

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter

## Trip to The Living Rainforest—Aventurine & Emerald

Last week, Aventurine and Emerald enjoyed an exciting visit to The Living Rainforest in Newbury.

The journey was well worth it, as the children were filled with amazement and curiosity from the moment they stepped into the tropical glasshouses. They wandered among vibrant orchids, towering banana plants and lush palms, spotting some incredible creatures along the way: from emerald tree boas and a basking green iguana to tiny monkeys, colourful birds and even a dwarf caiman.

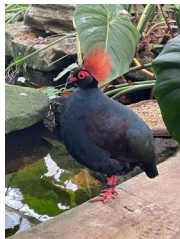
Inigo was especially taken by the animals, explaining that he loved "the sloth and the snake" and proudly noting that rainforest snakes are "perfectly camouflaged because their scales are the same colour as the logs."

Safiya was heard saying that she had seen everything she wanted to see and that her highlight was the unexpected sight of "the sloth's bum!" She added that sloths are cleverly adapted because "they are really slow and their digestive system takes eight weeks, so they don't have to eat very often."

The fun continued outside, where Summer enjoyed the play area: "I had real fun because the equipment meant loads of people could get on the circle rope swings!"

The teachers were also impressed by the clear, engaging instructions given by the guides throughout the tours, which helped the children deepen their understanding of rainforest habitats.

They were equally proud of the pupils' wonderful engagement and excellent behaviour all day.







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## Dates for your diary

	DECEMBER
6 <sup>th</sup>	SVCS Winter Fayre
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & Y1 Nativity, 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & Y1 Nativity, 5.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Stocking Grandparent Afternoon — Quartz
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bedtime Story—Amethyst & Amber, 5pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Skillzone trip—Quartz
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party—Diamond
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (except R)
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 - Carols at the Church, 6pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party—Sunshine & Rainbow
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2
	JANUARY
5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
6 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of Term 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - R & Y6
15 <sup>th</sup>	Library Visit—Amethyst



Class	Most amount of stars last week—well done!
Sunshine	Thomas
Rainbow	Elodie
Amethyst	Nina
Amber	Barnaby
Ruby	Ilyas
Diamond	Isla
Quartz	Eden
Aventurine	Eben
Emerald	Amelia

### 100 Club Winner

Congratulations to this month's winner—Mr Nick Mennim!

# PTFA

## Winter Fare

The Winter Fair is finally here! Please pop along to the school between 1pm and 4pm. We have a host of festive activities, both for adults and kids. There are gift stalls, kid's games and crafts, refreshments and even a special visitor!

We've also got an amazing raffle with lots of lovely prizes to be won. Your children should all have all been given tickets, but there will be some available to purchase on the day.



## PTFA AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM on Wednesday. Minutes for this will be available on the school website in the next couple of weeks.

## Multi-Sports Festival

This week, a group of Y2 children took part in a multi-sports festival at Archway. They played shoot out, curling, boccia, hurdles, popcorn (children loved this game) 'Keep it Going' (favourite one!) and shoot bounce. All had lots of fun and gained new skills.

A special thank you to the parents/carers who help with getting children to the festivals and competitions. We wouldn't be able to attend these skill building events if it wasn't for their continued support.

