term, with only 23 school days, but what they lacked in quantity, they made up for in quality!

There was plenty of competitive sport activity. Congratulations to the three year 3/4 teams that competed in the Tennis competition – they did very well, all reaching the quarter finals; one of the teams won the competition and now will compete in the Hampshire School Games. There were two tag rugby festivals and both the year 3/4 team and the year 5/6 team took part – the senior team reached the quarter finals but narrowly lost that match; however, they did win the local league so plenty to celebrate! The KS1 football team competed in a football festival held at Brighton Hill and had a great day. A group of children from years 5 and 6 took part in Quad Kids at the Vyne School and won the Small Schools Trophy, and a team from year 5 were runners up in Sports All Stars at the Hurst, with Sophie finishing first overall and Poppy finishing second in a very competitive field. Two Junior teams also took part in a Trigolf tournament at the end of May at Sandford Springs Golf Club – results of this are not available at the time of writing!

The May Festival was held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, with Maypole and Country Dancing displays from Class 3, who had been carefully trained by Miss Biles. There was plenty of demand for burgers and hotdogs from the barbeque – this will be in action again on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 11am until 1pm for the School Summer Fayre**. Do come along to play the games and visit the stalls.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May, Class 3 was magically transformed back 150 years to become a Victorian classroom. All the children came into the school wearing the type of clothes that the pupils of our school would have been wearing when the school was founded, and Miss Biles and Mrs Rogers were the strict teachers, with Mrs Payne threatening the cane for any miscreants! As well as using chalk and blackboards instead of interactive whiteboards, the children played with toys of the period – no technology here! I am sure that the experience made the children value their 21<sup>st</sup> century education more!

During May we had two very interesting visitors in school. The first was a robot named Boris, made of junk, who we met during a school assembly to launch the HeartSmart programme. This is a framework to develop positive attitudes and to improve mental health and wellbeing in school, engaging the children with fun activities on the way. We learnt the importance of “letting the love in” and that “too much selfie isn’t healthy”!

Our second visitor arrived to launch the Key Stage 1 project of CSI (Children’s Scientific Investigation) and was a forensic scientist. As well as talking to the Infants, he ran sessions for the Junior classes as well, so that everyone found out about the use of fingerprints and DNA testing in solving crimes, and had the opportunity to piece together clues to identify the culprit of their own crime scene!

So a busy few weeks, and I haven’t even mentioned the SATs tests (enough said about those) and the auditions for the Junior production – details of this to follow next month!!!!

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