



# OTTERHAM OBSERVER

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FREE SWIM AT CAMELFORD ON A MONDAY ?

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## CLASS TWO ENJOY A BUSY RESIDENTIAL

After a very enjoyable day at Lanhydrock focussing on local history, the children headed back to Boscastle Youth Hostel for a chippy tea and a peaceful night's sleep! After breakfast on the Thursday it was off to the War Museum to again discover some local history surrounding the Second World War. Many thanks to all staff and parents who supported this venture.



## OTTERHAM SCHOOL TAKE OVER THE MILKY WAY

Apart from a handful of families enjoying the facilities, we had the site to ourselves which meant the children could embrace all that was on offer (including the dodgems) time and time again. The falconry displays were superb, the maze suitably tricky and the rollercoaster gave spectacular views over the North Devon coast (if you kept your eyes open). Without exception, the children were superb. It was eye opening to see the bravery of many on the demon drop slides and the determination of some to 'get' staff when driving a dodgem! Thank you to The Friends for paying for the coaches which made the day more affordable for all. A great day out!

## DIARY DATES

The children are due back to school on Thursday 6th September.

From everyone here at Otterham School, thank you for your help and support throughout the year. We hope you have a happy and safe Summer and look forward to seeing you in the next academic year.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Why not encourage and maintain your child's passion for reading by signing up for this year's challenge at your local library. We have had a number of children complete this every year and it is always a pleasure to present them with their awards in assembly during the Autumn Term.

Class Two have enjoyed a series of drum lessons with Anna Minear this term which culminated in a performance to parents.



## CLASS THREE MAKE BOSCASTLE YOUTH HOSTEL HOME FOR THE NIGHT

Our brave little Year One children experienced what was for many, their first night away with friends. After a lovely chippy tea it was out for a walk along the harbour before getting ready for bed with a story. A potter around Boscastle the following morning was the perfect end to the trip.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

After four years of being very much part of the team here at Otterham, Miss Percival is leaving us for pastures new. We wish her every success in whatever she chooses to do and look forward to hearing from her in the future.

Miss Goodman is also leaving us for a full time post at St Breward but we know we shall be seeing her on a regular basis.

Thank you to both of you for everything you have done for the children at Otterham over the years, it is much appreciated.

## CLASS ONE SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT IN DANCE AT EDEN

Dressed in the most incredible costumes as aliens and astronauts, Class One really excelled in their dance performances at the Eden Project on Tuesday 17th July. Numerous members of the public complimented our children's professionalism. Many thanks to Mrs Reed and Mrs Coles for making the costumes and Miss Forbes for choreographing the dance.

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We hope that you are always treated fairly and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do, to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects—gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability and religious belief. If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a parent governor, please do so. The parent governors here at school are Rachel Quinn, Sarah Northcott, and Gayle Crocker.

**THANK YOU**

### School Council Receive PADL Award

Four representatives of our School Council travelled to Truro County Hall to receive their award in the Council Chambers in front of a full audience. The children presented their achievements to date and received questions from the audience regarding some of their projects. They handled themselves admirably and should feel very proud of their achievements. They were a joy to spend the morning with. Thank you to Miss Goodman for guiding their progress.



### SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE

All children within the school have again received age appropriate information and workshops on how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they feel unsafe. Peter Frost from the NSPCC spent the morning at school, spending time in each class. As parents you can access information online through the NSPCC website to reinforce these messages at home. Of particular interest to parents of older children who use technology, ways to stay safe online, is a discussion that should be taking place on a regular basis.



### CLASS ONE EMBRACE ALL THAT WAS ON OFFER AT THE MANOR HOUSE HOTEL

The children thoroughly enjoyed their action packed residential at The Manor House, near Okehampton. Activities varied from adventure golf, street dancing and ice-skating to T-shirt printing and lazer tag. Despite the excellent opportunities to try something new, for some children it was the food that stole the show! The children were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take away.

### Quests of Cornwall

Class Two delivered an amazing performance of their play to a suitably wowed audience with many children's individual talents shining through. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting dressed up as pirates and mermaids, getting into role perfectly. Despite the amount of lines some children had to



learn, they remembered them all beautifully. Great pirate song Class Two!

### YEAR SIX CHILDREN VISIT FRANCE

With what was the smallest group of children we have taken abroad, it was a very pleasurable experience indeed! We had a smooth crossing aboard the Pont Aven on the Thursday evening, enjoying a workshop on marine life with the 'Orca' ladies and a magic show.

The Friday started with a stroll into Roscoff and a typically tasty French 'petit dejeuner', before heading off to the Ile de Batz. Once we had negotiated our lunch, in small groups, at the supermarket it was off to the tropical gardens to admire the plants and views. It was a stunning location for a picnic.

After a little souvenir shopping back in Roscoff it was back to the boat for the return to Plymouth. The children had the lovely surprise of being invited up to The Bridge and enjoyed the on board movie, Early Man.



A long but very rewarding 30 hours. Thank you Mrs Humber and Miss Forbes.

### MUSIC TRANSITION PROJECT

For the first time ever, the primary schools who will be part of the forthcoming MAT (Otterham, St Breward, St Teath and Camelford) have worked towards a music performance at SJSs. They all played percussion as a class while the other schools sang and then sang collectively to a selection of songs from The Lion King. Their enjoyment was evident and with a solo from Ruby, Otterham were mentioned by the adults supporting, as a school with much talent. Sam and Charlie provided a well cast bit of humour which was also well received! Thanks to Mrs Man, Mrs Bridle, Mrs Humber, Miss Forbes and Mrs Osborne.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will begin on the first morning back to school—Thursday 6th September. Unfortunately, in order to make the books balance, we need to increase the daily charge. If we are in receipt of Pupil Premium for your child the cost will now be 50p per session. If not, the charge will be £2:00 per child per session. If this affects your child being able to attend, please talk to us. We are confident it still represents excellent value for money.

### SPORTS DAY AND SUMMER FAYRE

We hope you enjoyed this years Sports Day—a full report can be found on the website. Thank you to Mr Osborne for the preparation and organisation of the event. Thank you also to our Friends who yet again produced an enjoyable Summer Fayre to raise funds to benefit the children. A considerable sum (TBC) was raised and so thank you, the parents for your continued support, without which, the school would be a different place.