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COMMUNITY NEWS



" There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love. "

Bryant H. McGill

**Help Ross-on-Wye become a plastic free town**

by Ross Gazette reporter - Reporter

Since the airing of Blue Planet II on BBC1 at the end of last year, single-use plastics and the devastating effect they have on our oceans is now on almost everyone's radar.

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS), based at Ross Park on the A40, has been instrumental at a national level at starting to stem the plastic tide.

Now MCS wants to address the issue of single use plastics right on its doorstep. The charity has joined forces with local councillor, Mrs Caroline Utting, and will be holding an inaugural meeting of 'Plastic Free Ross' on Thursday, March 29th at 7pm at The Corn Exchange. The entrance is to the right of Rossiter Books in High Street.

Caroline said: "I was recently approached by several Ross residents and asked to help set-up a group here to tackle the problem of single use plastics.

"From one social media post I have had a lot of interest, which is really encouraging, and a meeting seemed the logical next step. I'm so pleased the Marine Conservation Society is on board with this in its home town. I'm sure we can make a real impact on this issue.

Emma Cunningham, Senior Pollution Campaigns Officer at MCS told the Ross Gazette: "There are so many things we can do as individual consumers and businesses.

"We're all used to taking our own bags to the shops now, but we can refuse straws, only buy loose fruit and veg, not ones wrapped in plastic, and take re-usable water bottles when we are out and about. Businesses can carry out a simple waste audit to find out how much waste they are producing, look at some easy win solutions to start with and ensure employees understand the importance of the waste hierarchy of refuse/reduce/reuse/recycle."

If you'd like to be in at the start of making Ross a plastic free town and join the first ever meeting on the journey then please email Emma Cunningham at MCS: [emma.cunningham@mcsuk.org](mailto:emma.cunningham@mcsuk.org) See the full story in this week's edition of the Ross Gazette, or subscribe to our online edition [here](#).

Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		12 <sup>th</sup> Edition 2017-18	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Termly House-points
Reception	93.8%	<p><b>School Prayer</b> </p> <p>Dear God, Bless our school. Bless our teachers. Bless our pupils. Bless our families.</p> <p>Please help us to be kind and help us to always try our best. Let us remember, as many hands make a house, So many hearts make a school. Amen</p>	<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School</p> <p><b>Collective Worship</b></p> <p>At this time of year we think about <b>Lent &amp; Easter</b></p> <p>We are thoughtful. We show compassion and forgiveness.</p> <p>'Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)</p>	
Year 1	93.1%			
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.3%</b>			
Year 3	92.3%			
Year 4	92.7%			
Year 5	93.6%			
Year 6	89.6%			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92.7%</b>			

Primary School Newsletter

Notices

- The house point winners for this term are **BLUE HOUSE**. Congratulations. They can come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- Congratulations to all the children who took part in **Battle of the Bands** this year and particularly to our winners - **The Powerful Pandas**.
- **Thank you** to Tanya, Jackie & Amanda for their much appreciated help with **Forest School** survival skills. Also, thanks to who provided the fish that the children prepared and cooked.
- **Please remember there will be no clubs in the first week back other than Breakfast club, Circuits & Smiles.**

- Well done to Miss Williams and the School Council, such a wonderful **Sports Relief** Effort. In the morning they did physical activity taught using Maths and English skills. They ate healthy snacks and in the afternoon they attempted to complete their mile in a timed session. Our School Council devised some special challenges to keep them entertained too. The children completed 76 miles in total which is approximately 220,020 steps! They also decided not to sell official Sports Relief plastic wristbands due to the environmental impact and instead set about making friendship bands (with the help of Lynn and her daughter) which they sold raising over £40. A great effort!

A total amount raised will be announced after the Easter break. **Please bring in any sponsorship money by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

- **Hazelhurst Care Home** would love more volunteers, particularly befrienders and mums with babies. If anyone is interested could they contact Nikki at the home on 01600 890600, who will be happy to discuss your involvement, meet with you and match you with residents with shared interests.
- On April 21st Hazelhurst Care Home are taking part in the national care homes open day and this year it's about the commonwealth and the queen's birthday. Families are welcome to come visit. This is a national event about linking communities and supporting our older people.
- Anyone interested in their children learning the **guitar** can be given further information and be put in touch with Mr Cave, by Mrs Blake.
- **Have a wonderful Easter holiday.**



## What's Going On? (Please see [ourschoolsapp.com](http://ourschoolsapp.com) for further information)

Forest School		Celebration Worship		Other dates	
25/04/18	Robins			29/03/18	End of Spring Term
26/04/18	Woodpeckers	27/04/18	Owls	16/04/18	Summer Term Begins
2/05/18	Wrens			20/04/18	Winning House Non Uniform Day
3/05/18	Woodpeckers			25/04/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
9/05/18	Robins			2/05/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
10/05/18	Peregrines			3/05/18	Year 6 & Class Photos
16/05/18	Wrens	11/05/18	Woodpeckers	9/05/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
17/05/18	Peregrines			16/05/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
23/05/18	Robins			23/05/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
6/06/18	Wrens	8/06/18	St Giles	24/05/18	Sports Day
7/06/18	Peregrines			28/05/18	Half Term Week
13/06/18	Robins			13/06/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
14/06/18	Owls			15/06/18	Winning House Non Uniform Day
20/06/18	Wrens			20/06/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
21/06/18	Owls	22/06/18	Robins	21/06/18	Transition Day
27/06/18	Robins			21/06/18	Meeting for New Reception Parents
28/06/18	Owls			27/06/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
4/07/18	Wrens			27/06/18	Year 6 Leaver's Service
5/07/18	Woodpeckers			28/06/18	Transition Day
11/07/18	Robins	6/7/18	Wrens	3/07/18	Reports to go home
12/07/18	Woodpeckers			4/07/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
				10/07/18	Parent meetings to discuss reports
				11/07/18	Swimming Year 2 & 4
				18/07/18	Concert Performances
		19/07/18	Year 2 Graduation Service	19/07/18	Concert Performance
		20/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Service	23/07/18	Last Day of Term

## Class News

## Superstars

<b>Wrens</b>	<p>This week, Wrens have been learning all about Easter. We went on a scavenger hunt to find pictures to help order and re-tell the Easter story. We also learned all about how we celebrate Easter in the United Kingdom and have been busy making our Easter cards.</p> <p>For Sports Relief Day, we did lots of different physical activities with a link to Maths and English including; aiming and addition where we had to add our totals up, telling a story through dance, a treasure hunt and an obstacle course where we used stop watches to time each other. In topic, we have been learning about things that keep us healthy and made our own meals to share with our friends and families.</p>	<p>Maddisynne, Alfie &amp; Kaiden</p>
<b>Robins</b>	<p>The Robins have been making Easter cards this week. We used out weaving skills and our collage skills. In English, Year 2 have been learning about possessive apostrophes and Year 1 have been learning about adding -ed for words that are in the past tense. In Maths, we have started to divide and share objects. Last week, Year 2 were very lucky and had an afternoon out at John Kyrle School where they were taught multi skills by the children there.</p>	<p>Monty, Harry, Bluebell, Chloe</p>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<p>This week Woodpeckers have been busy learning about how Easter is celebrated in Poland. In English, we have been writing our own versions of the Easter Story. In Maths, we have been measuring and comparing weights and fractions. We have enjoyed making decorative palms, creating patterned eggs and baking and eating Polish Babka. We also enjoyed all the Sports Relief activities to keep us fit and healthy and our final Samba lesson of the term.</p>	<p>Felix &amp; Dottie</p>
<b>Owls</b>	<p>In Owls, we have been learning about how Easter is celebrated in France and connecting how the traditions are symbolic to Christians. During our Sports Relief day we completed lots of physical activities with Maths and English links and had lots of fun. In Maths we have been converting between mixed number and improper fractions and using these skills to multiply fractions and simplify them.</p>	<p>Seren, Hannah, Gracie, Chloe, Finn, Pippa</p>
<b>Peregrines</b>	<p>In Science we have been investigating weights on a bridge made of newspaper. We have been identifying strong and weak points and making changes in order to improve the amount of weight they will hold. In English we have been focusing on reading comprehension and in maths we have been solving problems involving percentages. In P.E. we used iPads to record our gymnastic routines and then played them back to see how our performances could be improved further. During our R.E. Day we looked at how Spain celebrates Easter and we decorated branches for our church service and some of these were blessed in the church. This is something that happens in Spain during Easter.</p>	<p>Sam S, Jack, James, Cameron, Maisy</p>