



Dear parents,

This week, alongside Ms. Harrison and Miss. Simkins, I have been fortunate to attend further training at Winchester University around creativity. We are extremely lucky to have been selected as a creative partner for the University and as always it was a fascinating and stimulating day.

The research makes a compelling case that teaching creative habits is synonymous with developing effective learning that is both enjoyable and rich. This approach to learning is reflected in some international curriculums and where it is being developed through creative collaborations in England there is a vibrancy and optimism for education that extends beyond the already ambitious National Curriculum.

Overall, the creativity project sits firmly within our school values and aims to develop wisdom, curiosity, innovation and excellence across all learning experiences so that all children leave SBS as confident, smart and reflective learners.

If you are interested in finding out more about creativity in education, [this](#) short clip by Sir Ken Robinson is interesting. I hope you can see through our curriculum opportunities how we are continually working to match our learning experiences to the needs of our children now and into the future.

SBS MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Tea and Toast

Please remember that there is an opportunity for 'tea and toast' at St. Mary's church on Tuesdays from 3pm. I have received lovely feedback from pupils. Eros, this week, said that this is a very enjoyable meeting and the toast and tea (hot chocolate!) is delicious!

Drop off zone safety message

When using the voluntary one-way system, please remember that you should only drop-off when driving on the left hand side of the road. It is not safe to drop off on the right hand side of the road and ask children to walk across the road as too many cars are rightly driving past the school having already dropped off in the Church car park.

Year 3 to sing at Winchester Cathedral

Our year 3 pupils have been invited to sing at Winchester Cathedral with a selection of schools this Easter. We are being coached for this by Mr. Burton, the lead for music at Walhampton. If you have received a letter regarding this opportunity, please do return the consent form via Google forms as soon as possible.



The Grange Project

Pupils in years 4 and 5 have been invited to participate in a Arts Council funded festival at Winchester University. This is part of the creativity project and includes professionals from the Grange Festival leading workshops in school before the pupils attend a showcase event at the university.

Having observed the practitioners working with a group of pupils at Barton Farm Primary School in Winchester this week, I am even more excited about this project - it is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils. Again, please urgently return the consent forms for this project via the Google forms link.

Message from Pylewell Cricket Colts

The Colts at Pylewell Cricket will be emerging after a winters rest! We are a friendly team, talented (but without any matching kit), based at the truly beautiful grounds at Pylewell. Saturday practise for all, and matches for those who want, will start in the summer term, and winter nets running for those who are super keen.

This is open for all children 13 years and under and is very informal - all are welcome. Please contact Amelia 07879 814014 to be added to the group if you're interested in coming along. It is an unspoilt, charming pitch and clubhouse, and a lovely place to spend an hour on a summers day. Something which seems so far away right now!



INSET days 2023-24

28th March 2024

3rd June 2024

Community Worship

9.2.24 Tilly Smith

23.2.24 - Stan, Ed, Beau and Walter

12 - 16.2.24 - Half term

24.2.24 - Grounds Day, 9:30am - 12pm

26.2.24 - Open classroom

7.3.24 - World Book Day

13.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Parent consultations

14.3.24 - Trailblazers

20.3.24 - Rock Steady Concert, 2:30pm

27.3.24 - Celebration Assembly, 1:30pm

27.3.24 - Last day of Spring term

15.4.24 - First day of Summer term



STRIVE AND BELIEVE TO SHINE

New Forest Learning Alliance collaboration events

As part of our local collaboration with Milford-On-Sea, William Gilpin and Brockenhurst primary schools, some of our year 3 and 4 children visited Forest School at William Gilpin this week.

We are looking forward to inviting some pupils from each of these schools back to our Trailblazer Day in March. This will be a great opportunity to share some of our outdoor learning activities more widely.

In addition to our Forest School visit, a further three pupils, Eros, Max B and Rosa visited William Gilpin this week with myself and a Governor. We met with Mr. Croutear, a Governor and four pupils to discuss how both schools work hard to keep pupils safe and happy. It was great to hear pupil voice across both schools; we heard lots of strengths and some points for us to consider further.

Overall, I was so impressed with the children's ability to talk about difference and equality. All the pupils had a really clear idea why this is so important, they demonstrated respect, empathy and justice. By completing an annual review with another school we are adding a layer of robustness to our Safeguarding systems and ensuring we have a deep oversight into the effectiveness of our systems.

Gruffalo campfire pancakes

The Gruffalo children had a fantastic time this week making pancake batter to cook on the campfire. They showed amazing adaptability when the pancakes took longer to cook than planned and they were only able to cook 4 pancakes. However, the children decided that they could cut them up into smaller pieces to share!

It was brilliant to see the Gruffalo children putting into practise our character trait of 'Problem Solving', and their enquiry this week of 'How can we share?' Well done Gruffalo!



The Great SBS Pancake Flip

Thank you to the Friends of SBS for another fun pancake flip this week. The children loved it and it appears so did some of our staff! This year's winners are, Ella (Gruffalo), Emily (Elmer) and Alex (Aslan).



Dodgeball Success

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 3 and 4 dodgeball team who took second place this week at Priestlands. To succeed at dodgeball you need excellent teamwork and resilience - we are so proud of you, well done!

Strive AND
Believe TO Shine

Friday Explorer Awards

Gruffalo



Otto Perowne

For wowing everybody with his determination and dedication to his learning!

Paddington



Lochy Leonard

For demonstrating excellent understanding of multiplication and division.

Shadow



Noah Lidstone-Scott

For conducting some great research into Roman legacies.

Elmer



Ivy Wierzbicki

For working so hard on finding her number bonds to 10 and 20 this week - well done!

Tulane



Minna Hardy

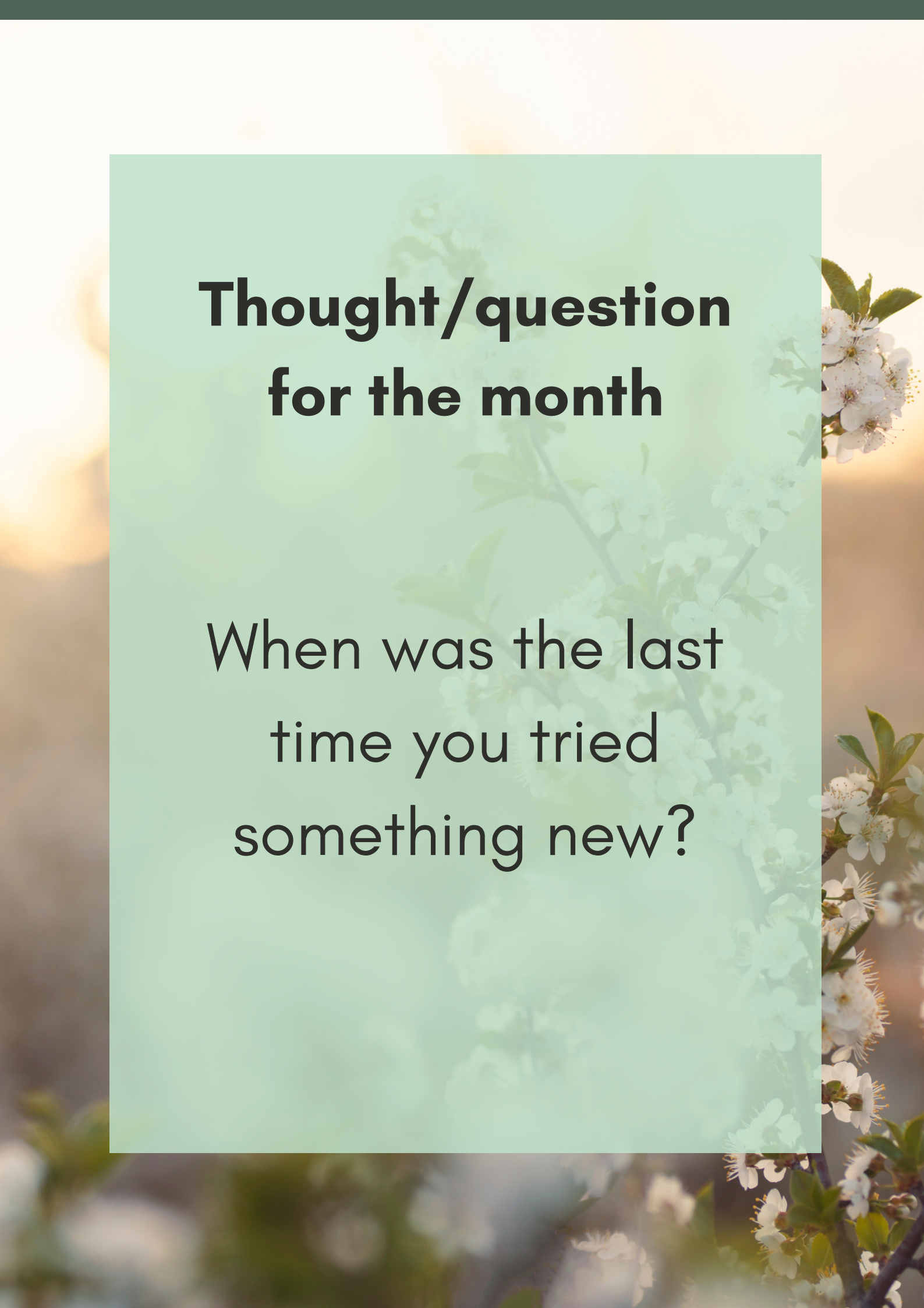
For working so hard on writing her poetry this week.

Aslan



Mabel Roper-Curzon

Showing kindness to everyone around you and your determination to become a speedier worker!!



Thought/question for the month

When was the last
time you tried
something new?