



Staverton pupils go on an adventure

The last couple of years have been a testing time for us all, and Staverton Primary is no exception. We have all seen the usual routines turned upside down and nothing, not even the school being open, can ever be taken for granted ever again.

One of the big disappointments for schools during COVID has been the lack of exciting educational experiences beyond the school gates. Teachers and staff have done everything they can to ensure that children get the best education they can, but it was inevitable with all the restrictions and limitations that trips and visits were impossible.

So it was with great excitement that Staverton took 48 year 6 pupils to *Plas Pencelli* outdoor education centre for a week of adventure. As well as the opportunity for pupils to spend the week away from Staverton in the Brecon Beacons, they also had an action-packed programme of caving, canoeing and rock climbing. For some, it was their first time away from home. For others, it was their first time participating in adventurous pursuits in the natural environment. Either way, it was an experience that none of them will ever forget. The weather was kind to us, but even the occasional shower didn't deter the mood!

The camp isn't inexpensive for parents or the school. However, its value cannot be measured in purely monetary terms. Not only is it a chance to spend extended time together as peers, it is also a great chance for the children to bond and connect on a deeper level. At Staverton, the children are split across three year 5/6 classes, so this was one of the rare occasions where the year 6 children spent the week together as one group.

One of the aims of our residential week is to stretch children out of their comfort zones. The instructors are very skilled at meeting the needs of the group, but also encouraging them to push their limits. Time and again, we saw children accomplish feats that they never would have thought possible. There were many who overcame fears of heights, cramped spaces or water, adults included!

As well as the challenging nature of an outdoor activity centre, there were also stories of extraordinary leadership, encouragement and support from peers. For those who are sometimes stifled by the nature of the indoor classroom, *Plas Pencelli* was their chance to shine.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated staff and teachers who journeyed with them. There is no additional incentive or reward for them, other than the joy and smiles on the children's faces at the end of a long week. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their commitment to the life of the school and to ensuring Staverton pupils can experience an unforgettable moment.

We all remember our school trips, visits and 'wow days'. *Plas Pencelli* was just that for year 6 and I hope that it will be one of many more memorable days in the years to come at Staverton.



Ed Powe,
Headteacher





Eco Council Sunflower Competition: Save the Bees Campaign!



Can you grow the tallest
sunflower?



A box of sunflower seeds has been sent home with every child for them to plant, nurture and watch the flowers grow!

The tallest sunflower in each year
group will win a prize!



Year 6 residential

Our amazing Year 6 students took their SATS exams earlier this month and were rewarded with an amazing trip to Wales for a full week! Take a peek below at just a few snaps showing what they got up to.



We have chicks!

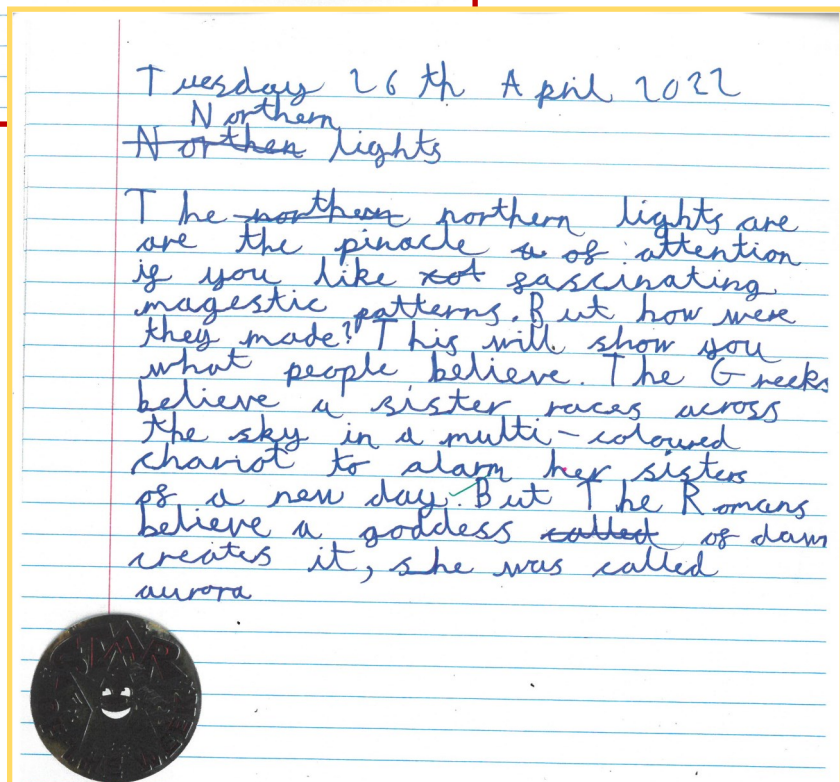
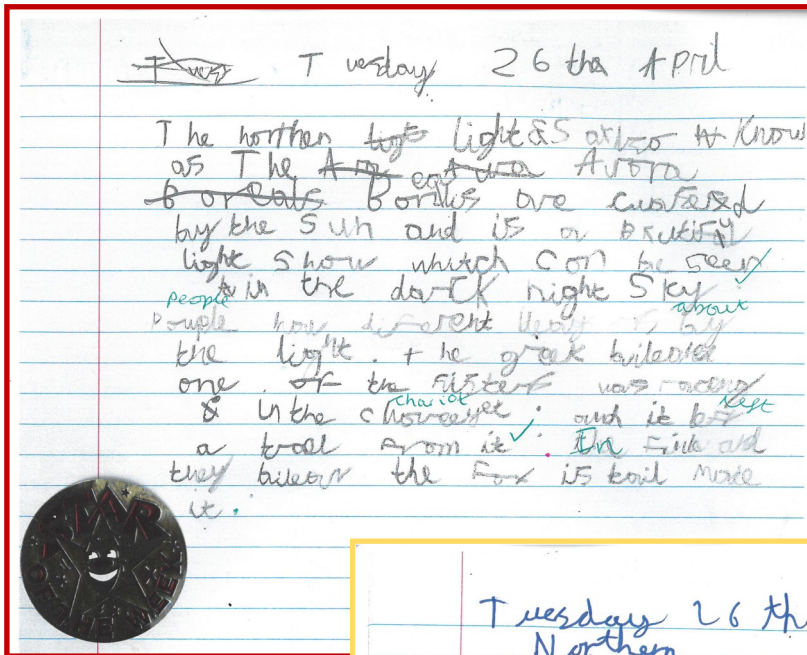
Last year in Robins class, we had a go at taking care of and hatching some duck eggs. This year, we chose to have some little chicks to nurture! Robins class monitored them each day, checking on their chart what stage they were at. The first chicks hatched on Tuesday 17th May, which made for some very excited little Robins pupils!



Student Spotlight



Heron's class have been doing some creative writing about the Northern Lights this term and produced some amazing work. Blaize and Isak particularly both wrote such fantastic pieces, that it earned them each a Star of the Week sticker from Mr Powe! Well done boys, you should be super proud of your work!



We love hearing what our students are getting up to outside of school and anything they are achieving. If they would like to be featured in the Staverton bell, please email L.adley@staverton.wilts.sch.uk



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A big Congratulations to the Glendinning children on completing another fantastic season playing for Trowbridge Rugby Club! An extra special mention to Archie who got voted as 'players player of the season' and Dulcie who got a trophy for 'most improved player of the season'. We can't wait to see what you all accomplish next year!



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Calling all gardeners!

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy gardening, who would be willing to pop in to the school grounds a couple of times a week to tend to our flowers and garden areas. It won't be anything too strenuous, just some light watering so our flowers don't get thirsty in the warmer weather and the odd bit of de-weeding!

We also have an opening available for someone to help run our gardening club on a Thursday after school.

If anyone is interested or knows someone who is, please email Jo for more details at admin@staverton.wilts.sch.uk



CHESS CLUB

We have had a pupil express interest in starting an after school Chess Club, so thought we would put out some feelers to see how many others might like to join if we started one up.

Also if we have any parents/carers/grandparents etc who might fancy helping with the running of a Chess club, please email either admin@staverton.wilts.sch.uk or L.adley@staverton.wilts.sch.uk



Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th
June

INSET days

Thursday 23rd June

Sports Day

Tuesday 28th June

Class photographs

Thursday 30th June

FS and KS1 school trip to Weymouth

Tuesday 5th July

Family Teddy Bears Picnic for FS, KS1 and new reception children

Friday 8th July

New classes and moving up morning

Friday 15th July

Reports out to parents

Friday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers service and last day of term

Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates

A moment to reflect...

