

We believe, achieve and celebrate

#### Term 5, 2023/24

Dear Parents and carers,

It is with great enthusiasm that I share with you the latest updates and accomplishments from our school.

First and foremost, let us celebrate the remarkable creativity and collaboration displayed by our pupils from Year 1 through Year 6. Each class spent an afternoon working together with Ally Tompsen, crafting amazing Lego towns that truly showcased their creativity, ingenuity and teamwork.

During the Easter holidays, we had the pleasure of hosting the first Atlas Camps camp, providing our students with opportunities to meet peers from Cam and engage in a multitude of exciting activities. This initiative aims to offer the community of Cam valuable holiday childcare options throughout the school breaks.

Our Year 2 pupils have also been treated to a series of Circus Skills sessions with the School of Larks circus school, an initiative in collaboration with Stroud District Council. These sessions have allowed our young learners to explore their talents and develop new skills in a fun and engaging manner.

I am delighted to introduce two new members of our team. Jane Jacobs has joined us as our School Business Manager, overseeing the financial aspects of the school and maintaining our facilities. Additionally, Fiona Collings has been appointed as our new administrative assistant in the school office, bringing with her a wealth of experience in school administration.

Furthermore, we have welcomed Emily Farnsworth, who will be working part-time as our SEND teacher. Her role will be to support and guide some of our pupils, helping them make progress in their learning while fostering confidence and developing essential skills.

It is only right that we celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 cohort, who recently completed their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. Their perseverance, stoicism, and determination were truly inspiring, and each and every one of them can feel justifiably proud of their efforts. A special thank you to the parents who provided a breakfast for the Year 6s during SATs week, ensuring they had a nourishing start to their day.

Finally, please make a note of the following important dates:

- Sports day will be held on Thursday, June 5th. The junior classes (years 3-6) will compete in the morning, and the infants (EYFS, Y1, and Y2) will run in the afternoon
- Our annual summer fete, Everfest, organised by the dedicated School Association, is just around the corner! This popular community event will take place on Friday, June 7th, starting at 5 pm.

Everyone at Cam Everlands hopes that you have a great half-term and we look forward to seeing you all for the start of term 6 on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes,

Dominic Knill Headteacher

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2023-24 key dates	
5.6.24	RSE drop-in (3.30—4pm)
	New EYFS intake welcome
	evening (6.30 - 7,30pm)
6.6.24	Sports day
	(Y3-6 am, YR-Y2 pm)
7.6.24	Everfest (5 - 7pm)
10.6.24	Real world maths morning
	Athletics (Field Events) at
	Rednock (3.30 - 5.30pm)
12.6.24	Y4 Cattle Country trip
	Y5 trip to Badminton
	Athletics (track events) at
	Dursley Primary (5 - 7pm)
17.6.24	Y6 transition My Plan
	review meetings
25.6.24	Y4 stained glass church
	visit
28.6.24	Reception class visit to
	Cotswold Water Park
5.7.24	Y6 KLB induction day
9.7.24	Year 6 Production (2pm
	and 6pm)
	Y6 Castle School induction
	day
10.7.24	Y6 Meet the tutor
11.7.24	Y6 Rednock induction day
12.7.24	Y6 Rednock Induction day
15.7.24	Reports sent home
17.7.24	Optional parent's evening
	(3.30 - 5.00pm)
	National Gallery art group
	to Rednock

**Diary dates** 

to Rednock 18.7.24 Y6 leavers party

19.7.24 Y6 leavers assembly (2pm) End of term (3.15pm)

#### Attendance

Overall attendance term 5

94.0%

Year to date:

#### 93.0%

"Good" attendance is 95% or above (source: DfE).

**Reminder!** 

Now that the weather is warmer (!), please can you ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle every day.



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### Lewis raises £613.70!

A few months ago, Lewis (Year 5) set about a challenge with the aim of raising money to support charities and groups which help people with autism.

The challenge was to walk for at least 10,000 steps every day for 8 days as well as cycling 5 miles.

With the support of friends and family, Lewis managed to achieve his goal and earned a phenomenal £613.70. We are amazingly proud of him.



#### **Copper Kingdom redevelopment**



Exciting developments have taken place on our school grounds as well. We have (almost) completed the first phase of redeveloping Copper Kingdom, replacing the condemned existing trim trail with new elements along with brighter and safer flooring. We eagerly anticipate the children's return from half term, when they can begin enjoying this revamped area.

Being able to use this equipment will both give the children more choices at play and lunchtime but also help with their physical development.

We are currently looking for potential sources of funding to complete the redevelopment of the rest of Copper Kingdom early next year.

### **Knex Competition Final**

We also extend our congratulations to Millie and Lillie-Ann from Year 5, who participated in the Knex Finals held at the Renishaw headquarters in Wotton-under-Edge. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and secured the runner-up position overall, winning Knex kits for themselves and for the school. Well done, girls!







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#### Everfest 2024



Everfest 2024 will soon be upon us.

The School Association are keen to ensure that as many people as possible come and join in the fun so please spread the word.

They are also looking for volunteers to help set up the event or be on one of the stalls for an hour.

If you are able to help, please use the link below:

www.volunteersignup.org/LT3CK



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### Gallery







Year 5 had 'Artefacts in Action' visit so that they could have a hands-on experience of historical artefacts. They've also been busy coming up with recipes for their own soups and then making them.



Year 6 received their leavers hoodies, had a competition to see who could build the Lego vehicle which would travel the furthest and also had a great afternoon collaborating to make a Lego town.



Year 1 have had a special guest in class this term—Kai the tortoise! They spent a day looking after their visitor and also spent time researching about him and tortoises in general. Apparently, Kai loved his warm bath!



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This term, our Reception class have produced some amazing Easter artworks, featuring chicks, daffodils and cockerels.







In Year 3, the children have been studying ammonites and also colour and shade. They have then sculpted their own ammonites.







Year 5 have done some fantastic home-learning activities as well as some brilliant artwork.