



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

24.05.2017

Dear Parents/Carers

LONDON RESIDENTIAL

It was an absolute privilege to accompany our Year 3 and 4 children on their recent residential trip to London. We all enjoyed an incredibly busy couple of days with the high-lights of our adventure being a trip to the Rainforest Café, seeing 'The Lion King', visiting the Dinosaur Exhibition at the Natural History Museum and taking a flight on the London Eye (not to mention sleeping in a hotel). During the course of the two days the children's behaviour was impeccable and commented on by people wherever we went – I was so proud of them all; they were a real credit to themselves, you and the federation. I am sure that many lifelong memories were made during the trip and I'd like to thank everyone who made the trip possible, including Natalie, Lisa and Mel who accompanied us, as well as Jacqui and Vikki who were responsible for all of the administration associated with the trip.



DEVON COUNTY SHOW



Last Friday the federation choir sang at the Devon County Show. They were absolutely amazing and had the audience enthralled with a range of well-known and contemporary songs including Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Three Little Fishermen, I Have a Dream and I've Got the Music in Me. Whilst at the show the children also visited the Devon Churches Marquee where some of them were lucky enough to meet HRH The Countess of Wessex! We also visited the Children's Farm at Farm Wise Devon and all of the children took part in a STEM Workshop, making a circuit to power a dustpan brush!! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Adams for all the hard work that she puts into the federation choir; it is lovely to see the children singing with so much enthusiasm and enjoyment – I was incredibly proud of them!



GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER

This week we have been taking part in the Global Wave of Prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come', albeit slightly early than much of the world as it doesn't actually start until Friday. We have taken three of the prayer strands and across the schools have created a combined prayer which we will share at the Revels Service on Friday. These strands are: God of Grace, we give thanks for; God of Compassion, we pray for; God of Joy, we celebrate A small prayer box is available in each school where the children can also post their individual prayers. If you would also like to add a prayer to any of our

boxes, please feel free to do so. At the end of the week the federation prayer and any individual prayers will be taken to the local parish churches to join the wider wave of prayer.

SHILANGU

It has been lovely to hear from Challenge Ministries Swaziland recently and to receive an update on Shilangu. It has also been good to hear that Swaziland has been enjoying rain in abundance over the last few weeks and that the dreadful drought of last year seems to have finally ended.



Masuku Shilangu
Grade 6B: Mr. Goromondo

Shilangu masuku
The athletics competition

	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Agricultural	Information Technology	Art	Music	Sports and PE
Continuous assessment mark	12	7	14	13	5	20			
Formal tests	0	8	22	17	64	16			
Class formal test average	53	52	53	56	60	40			
Effort									
1 = poor	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	0	0
5 = excellent									
Behaviour									
1 = poor	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4
5 = excellent									
Homework									
1 = poor	3	3	3	3	4	0			
5 = excellent									
Teacher	OG	LK	OG	OG	EM	DM	JK	VinG	EM

Percentage / Symbol Explanation
80 - 100 = A, 70 - 79 = B, 60 - 69 = C, 50 - 59 = D, 40 - 49 = E, 30 - 39 = F, less than 30% = U

Continuous assessment includes classwork, projects, homework, orals, class participation, exercises, spot tests etc.
Formal tests include weekly tests and bigger end of term tests.
Pass to next grade: English plus 4 other subjects at 50%
Days Absent: 1

Classroom Teacher:

Classroom behaviour	4
Self confidence	4
Takes responsibility	4
Works Co-operatively with peers	4
Works Co-operatively with adults	5
Personal Development	4
1 = poor, 5 = excellent	

Teacher's signature: Shilangu is an obedient learner who has a lot of respect for authority. However, I expect him to work a lot harder next term to improve in all the subjects.

Principal:
He demonstrates responsible and acceptable behaviour. However, he is encouraged to step up in his academics.

PARRACOMBE REVELS

Don't forget Parracombe Revels this Friday; all of the children will taking part. The day will start with a Church Service at Christ Church, Parracombe at 10.30am, where the King and Queen will be crowned. This will be followed by a procession to the playing field, May Pole Dancing and a shared lunch. In the afternoon the children will participate in a vareity of PE activities which will showcase the skills that they have developed through 'Real PE' project this year (adult participation if very much welcomed!) Real PE is a unique, child-centered approach which we have trialled throughout the year and it has completely transformed how we teach PE. If you are able, please do come along and join us for all, or part, of the day as we endeavour to keep the Revels tradition alive and kicking within Parracombe. **All children will need to wear their PE kit to school on Friday (black jogger bottoms, white t-shirt, yellow hoody) and bring with them a sun hat, suncream and their federation drinks bottle.**

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely half term break. We looking forward to welcoming the children back to school

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

Our theme this term for Collective Worship is 'Our Planet and its People: Thinking Globally'. We have been thinking about and praying for refuges as we learned about their plight through Christian Aid Week. Also, as part of the Global Wave of Prayer, we have been considering what we are grateful for, those whom we would like to pray for and those things within our lives and the world that we should celebrate. We have also been praying for the people of Manchester.

Class News – Streams

Heddons Mouth



We had a fantastic trip to Heddon's Mouth as part of our exploration into rivers. The children learnt about the sources of the River Heddon and its journey to the mouth of the river. The children were fantastic as always but we were particularly proud of their positive attitude and determination even during heavy downpours. The weather was not going to dampen the spirits of these young adventurers. We are looking for more opportunities to encourage this fantastic attitude to exploring in the future.



Year 2 SATS

The children have completed all but 1 of their SATS assessments. We are extremely proud of their efforts and we know that you are all just as proud. The results of their SATS will be available with the end of year reports. If you would like to discuss anything regarding these assessments, please speak to Mr Mackenzie.

Year 1 phonics screening

Parents of Year 1 children will shortly be receiving a letter regarding the statutory phonics assessment in June. The pack will include some activities which you do at home to support your child. Please make sure you are reading with your child over half term in order to consolidate all the fantastic progress they have made this year.

Thank you

We would like to give a huge thank you to Naomi Gubb-Fradgley, Eve Parkinson, Kelly Peacock and Helen Bolton for contributing your time on trips and reading with children in school. Your help is greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you!

Mr Mackenzie

Class news – Rivers

In English we are focusing on narrative and writing an adventure story. We have been reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' and the children have been continuing to write their own versions of the story. The children will have the opportunity to design their own front covers for their stories after half term. You can help your child in English by making sure you listen to them read and ask them relevant questions regarding their understanding.

In maths, we are focusing on fractions. The children have been finding fractions of amounts and we will be moving onto equivalence this week. We have started Magic Maths this week, so the children will have the opportunity to earn certificates when they learn their timetables. The certificates will be presented in celebration assembly each week.

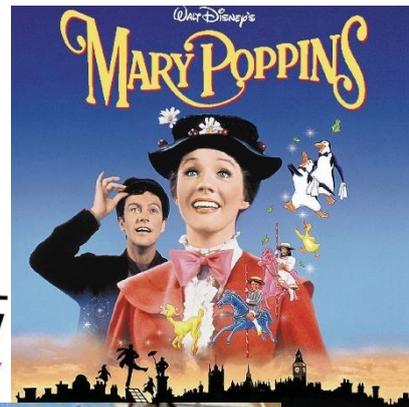
This week we are starting our topic on the Lynmouth Flood disaster. The children will be acting as historians and evaluating sources of evidence to try and work out what happened.

I hope you all have a wonderful May half term.
Many thanks, Miss Martin.

Class news – Oceans



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Devon
COUNTY SHOW
18 • 19 • 20 MAY



Congratulations to all of our Year 6. They worked really hard, approached their SATs in a very mature and focussed manner and I am very proud of them. However our term has only just begun!

Year 5 have had their last forest school session last week and year 6 will be having their sessions after half-term. We have the Devon county show this week and our 30 minute concert on the Babcock stage, rehearsals have now started for Mary Poppins, we are practising for our upcoming rounders and cricket competitions – it's all go! After half-term we have Oceanfest, transition days, Beach safety days, not to mention swimming, sports day and celebration assemblies.

We are still fitting in English and Maths and currently we are using our theme of SPLASH to explore local and global events as the basis of our independent writing. In reading we are concentrating on inference and using the “Big Frieze” (our Christianity project illustration of the Bible) to find and discuss hidden meanings and take more time to explore and discuss how we feel about the messages we think are in this and related texts. In maths we are problem solving, using our knowledge to figure out puzzles and practical problems.

Sincerely,
Ms. Adams

Class news – Young Buds

Our trip to Heddon's Mouth was a huge success. Young Buds drew a map of the river as we walked down to the beach marking the features that they spotted along the way. When we got to the beach, they enjoyed building dams with the pebbles and had their picnics in the sunshine. They all behaved exceptionally well and coped really well with the long trek down to the sea and back again.



As you know, we unfortunately had a to postpone our visit to Tinnerdy Farm due to the wet weather. However, we are hoping to rearrange the trip and as soon as we have a new date we will let you know.

For the last 2 weeks of this half term the children are having an immersive topic linked to ‘The Bog Baby’ by Jeanne Willis. During this they will be learning about habitats, thinking about what we need to be happy, making bog babies out of clay and writing profiles of their characters. As part of the topic we will be having a special Forest School morning on Tuesday 23rd May.

Finally, we would just like to say a huge well done to all our Year 2's who have been taking their SATS this week. We are now over half way through and only have a couple more papers to do next week. We have been so proud of their positive attitude and resilience throughout the week.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Pile.

Class news – Oaks

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all our year 6 children, who took their SATS last week, you all put in 100% effort and we are all proud of you for trying your best. Thank you to year 5 in particular who have offered support to our year 6 children over the past few weeks. Year 6 can now enjoy many events planned for them over the next few months before they start a new journey at secondary school.

In literacy, year 5 and 6 are currently writing a narrative in first person to go with the Pixar animation called, ‘Piper’. Over the next few weeks, children will have many chances to show their independence through creative writing, this will allow children to showcase what they have learnt throughout the year.

There are many sporting events on the calendar for this term, please be aware there may be date changes to poor weather

– we will of course let the children know when we find out about changes and send letters home to inform parents.

Our annual Revels day is on Friday 26th May, the church service will take place at 10.30am followed by a procession up to Parracombe playing field where Oaks class will perform their maypole dancing.

When the weather does brighten up, please ensure your child has a sunhat in school and if you want your child to wear sun cream please apply it before coming into school.

Many Thanks, Miss Hill.

Little Berries News

After 21 days of anticipation and excitement we can finally welcome two very healthy chicks to the Little Berries team. They hatched on Monday morning 15th May. The children from Little Berries have spent lots of this week watching these two tiny chicks develop in two very strong, fluffy and noisy chickens. This has encouraged lots of exploration, communication and a greater understanding of the life cycle of a chicken. The Little Berries have learnt how to nurture and take care of these two tiny cute chicks whilst watching them grow. Alongside this we have been making our own chick masks to encourage role play and support the children's understanding of how the chicks feel and need to be treated. We would like to ask for your help in naming the chicks and will be providing a post box where you can post your names. We will be drawing two names at the end of the week so we can send them on their way to their new home with their brand new names. Please come and visit them and we look forward to informing you of their names in due course.

Best wishes,

Your Little Berries team

Admin News

Vacancy - Lynton Primary School – Relief Catering Support

We are still looking for a small number of local people to join a 'supply bank' to provide short-notice cover in the kitchen in the event of either Jayne or Vicky being absent. If you would be interested in joining our supply bank, please contact Jayne Hoskins via Lynton School on 01598 753309.

Parracombe and Kentisbury PTEA

We will be selling cakes and biscuits at the Revels Celebrations, we would be very grateful if parents could kindly donate any cakes or biscuits for us to sell.

With many thanks,

Wendy, Vikki, Jacqui and Mel

Dates for your diary

25.05.2017	Global Wave of Prayer
25.05.2017	Kwik Cricket Festival & Rounders
26.05.2017	Federation Revels Day at Parracombe
26.05.2017	End of Half Term

COMMUNITY

The FA Skills holiday football coaching sessions

During May half term The FA Skills team in Devon are running football sessions for BOYS and GIRLS in SCHOOL YEARS 1-6 for just £2. The FA Skills holiday football coaching sessions are perfect for children who want to develop their football skills, meet new people, be active and have some fun during the holidays. All sessions will be taking place at ILFRACOMBE TOWN FC on the following date and time:

Tuesday 30th May

ILFRACOMBE TOWN FC, EX34 8PD

Grass

10am-12pm (Boys and Girls School Years 1-2)

1pm-3pm (Boys and Girls School Years 3-6)

£2 per child.

To book a space please email Kevin.Weir@thefa.com or call 07853008133

Coxleigh Barton Show Jumping League

Would you like to represent the West Exmoor Federation in the Coxleigh Barton Show Jumping League? Please see the email below that we have recently received. If you would like to enter, please let Mrs Peacock know and she can enter you as an individual or, if there is more than one rider interested, as a federation team.

Dear Headteacher,

There is a new Equestrian Show Jumping League taking place at Coxleigh Barton Equestrian Centre, Barnstaple. The league is a friendly schools' competition enabling children from Year 4 upward to represent their school as team or as an individual.

We have now completed two rounds of the league and have had a fantastic response from local schools. At the last competition, we had 18 schools entering, with over 150 entries from children all over the North Devon area. There are 3 more competitions remaining in the league this season which will be taking place at Coxleigh Barton on:

24th June 17

30th July 17

1st September (Championship)

We are aiming to make the next competition even bigger and better and would be delighted to welcome your school on board. Do you have any ambitious horse riders in your school? We would be grateful if you could pass on information about the show jumping league to your pupil's parents. Details can be found on our website www.coxleigh.com or our facebook page @NDSSJL. Our competitions are primarily about giving confidence to our young riders of North Devon so that they can enjoy competing and being part of a team, whilst proudly representing their school.

At this years' final in September we will have plenty of prizes and trophies to give away, including Mitsubishi sponsored rugs for our winners, so still lots to play for!

Yours faithfully,

Jo Gay