



The Mordiford Mail



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Comenius week

Wow! What a busy and exciting week we have had at school. On Monday we welcomed 23 teachers and 20 pupils from our partner schools across Europe (Turkey, N.Ireland, Spain, France, Germany, Poland and Sweden). This week was the culmination of a 2 year Comenius project called 'Europe Beyond the Classroom: Learning Outdoors'. The teachers stayed in the Green Dragon hotel in Hereford and the pupils were hosted by families from the school, so they really got to live the life of a Mordiford pupil.

The week was full of activities, with the visiting pupils spending time in the KS2 classes and joining in with lessons. The adults taught and observed lessons too. We started the week with a Welcome Collective worship and Tuesday was Forest School day where everyone took part in a session. They loved cooking marshmallows over the real fire and making dens and jewellery out of Elder. On Wednesday we visited Warwick Castle and saw the trebuchet being fired. At school on Thursday we held a sport's morning with everyone taking part in a range of sport's activities, including the Comenius Teachers Relay Race at the end!!

The visitors also visited the Hereford Cathedral, the Mappa Mundi exhibition, did some brass rubbing and took part in a guided walk around the city (lead by the Hereford Guild of Guides).

On Tuesday evening the PTFA organised a traditional Barn Dance with Fish and Chip supper. Even the ice cream van popped in for a visit.

Everyone at school LOVED the week and it was great to see so many pupils, from our youngest to our oldest, happily chatting to our visitors in a range of languages and also using the unspoken language of actions too.

Thank you to the host families for their hospitality and care, all Mordiford staff and children for embracing the week with such enthusiasm, the PTFA for their support and to Mrs Broadbridge for coordinating, not just this week but the whole project.

Look on the Global page of our website to see more fantastic pictures from the week.



Our Value of the month is Equality



Equality is the soul of liberty; there is, in fact, no liberty without it.

-Frances Wright

Road Safety

Mordiford villagers, the school, Parish and Local councillors are working together to try and improve the safety of the roads through our village. In the first week of June locals will be campaigning and displaying posters to appeal to motorists who use the roads. Over half-term can you design a road safety poster that we can display on our school railings during the week. If you make your poster A4 size and hand it in to the office it can be laminated before we display it outside.



Have a wonderful half-term.

Best wishes,

Miss Finney and all the staff at
Mordiford CE Primary School.



Weekly reminders/messages

- Choir will be starting again as of the first week back after half term. Thank you.
- The term dates for 2015/16 are now published on the school website. Please make a note in your diaries.
- Fownhope Brownie Pack are looking for enthusiastic new leaders. If you are interested and would like more information please see Mrs East in Lugg Class or Joy from Dragons.
- Please ensure that you order your child's school lunches on time, we are having far too many late orders which is putting unnecessary strain on Fownhope kitchens.
- Entries to the Family Values Equality logo can still be entered, so get busy over half-term, remember their will be a prize for the winning logo.

Competition

Our chickens are nearly hatched!

We are holding a competition to give you the chance to name the school chickens after your favourite book characters! For some fun please use your imagination and draw your character as a chicken. There will be two winners from each key stage. Remember to return it to Henry, Harry, Archie or Will in Year Six in the first week back after half term. Good Luck!



Dates for your diary...

Summer Term 2015

Please note new dates in bold

- May 25th– 29th—Half Term
- 5th June—PTFA Dress Down Day
- 9th June—Sports Day AM (reserve date 16th)
- 11th June—RE Day Year 4/5 trip to Birmingham
- 12th June- Lugg Class visit to Thinktank Birmingham
- 18th June- Y6 Leavers Day Hereford Cathedral
- 24th June—Monnow Class Farm to Fork at Tesco
- 30th June Wye class trip to Acton Scott Historical working farm
- 6th July—Rags to Riches
- 7th July—Monnow visit to Pizza Express
- 7th July Summer Play: evening
- 8th July Summer Play: matinee
- 9th July summer Play: evening
- 13th July Y6 School leavers treat: 3pm school
- 16th July Y6 leavers service 9.00- 10.00 am Holyrood Church, followed at 10.00- 11.00 am by refreshments and performance by Y6 in school
- 17th July—Last day of Summer Term
- 7th September—First day of Autumn Term

Head Lice

Please can all families undertake regular weekly and where appropriate daily checks to ensure that their child/family is not affected by head lice. If any Head lice are found please treat and remove them straight away. For information and advice on Head lice please visit the NHS Head lice page. It is not fair to families who do follow these simple routines, for others to ignore the issue. If the lice are not treated they quickly spread. We have had some children having lice several times recently because it appears that other parents have neglected to treat their child.
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Happy birthday this week and over half term to



**Jasmine Jenkins, Florence Watson, Erin Watkins,
Lucy Ince, Rob Hyde, & Sophie Gwynne.**