

Milborne Message 13/09/19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

School was transformed today with **Raccoons** dressed as lots of characters from **Roald Dahl** books. They looked great and had a fantastic day.

GTAT leaders have been working together to look at literacy and spelling across all the schools and there is a recurring theme around boys' spelling, writing and engagement to write. You will see below that Gary Wilson, an expert in this area will be leading staff across the schools to find out more and you are invited to what promises to be a very informative workshop. If you have boys -don't miss it, Even if you don't have boys this will be interesting as the strategies still apply to girls.

This is the first of hopefully many more high quality speakers like this, but without your support we won't be able to justify doing it again. Please do try to come along. It promises to be a very informative session and will mirror what we are working on in school.

Gary Wilson speaker 24th September 6-7pm at St Marys Puddletown for Parents - Engaging boys.

GARY WILSON

Gary Wilson is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He is a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of twenty-seven years. Gary has advised and delivered training in over a thousand schools and over thirty LAs across the UK.

You can contact Gary about his services, read testimonials about his work and find links to resources for sale via this website.



**"An inspiration!
Gary Wilson's
energy and skill
was the
highlight of my
day."**

*- Delegates at 'Breaking
the Cycle' Conference,
Birmingham*

Aldi (Stores in Poole, Bournemouth, Boscombe, Christchurch and Weymouth) are doing a promotion for sports equipment in schools **Aldi's Kit for Schools**. We have agreed to do this as GTAT to combine our chances and share out any equipment through Mr Dailey as he moves around schools. There is also a chance to win £20,000 (this would also be shared if won) Please send any stickers into school (you get a sticker with every £30 spent)

We have appointed our new **School Council** for this year. It is made up of Lucas, Edana, Phoenix, Ethan, Kit, Evie, Krystian and Kacey S. I look forward to working them all to make improvements to our school and our world.

The new **School Diaries** have arrived. I hope you like the new look. These are a really valuable resource for your child. Please spend some time sharing them together and signing where needed (pgs 6,11,148) We will be working on diary skills in school, using them both as a resource, an organisational tool, and also recording books read and key events.

We are almost ready to launch our Milborne **Facebook and Instagram** pages so watch this space.

In July I wrote about being a **nut free school** in September and I would like to give you more information on this. This is for medical reasons, and could have a serious impact, potentially life threatening. Please ask your child to wash his/her hands after breakfast to remove any nut traces, and parents to please check packaging of lunchbox items and to be mindful of items that may contain nuts.

It was great to hear how the children had been filling each others buckets since our assembly. I especially liked Rhia and Josh B's example. If you haven't read 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud, here is a quick summary. Each of us has an invisible bucket. Its purpose is to hold good thoughts and good feelings about yourself. You feel happy and good when your bucket is full. Other people can fill your bucket and you can fill theirs. You fill a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or when you smile at someone.

Happy bucket filling!

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **Year 3 & Year 4 parents** - next week is our visit from the Dorset Inflatable Museum. If you have not already handed in your consent form with donation towards the visit. Please do so by the end of the school day on Monday. Thank you.
- **Data Collection sheets** - These are being sent home today. Please double check we have the correct information, especially telephone numbers and 'Authorised Pick-up' information. Please amend or add any information as required and return them to the office by 20th September. Thank you.
- **DoodleMATHS:-** Please encourage your child to complete one or more activities and collect their stars in DoodleMaths for 14 consecutive days from **Monday 23rd September to Sunday 6th October**. The school have signed up to their 14 day challenge to promote healthy learning habits in class by taking part in the 14 Day Challenge, where we encourage daily Doodling and **win a bundle of goodies worth £50!***

EXTERNAL Information:-

- Hungry Little Minds - This new campaign supports the school, by giving some great ideas for home learning and on improving home learning environments. Check it out at www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk
- Family Information Service - please see the link to their latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/septemberfisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>

- Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre - new Climbing club - see flyer.

Key Dates:-

SEE the list sent last week of Diary Dates for upcoming items for your diaries.