



Famous scientist competition

We were all super-impressed with the entries for our extra-curricular arts activity to represent a scientist. Parents and carers were able to share in their thoughts throughout Wednesday evening and today we celebrated everyone's success. There will be a scientific prize for all participants with an extra congratulations to the following:

Best original idea: Jayden

Best independent work: Nell

Best information: Andrew

All entries were fantastic and everyone who entered will receive a prize from the Ogden Trust.



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Wellbeing Action Group

Thank you so much for those of you who attended our Wellbeing Action Group meeting this week. It was a really positive meeting and we shared lots of thoughts and ideas. We will update you on our plans shortly.

Parking outside of school

Please can I remind all families that the space on the far side of the road, opposite the office is a 'no parking' zone. There is no path directly outside of school along this section of the road. To keep all vehicles in the correct lane, we need cars to be able to move freely up and down the road.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to look through their children's work and meet with their child's teacher. There is one more session on Monday for year 4 parents, but we thoroughly enjoyed having the time to chat to you. Thank you also, for feeding back your thoughts about our new routine of having the meetings in the hall. The overall comments were very positive and we all mainly kept to time, which was a bonus! Thank you.

Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety**: What parents and carers need to know about Microtransactions.

100% attendance monthly award

In October, 136 children attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



Reception class are the attendance winners this week with 98.50%.

Our whole school percentage this week is 96.87 % (expected 96% target).

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	17062	96.98
Authorised Absences	405	
Unauthorised Absences	126	
Possible attendance	17593	
Lates	119	

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival. Thank you.



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Yew Class: Erin, Ruby B, Maisy So. Harrison, for their remembrance writing and Alana, Edward & Amelia for their poetry and artwork.

Tuesday 10th October 2023 10:10-25


The Blitz!



During this report you will find out how you were in World War Two - The Blitz.


What was the Blitz?

The Blitz was 54 consecutive nights of continuous bombing. The German used their Agona called the Luftwaffe. The Blitz started on the 7th September 1940 with the first bombs being dropped on London. The word Blitz comes from Blitzkrieg which translates to 'lightning war'. The Blitz ended on the 10th May 1941, so the Germans could prepare to invade Russia.



How did Britons protect itself?

During the Blitz there were many ways in which civilians could stay as safe as possible. Britons began to take responsibility of the work services and volunteer organisations. People would have air raid shelters in their back gardens. Despite this people did not have a good luck to go to an underground train station to be safe.




LOOK OUT IN THE BLACK-OUT!

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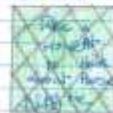
Which key areas were targeted?

Between September 1940 and May 1941 when the bombing was heaviest, manufacturing towns and ports were the main targets. Because major rail lines in Birmingham, Bristol suffered major rail six times, and Manchester and Sheffield twice each.



The Blackout

The Blackout is one of the first steps taken to protect Britons from air raids. They used blackout curtains to block out any light from their houses or they moved gaslights. The Luftwaffe looked for the smallest point of light. To people did not follow the law they would get in trouble because of how much light that's getting out.



Please do not think of saving or a part!

Ruby B




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Sunday 10th October



The

BLACKOUT

Find out about what life was like during the Blitz, read on and hopefully you understand how tough it was!

What was the Blitz?

Germany conducted an air raid every night on British towns and cities. The reason for these attacks was to destroy Britain's infrastructure, lower people's morale and cause a lot of destruction and devastation.

When was the Blitz?

The word Blitz covers your Blitzing with enemies in Lightning war. It was a period of 8 months during World War Two when Britain was repeatedly bombed on most nights by the German aircraft started on 7th September 1940 and ended on 10th May 1941. It included



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Blitz

57 consecutive days of bombing British cities and towns. It was estimated that 10,000 people were injured as a result of the Blitz.

What was the Blitz like?

The Blitz was one of the toughest steps taken to protect Britain from the Nazis. No-one was allowed to show any light, passing gas lamps were extinguished, you would be fined by the police if you had a light on. They hoped that by bombing our towns and cities at night they would make it harder for enemy bombers to find targets such as shipping and rail ways, factories and houses.

Erin

The Blitz

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What was the Blitz?

The Blitz was a period of time during the world war two when the German Air force (Luftwaffe) decided to turn their fire power on towns and cities across Britain. It started on 7th September 1940 with the first powered bombs being dropped on London. German dropped continuously in Britain almost every night for 8 months. For 57 consecutive nights London was target. ^{As a result of} Blitz means comes from Blitzkrieg which translates to lightning war. The Blitz ending in 11th of May 1941.

What was the Bomb Shelter used for?

During the Blitz, people protected themselves in many ways. When the Air raid Sirens went off everybody had to quickly get to their closest shelter. Most people shelters were either underground or built into the ground to protect the people. There was one called the Anderson Shelter which was constructed from corrugated metal and had to be dug 1.2 meters into the ground. An alternative was the Morrison's indoor shelter. This was a large metal frame about 2 meters long and 1.2 meters wide, with wire walls.

The Targeted cities:





Between September 1940 and May 1941 when the bombing was at its height, manufacturing towns and ports were the main target. The cities target were London, Coventry, Manchester, Liverpool, Exeter and over 100 more!

Did you know that Buckingham Palace in London was bombed during the Blitz? "I was glad we've been bombed now we can look the East end in the face," said Queen Elizabeth ^{at the} ^{ceremonial} ^{opening} of the ^{new} ^{palace}.

What was the "Black out"?

From September 1st 1939 to September 11th 1941 no-one was allowed to show any light after sunset. The Blackout was to ensure that enemy bombers found it really hard to spot their target towns and cities. During the "Blackout" there were no street lights and, to begin with, no traffic lights or car headlights.

"blackout" curtains

Maisy So.



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Tuesday 10th October 2023

The Blitz

What was the Blitz? The Blitz was a time

Take a moment to think of those who were killed as you read this report.

What was the Blitz? The Blitz was a time

The Blitz was a time when there was 6 months of war and there were 57 days of consecutive bombing all over the British cities and towns. The Government decided to turn their attack on Britain and they started the Blitz in on the 7th of September 1940.

How did Britain protect itself?

The whole Britain were given gas masks in boxes and every one thought it was a gift or something else. Some children thought they were going on a school trip but when they ended up in a school they were given gas masks and they were taken to air raid shelters one by one.

What were the biggest cities?

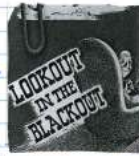
In 1940 and May 1941, when the bombing was heaviest. Do you know the biggest cities? They were London, Liverpool, Exeter, Bristol and Plymouth.

What was the Blackout?

The Blackout was at a time when your curtains needed to be shut your windows when it was dark go at 7:00 o'clock or 8:00 o'clock and you needed a special book that was black and you put it on your window so as a result no light can get out. If there were any light coming out or if it was a candle or a lamp would come and break on your door if any light was seen out.

Shelters

There were two types of shelters on Anderson shelters and the Morrison shelter. They were underground and if you had a garden you would be given one but if you didn't have a garden you would go to a public one.



Harrison

Behaviour for Learning Certificates

Acorn Class: Luna for being a confident communicator – she always talks politely to her friends when discussing their learning. Jake for being a confident communicator – he can clearly explain his ideas to the class.

Oak Class: Rosie for taking risks and coming into school with a positive learning attitude. Rex for aiming high with his phonics.

Beech Class: Theo for completing his phonic writing to a very high standard – including writing in full sentences! Samuel for fantastic presentation in every subject (very rightly) takes great pride in his work.

Willow Class: Thea for use of similes and adjectives in her English writing. Victor for great use of adjectives in his English writing

Hawthorn Class: Orla for always aiming high in her work – taking on new challenges and extending her learning. What a superstar! Ava for keeping going even when she's finding a task a bit tricky, she perseveres to produce great pieces of work. Well done!

Hazel Class: Alfie for taking responsibility with reading and setting personal targets. Noah for consistently working hard in every subject and always aiming high!

Yew Class: Billy for always being ready to share his thoughts and ideas. Ruby B for taking responsibility for her learning at home and at school.



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Sporting Spirits

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around. Every two weeks, the PE department will award children that have shown these sporting spirits in PE during the week.

					
Aubree Y6	Marley Y4	Effie Y5	Dottie Y3	Alana Y5	Ezra Y4

Vacancies:

Teaching Assistant, preferably level 2 or 3 NVQ or working towards level 3 NVQ

Salary Grade: 1 full time position or 2 x part time positions

30 hours, permanent position

Grade 15 (Term time only), commencing: As soon as possible

We are looking for an enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to contribute to raising standards of pupils' achievement; to join our hard-working, dedicated team and to have an interest or experience in Early Years, or intervention.

Lunch time supervisor position

6.25 hrs per week (1.25 hrs per day 12:45-14:00, Monday to Friday). Term time only (38 weeks per year). We are looking for a reliable, conscientious person, able to be flexible and work as part of a team to assist with the supervision of students during the daily lunch break.

TA/Lunch Supervisor 1: 1 Vacancy

At Tatworth, we are also looking to appoint a teaching assistant or lunch supervisor for three lunch breaks a week. These are presently set days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be from 12.45pm to 1.45pm. This position is a specific position designed to allow access to lunch times at school. If you are interested, please contact me directly at tracey.hart@tatworthschool.co.uk for further information.

All vacancy details are on our website <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Next Friday, School Council has asked us to come dressed in red, yellow, blue clothes or any clothes of our own choice - which can be our school uniform - in aid of Children in Need. There is also a further competition to design a t-sheet for Pudsey Bear. Donations for this are on parentpay. Thank you.

Kind regards, Tracey Hart, Headteacher



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Attachments:

NOS: What parents and carers need to know about Microtransactions.

Children in Need Design a Pudsey Tee shirt

Christmas present appeal 2023

Fungi Foray at Chard Reservoir

Holyrood Craft fair and Christmas bingo flyers

Reminders:

Children in Need

School Council has asked that we dress in yellow, red, blue, or spotty clothes (or any own clothes) on Friday 17th November for a family donation of £1. There will also be a competition to design a t-shirt for Pudsey Bear. Prizes will be awarded! This competition costs an extra 50p per entry. Both donations can be made via parentpay. The colouring sheet is attached to the newsletter. Of course, it is also fine to come to school on this day in normal school uniform. Thank you.

"PAFOTS need your help!

Do you have experience in local level fundraising? Perhaps you have good contacts with local businesses? We are currently in need of a Secretary for PAFOTS, the role is primarily support on planning and helping with events with very little admin. and commitment actually required! If you think you can help us please speak to the school office or email us at tatworthpa.fots@gmail.com."

Christmas Present Appeal

Please find attached details on a local Christmas Present Appeal. It would be lovely to support Forefront Community charity to support local families in need if we can.

Maths Workshops

Letters have been sent home to the parents/carers of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to invite you to the maths workshops taking place in November.

Y1: Wednesday 15th November 2.30-3.30pm.

Y2: Wednesday 22nd November 2.30-3.30pm.

Y3: Wednesday 29th November 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Please let us know if you are able to attend, by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter, by the Friday of the preceding week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Acorn class and Oak/Beech classes Nativities

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting to prepare for their nativity performances! In order to try to give parents/carers as much notice as possible regarding costumes, we have allocated parts and each child brought home a slip before half term with



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their role. Thank you for your support with providing costumes – please do come to speak to your child's teacher if you have any issues.

Virtual Book Fair

We are looking forward to our Virtual Book Fair in November from **Monday 20th November until midnight Sunday 26th November**. More details to follow.



Rocksteady Bands

Would your child like to play in their very own Rock Band? Rocksteady bands continues this term and, over the next couple of weeks, they will run a series of trial lessons to see if any more children would like to sign up to learn how to be a rockstar. If interested in a trial session please email office@tatworthschool.co.uk

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. If you'd like any further information about Rocksteady you can also go to website <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com> to enrol your child.

Milk in school

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term. Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks... Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com



Stay and Play Clubs:

Please note, if your child is attending a club straight after school and then needs to access Stay and Play 4.30 - 5.30 pm, families need to book their child into session 1 instead of session 2 on the required day. A snack will be kept back for your child when they join Mrs Anderson at 4.30 pm. Many thanks.

Phonics Book Amnesty

We are running short of our phonics books, so please do send these if you have any at home. Thank you.

Cycling to/from school. Please ensure that bikes and scooters are wheeled into school and not ridden on the path. Also, at the end of the day, they should be wheeled out of school until meeting with parents.



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Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals. We have been told by County that any existing PP applications will not be rechecked until March 2025, so changes in circumstances will not be picked up until then. We also have a PP offer for or all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>
If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone 0300 123 2224 for advice.



Visits:

Residential Visits

- Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17th -19th April 2024

Dates:

Parents evenings:	4pm - 6:30pm Y4 Monday 13 th November
Wednesday 15 th November	2.30-3.30pm. Y1 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Non uniform & design a T shirt comp.
w/c 20 th November:	Virtual book fair
Tuesday 21 st November:	Open morning for new intake Sessions: 9am-10am & 11am-12pm.
Monday 20 th November	Virtual Book Fair until midnight Sunday 26 th November
Wednesday 22 nd November	2.30-3.30pm. Y2 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
Saturday 24 th November	Wellington Maths Challenge 4 x Y6 pupils to attend.
Wednesday 29 th November	2.30-3.30pm. Y3 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
Thursday 30 th November	Y5 Magdalen Day Visit
Monday 4 th December: pm	Rec Nativity
Tuesday 5 th December:	pm KSI dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th December:	KSI Nativity 6pm
Thursday 7 th December:	am Music Assembly
Thursday 7 th December:	KSI Nativity 5pm
Friday 8 th December:	Christmas Fayre (after school – cash only)
Tuesday 12 th December:	KS2 Brewhouse Visit
Friday 15 th December :	am KS2 Christmas Carols at the church
Thursday 25 th January:	Young Voices choir concert TBC
Wed-Fri 17th-19th April:	Y5 Residential
17-19 th June	Wellbeing Week
Thursday 20 th June:	Sports day



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