



Well done everyone! What a super final half-term of the school year so far!

We finally managed to finish all of our sports days last week - it's lovely to see so many families supporting these events – Thank you. It was lovely to see our school values in action with great **team-work** and **collaboration** for every team and **respect** for other competitors. So many children showed great **perseverance** completing their races, thanks also to all of the staff and Year 6 children preparing for these events.

We welcomed new Nursery parents and Reception parents to our Induction evening, with a record number of parents choosing Gig Mill as their first choice, which is great news!

As part of **global links** and our ongoing support for the Classrooms in the Clouds charity, we also hosted a visit from Dawa Sherpa from Nepal, who was sharing with Year 3 and Year 5 pupils how the funds we have raised have had an impact in Nepal, contributing towards new Early Years classrooms. Children and staff had the opportunity to ask questions about life in Nepal.

As we start the last few weeks of term we look forward to the more opportunities for children and events to complete our school year.

Mrs Hannaway.

On Thursday 20th June some Year 2 and Year 3 children went to Oldswinford Hospital School (OSH) where they completed a drumming workshop led by 'Drum Love'. The children thoroughly enjoyed using different types of drums to create a variety of Punjabi-inspired rhythms, led by the drumming teacher.

On Friday 21st June the children were involved in a performance at OSH where they performed a Punjabi piece of music and listened to other schools perform pieces of music, inspired by different cultures from around the world. The children loved taking part in both the workshop and the performance and they were a real credit to the school. Well done for your exceptional behaviour! – **Mrs Dunn**



Sports Days results

KS1 – 1st **Oak**

2nd Cedar 3rd Beech 4th Maple

Lower KS2 1st **Oak**

2nd Cedar 3rd Beech 4th Maple

Upper KS2 1st **Cedar**

2nd Oak 3rd Maple 4th Beech

Well done to some of our Year 5 girls who organised a craft fair in aid of the RSPCA – they raised a brilliant £23.53.

Well done to all of our musicians !

Congratulations to all of our musicians who have played their instruments in singing assembly this year, performing for the rest of school and celebrating their talents.

Miss Kamudu's Nepal Adventure

Luckily, this Easter, I had the most wonderful opportunity to have an adventure in Nepal to continue the support Gig Mill provide to Classrooms in the Clouds (CITC). Dawa Geljen Sherpa, the Founder of CITC, is one of the most inspiring people I have ever met. His vision to provide opportunities for Nepalese children to receive an education, particularly in the most remote villages, has motivated many people to support his charity and join him to achieve this dream. Our group of local teachers and school governors were on a journey to see the amazing work of the charity, first-hand.

My trip involved 6 planes, 2 helicopter rides, an extremely bumpy journey in a jeep and three days of trekking and scaling the beautiful landscapes of Nepal. Our trek included: a long, steady walk along a bridge crossing a river, sourced by Mount Everest, camping in tents, in gardens and rice fields, as well as eating the most delicious Nepalese cuisines, cooked by our own special team of Sherpas. During my assembly, the children were very excited and interested to hear about and see all the photos from Nepal. It was wonderful to see their reactions to the way of life in Nepal and left assembly feeling grateful for the opportunities they have.

On this trip, I was particularly humbled to see the impact of this charity's work for so many children in Nepal and to witness the brand-new classrooms, which so many children in our school have contributed to, due to the sales they have undertaken. On behalf of the charity and the children in Nepal, thank you Gig Mill for your outstanding contribution.



Change to Menu – Friday 19th July – Pirate Box Meal
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Jacket Potatoes with Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans
Chips Salad
Cake

and a gold chocolate coin with every meal

(PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM SEPTEMBER 2019, SCHOOL MEALS WILL BE INCREASING TO £2.40 PER DAY)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd July – KS2 Choir singing in the Music Festival at Oldswinford Hospital

Tuesday 9th July – Summer Show Performance 'The Keymaster' 7.00pm

Wednesday 10th July – Summer Show Performance 'The Keymaster' 7.00pm

Monday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Evening – 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer

Monday 2nd September – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September – Children back at school

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<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>