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> This week has been British Science Week, and we have been taking part in lots of science exploration as a result! As part of the week, each class had a theme to investigate. Reception explored different textures with their feet, carefully weighed and measured for their baking, and even had a trip out to see some newly-born lambs! Year 1 learned all about plants, observing them really carefully, as well as planting their own seeds and creating plant art! Year 2 learnt how to work out the age of a tree by measuring the girth and dividing by 2.5 (the average rate a tree grows each year). They also found the age of trees that were cut down, by counting the rings in logs from our log circle. Once back in class the children analysed their data and found that the oldest tree was 128

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years old and the youngest was 17 years old. Year 3 investigated, identified and described the properties of different rocks, grouping the information into databases. Year 4 investigated electricity, creating and experimenting with their own circuits. Year 5 looked at planets and the solar system as part of their science learning, with Year 6 finding very inventive ways to study light and refraction! A brilliant week of

learning from our young scientists.

And finally, exciting baby news! I'm delighted to announce that baby Elsie was born early yesterday, just in time for Mothers' Day! She and her parents are all doing well, and we are a very proud extended family of staff! We wish Miss Nicholas and family all the very best for a happy and healthy future—we can't wait to meet Elsie.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, with extra best wishes to all the maternal figures in our community—we are grateful to you all.

Elissa Vigus Head of Primary

Stars of the Week

Reception - Aeryn keeping herself safe and lining up at lunchtime. Jake for his great name writing work. Year 1 - Caitlin for being a great role model in phonics. **Isabelle** for showing great understanding of our science topic. Year 2 - Amelia for displaying our value of positivity in all she does. **Lanah** for being such a great role model in her PE lessons this half term. Year 3 - Stanley for working really hard with his reading. George for his excellent classroom contributions. Year 4 - Paige for being such an excellent role model to all. **Clayton** for his excellent contributions in class. Year 5 - Leo for his fantastic independent writing. **Hunter** for his superb presentation of all his learning. Year 6 - Oscar for his positive attitude and progress in maths. Ben for making great learning decisions and being a supportive friend.

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