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10th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club	
11th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club	
12th	Yr 3 Explore Dome Zoom Drumming Club Drama Club	
13th	Flute Lessons	
14th	RockSteady	
17th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm GOL Football Drumming Club	
18th	Guitar Lessons 3.15pm—4.15pm STEM Club Drumming Club	
19th	Drumming Club Drama Club	
20th	Flute Lessons	
21st	RockSteady	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Cheesy Pasta & Bread Roll	(v) Quorn Sausages & Bread Roll	(v) Homemade Mediterranean Slice & Roast Potatoes	(v) Homemade Cheesy Potato Pie & French Bread	(v) Homemade Vegetable Bean Cake
Fish Fingers & Diced Potato	Sherfield Sausages & Bread Roll	Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Honey Roast Gammon & French Bread	Breaded Fish & Chips
Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Carrots	Broccoli	Peas
White Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge	Homemade Muffins	Ice Cream	Jelly	Chocolate Cake

This week at the Priory the children began work on their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) awards. This 8 week process (championed by Mrs Marzetti) will require the children to use a multitude of skills to conceptualise, discuss, plan, test and evaluate. To exemplify, Y6 had to research the history of glue and adhesives, finding out that super glue was invented by mistake and considered an inconvenience before a man of vision (Dr Coover) recognised its potential to solve a problem. The Y6 children then needed to consider their own unique applications for a new glue - the inventive children considered concepts such as glue string, a glue pad to attach and unattached items into a hand so as not to loose things and an idea that might just work one day - an edible glue that can safely remove the bacteria from teeth resulting in less cavities. This sort of creative engineering is what this STEM course is all about.

At the end of the process the children will earn their certificates and badges. If you have not already paid £3 for the STEM Crest Programme please do so via SchoolMoney.

Fundraising

The school has had several fundraising activities in recent months and below is a summary of the money raised and how the money will be utilised. A huge thank you from all the staff for being so supportive and generous - your support is greatly appreciated.

Event	Amount Raised	Money Utilised to Support
Sponsor a handprint	£404	An art instillation that Mrs Britt and our art councillors are currently working on – reflecting on our hopes for the future following COVID lockdown
Sponsored Read	£1461.50	Supporting the school’s curriculum developments
Film Club	£705	Supporting the school’s curriculum developments
Simran’s Seed Sale	£67.50	A collection organised by Simran (y2) to support the school and its environment

The Big Ask

As part of a governmental drive to understand the impact of COVID lockdown on the pupils of England, the Children’s Commissioner (Rachel de Souza) has asked all pupils in England to respond to a national survey called the Big Ask. We are currently working on this at school, but if you wanted to view the survey or know more about the process - please review the website below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Year R parents however, are encouraged to take this survey directly with their child as the questions are worded from a parents perspective.

School Photographs

This week Mr Dillow has been incredibly busy taking the school photos. The children came to school looking super smart and we hope you will like the final photograph of your child(ren). A big thank you from the school to Mr Dillow for all of his hard work and professional approach.

COVID Guidance

I thought I would provide a quick update on the current guidance for schools. Despite the slow reduction in lockdown regulations nationally, the guidance for schools remains exactly the same. The protocols we had in place when we first returned to school (following the 3rd National lockdown) are still in full effect and we still ensure our bubbles are maintained throughout the school week and that hand washing and hygiene remain as high as possible. Staff are continuing to take Lateral Flow tests twice weekly and where required we err on the side of caution if a pupil shows any of the common symptoms of COVID.

One minor change is that after half term year groups may start to organise an offsite trip if the destination can provide a clear risk assessment and the site provides clear guidance on reducing the chance of the transmission of the virus.

Currently, we await guidance on the possibility of holding social / community events (such as Sports Days and the Summer Fayre). A number of local schools have cancelled these in advance, however we will await updated guidance from the government until making a decision either way. As it stands I am working with the PTA to consider our best options for possible events and there will be further communication on this soon.



Pupil Achievements

Poppy T yr 2 had her hair cut recently and has donated 9 inches of hair to The Little Princess Trust. She's so pleased with herself.

