

Bow Community Primary School

The Bow Times

www.bowcps.devon.sch.uk
email: admin@bowcps.devon.sch.uk

Issue No. 15
21st June 2019



Welcome ...

... to the first edition of the second summer half term. Already we have packed lots on to the first few weeks, so let's dive right in....

Stags Athletics Day (as reported by Megan and Bethany) ...

On Friday 14th June, Stags Class went to QE to take part in an athletics day. This day was run by the Year 9 students who did a great job. Some of the Year 9's got frustrated when something went wrong and we heard some bad words!

There were 24 groups and several schools participating in this athletic day. I fell on my face doing the long jump (Bethany) and most people didn't particularly enjoy the 600 metre race. At the end of the day there was a relay race and there were 8 girls and 8 boys taking part from each school. We came fourth. Out of 4! I'm pretty sure we were the only school that didn't get mentioned in the top ten awards! It was really fun, though, and we're glad we went and took part.



Stags Trip to Bodmin Jail (as reported by Alfie) ...

On Tuesday 4th June, Stags class went to Bodmin jail on a school trip as our school topic is about death and Bodmin jail held many of the executions in Cornwall. When we arrived, we wandered up the hill towards the jail where we saw the last working hanging pit in the United Kingdom! The trapdoor went so deep. A man called Chris then told us a little bit about the origins of the jail, the development of it and about a few of the murderers, the Georgians and the Victorians. Firstly, we went down into the basement where we had another talk which was about the jobs you'd have to do to improve your attitude, including moving cannonballs to different places and then, at the end of the day, moving them back to where they came from! After that we discovered so much more interesting stuff about the murders and the victims; Selina Wodge, The Lightfoot Brothers and the wife and husband with the arsenic poison.



Dragons Den in Badgers ...

Last Friday, Badgers class were very fortunate to have two special visitors (Dave Tucker from Bow Garden Centre and Cathie Holden from Crediton Bookshop) who acted as real-life dragons! The children were very excited to pitch their business ideas to them, hoping to secure a £5 investment. Despite the intense pressure, the children performed brilliantly and impressed the dragons with their ideas and enthusiasm. The children are now looking forward to opening their businesses to the school community next week and making lots of profit! A huge thank you goes to both of our dragons who helped the children to clarify their business strategies and offered their valuable expertise.



Online Safety for 4 – 7 year olds ...

Thinkuknow, is a website specifically for parents, aimed at helping you keep your child(ren) safe online. They have recently produced a fabulous video, which equips parents **to help keep their children safe whilst online**. Children are very good at picking up new technology skills, and it doesn't take too long before their skills outstrip the adults.

The video "Jessie and Friends" is aimed at helping your child develop resilience whilst on line. Take a look at the resource on the Thinkuknow web page.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Online Safety for 7 – 11 year olds ...

The Thinkuknow website has lots of different resources for parents, to help you keep your children safe online, whatever their age. The younger they are when you start, the better levels of resilience they will have as they move through school life, especially equipping them for secondary school, where they are open to so many more things. On the Thinkuknow website, you will be able to find out information about 'gaming' and 'live streaming' as well as how to set up parental controls. Take a look at their website and see what you can learn.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Hares Trip to Exmoor Zoo (as reported by Caitlin and Luka) ...

We saw the Exmoor Beasts (which are black pumas, black jaguars and panthers)! A wolf jumped up against the glass which was really cool. Everyone really liked the talk in the Education Centre and stroking the animals. We stroked a tarantula, snake, millipede, a stick insect and an African snail. They gave us a snake skin to take back to school. When we ate our lunch, there were peacocks everywhere around the tables. There were very big. It was an amazing, magnificent day!



Exmoor Zoo visit the school ...

On Thursday this week, Exmoor Zoo visited us with several of their animals and insects. Each class went into the hall in turn and listened brilliantly to our visitors. Children were able to touch animals and were thrilled when an owl flew over their heads!



Sports Day ...

Wow!!! What a fantastic, damp day we had! The children were all amazing in their house teams, with everyone participating; our older children acting as Captains, encouraging all their team members to give each event their everything. What a fabulous sight to see.

A special thank you to Erin Blake, Clare Burrow and Darren Chandler for running stations and a big thank you, also, to Mr Johnston and Mr McCaffley who organised the event in Miss Salmon's absence.

Please note that Sports Day photos are on a separate sheet at the end.

Author Visits KS2 ...

We were very lucky to welcome Clare Barker into school this morning to talk to, and read extracts from her books, to KS2. Clare has written a series of books about Knitbone Pepper, a young girl who has lots of adventures with her ghost friends. The children were able to buy books from the Cridton Community Bookshop who came along with Clare.



Term Time Holiday Requests ...

From September 2019, school has a duty to REFER all unauthorised holiday requests or series of unauthorised medical absences to the local authority.

Holidays that are not EXCEPTIONAL, will be unauthorised. An unauthorised absence is reported as part of the local authority policy and part of the school's attendance policy:

<http://www.bowcps.devon.sch.uk/website/policies/174887>

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you choose to take your child out of school, without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

A Penalty Notice (assuming one has not been issued in the past 2 years)

A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Comms ...

Most of our parents have signed up to our electronic communication system and are now receiving electronic letters (some requiring a response, which can be completed online), and /or are paying for trips and buying lunch tickets online (even if they are free, as in KS1).

Some parents may still be unsure about how to do things using this system. If this is you, please come and see either Mrs Vile, or Mrs Butler, who will only be too happy to help you navigate your way round.

Once you have managed to navigate, you will be very happy that you made the switch!

Accelerated Reader ...

The children who read the most amount of words in Stags, Badgers and Hares are: Isla, Rachel and Ruth. The children who passed the most amount of quizzes last half term are: Thomas, Abbey and Keira. Congratulations!



Writer of the Week...

Week ending Friday 7th June

Writers this week are Alex, Bethany, Jack, Alfred and Holly.



Week ending Friday 14th June

Writers this week are Ethan, Noah, Henry and Ellie.



Week ending Friday 21st June

Writers this week are Poppy, Holly, Juno and Lily.



Learning Leaves...

Week ending Friday 7th June

Learning leaves go to Jenson, Ellie, Isla, Reece, Skye, Lily, Caleb, Lola, Amber and Amelia.



Week ending Friday 14th June

Learning leaves go to Rufus, Isabella, Zachery, Freda, Woody, Leon, Hannah and Lexie.



Week ending Friday 21st June

Learning leaves go to Grace, Brody, Mila, Harry, Sam, Kitty, Dylan, Dom, Ophelia and Meriel



Beano Award ...

Week ending 7th June

The Beano Award was given to Sam for his fantastic hard work, and to Ben for putting in huge amounts of effort, consistently!



Week ending 14th June

The Beano Award was given to Bethany for a consistent display of politeness and manners.



Week ending 21st June

The Beano Award was given to Cody for being so supportive and helpful to younger pupils on sports day. Well done Cody.



And Finally ...

Despite the wet weather we have been experiencing of late, we will endeavour to take the children outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes in all but the heaviest of downpours. Please, therefore, could you ensure that your child comes to school with a named coat.

Until next time ...

Lesley Hodgson

Sports Day Photos

