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## Special Awards

### Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Clara S
Willow 2	Harley J
Yew 1	Finley S
Yew 2	Holly W
Oak 1	Freddie L-M & Emma R
Oak 2	Evelyn B & Darcie C
Cherry 1	Evelyn T
Cherry 2	Joseph O'N
Beech 1	Gia MM
Beech 2	Layla S
Maple 1	Tiber V
Maple 2	Kate H
Red 1	William L & Bella B
Red 2	George D & Alice E

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Well Done!

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FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

Term 5 Issue 5 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, may I thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. We really appreciate your compassion and understanding. As I shared with you last week, there have been many wonderful learning experiences for our children this term. We know that these will form part of their lasting memories of school.

*"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin*

Following our recent interviews and staff changes, we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed three new members of staff to our team. We are excited about all the skills that they will bring to the team and look forward to welcoming them. Miss Ferreira, Miss Graham and Miss Froud are delighted to be working in Combe Down.

Please see the table on the following page explaining where this year's classes will move to, and associated teachers and teaching assistants. As Combe Down has a highly skilled and professional team, it is important that these skills are distributed throughout the school. Being a flexible and dedicated team, we are able to challenge ourselves and strengthen the school even further. I am grateful to the whole team for their support and commitment to learning for the children of Combe Down.

I hope you have a lovely holiday and that the weather remains warm and dry. It will be a real treat for us all after the weather of May! We look forward to welcoming you all back for the final term of the year, on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.



**Need more school uniform?**

We have a selection of good quality second hand jumpers and cardigans (£3 each), trousers, shirts, winter dresses (£2 each), white polo shirts (£1 each), and various PE kit items (£1 each).

Email us with your requirements at [office@combedown.com](mailto:office@combedown.com)

If you have any good condition second hand uniform to donate, please send it in with your child in a carrier bag.

All proceeds go to the Combe Down Primary School PTA

## "Golden Book"

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Golden Token this week: **Reuben F-S (C1)**

Contact the Governors via [feedback@combedown.com](mailto:feedback@combedown.com)

Contact the PTA via [combedownpta@gmail.com](mailto:combedownpta@gmail.com)

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Class Allocation 2021-22

Present class	September class	Teacher in September 2021	Teaching Assistant
	Willow 1	Mr Harris	Mrs Fews - mornings TA for afternoons TBC
	Willow 2	Mr O'Neill	Mrs Fitzsimons - all day
Willow 1	Yew 1	Miss Coles (M/T) Mrs Paterson (W-F)	Mrs Slator - all day
Willow 2	Yew 2	Mr Wainer (M-Th) Miss Coles (F)	Mrs Imrie - mornings Mrs Lee - afternoons
Yew 1	Oak 1	Miss Jones	Mrs Cochrane -mornings
Yew 2	Oak 2	Miss Gander	Mrs Lee - mornings
Oak 1	Cherry 1	Miss Graham	Mrs Scully - mornings
Oak 2	Cherry 2	Mrs King (M-W) Miss Bush(W-F)	
Cherry 1	Beech 1/2	Miss Ferreira	Mrs Hockley - mornings
Cherry 2		Mrs Plummer (M-Th) Mrs Speller (F)	
Beech 1	Maple 1	Mrs Thompson (M-W) Mrs Biffen (Th/F)	Mrs Parkyn
Beech 2	Maple 2	Miss Lowe	
Maple 1	Redwood 2	Mr Bibby	Mrs Hawkins
Maple 2	Redwood 1	Miss Froud	
Redwood 1	Secondary school		
Redwood 2			

Forest School sessions this term

This term in forest school we have tried to embrace the continuing rather wet, windy and cold weather! Reception created rain paintings and went on a puddle hunt. Other year groups kept warm by developing their tool use - sawing and using palm drills to make wooden discs and minibeast habitats. We also found and identified young tree saplings which we "rescued" and added to our tree micro-nursery. We went on mini-beast hunts and enjoyed some (very) muddy play. Y6 deserve a well done for nurturing the magnificent willow structure that appears to be thriving, after all of the rain this May (the wettest and coldest in 25 years!). All the children (and staff) have participated with great cheer and curiosity and developed many of their key learning skills. Here's to a warm and sunny half term and a bright end to this academic year.



With very best wishes, Mr P( arsonage)



### Internet Safety

On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, all the schools in the Palladian Academy Trust will be having an Internet Safety Day. Each class will have a talk and some activities to help them to become more internet aware, in an age appropriate way. The sessions will be run by Carl Hopwood who is an internet safety specialist. As part of this, we are able to offer a **live webinar to parents** which will be held on the **evening of 14<sup>th</sup> June (6:30pm-7:30pm)**. Further details and a link will be sent nearer the time. We do believe this to be a very important issue and we encourage you all to attend if possible. I have no doubt you will find it informative, helpful and eye opening.

### Combe Down Legacy Playground Project



Fund raising totals - we have reached almost £11,000. Thank you for the continued generosity. We hope to be able to share the initial plans with you shortly.

After half term we will be launching our Summer Raffle - we have some incredible prizes up for grabs thanks to the support of many local businesses. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Legacy Project total.

### Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Clothing Collection - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards our current fundraising project for the outside areas, and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home.

**We have a collection booked on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021** so please keep hold of any unwanted, good clothing to donate to us.

Please bring your donations in any bin liner, to the top or bottom gate at pick up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> or drop off on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

#### Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

#### They cannot reuse the following items:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit

#### If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then

#### **STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?**

If it isn't something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Any help with this will be much appreciated, even if it's only a couple of items - it all adds up!

### Future Bright

Future Bright offers **FREE** careers coaching, training and support to help residents move forwards with their careers and increase their pay. You can access the service if:

-You're aged 18 and over

-You're in paid work (this includes zero hours contracts and self-employment) and claim a benefit/ tax credit

-Or you're earning less than £9.50 an hour

-You live in Bath & North East Somerset, South Glos or Bristol

Go to [www.futurebright.org.uk](http://www.futurebright.org.uk) to find out more and get in touch.

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**Herschel Museum of Astronomy is NOW OPEN!**

The Herschel Museum is a great to visit during the school holidays for all the family. It was from this house in Bath, using a telescope of his own design that William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus. Educational and fun! #backtomuseums #charity



**HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY**

Walk through the home of William and Caroline Herschel, two world famous astronomers and talented musicians from the Georgian era, with the new audio visual self-led tour.

So much to see and learn for all the family.

**Opening 19 May**

Pre book your visit now at [www.herschelmuseum.org.uk](http://www.herschelmuseum.org.uk)

**BATH PRESERVATION TRUST**

**Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):**

April 2021

**01 APR** End of Term 4, 3.15pm  
⌚ 15:15 | 📅 Term Dates

**19 APR** Term 5 Starts, 8.45/8.50am  
📅 Term Dates

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May 2021

**28 MAY** End of Term 5, 3.15pm  
⌚ 15:15 | 📅 Term Dates

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June 2021

**07 JUN** Term 6 Starts, 8.45/8.50am  
📅 Term Dates

**18 JUN** Inset Day - school closed to pupils  
⌚ 08:45 - 15:15 | 📅 Staff Training Day

**Forest School Dates – Term 5**

	Year Group
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2

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**Letters home this week:**

*No letters home this week*

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