

# OTTERHAM OBSERVER

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MAY 2018

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## SPONSORED WALK 2018

Well, after a couple of cancelled attempts towards the end of the Spring Term, we finally managed to carry out this year's sponsored walk from school to Boscastle (four and a half miles approx.). For the first time in 7 years, ALL children started the walk together, determined to complete the distance. For our youngest children (some only 4 years old and with small legs), this was a real achievement and for many of our older pupils, it was yet again one of the highlights of the school calendar. As always, huge thanks to our 'Friends' for greeting us with ice lollies at the finishing post and thank you to all staff and parents who assisted in making it happen. Finally, well done to all children!!

Please, please could we have a final push on handing sponsor money in. Closing date will be Thursday 7th June. Thank you.



## DIARY DATES

Dates are constantly being updated on the website and a paper copy of current dates for June and July is available from reception. It is again a very busy Half Term—please help by returning any relevant paperwork as soon as possible.

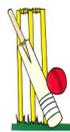
## BOOK FAIR

This was the first time we have had the book fair in situ for a week and what a success it was! It was lovely to see so many children enthusing about books and with the benefit of Scholastic matching book sales with a donation of books for school, everyone's a winner! Thanks to your book purchases, the school was given £485 worth of books which have been distributed across the school and already being enjoyed by your children.



## Chance to Shine Cricket

During this half term we have been fortunate enough to have Simon Fry come in to school on Tuesday afternoons to deliver Cricket Coaching. Both class 1 & 2 have been working on their cricket skills. The children have been enthusiastic whilst improving their batting, catching and bowling abilities. Many have enjoyed the sessions so much they are requesting more cricket!



## Balanceability

Yes, it really is a word! Andy from ARENA Sports Partnership delivered 5 sessions to our Reception children focusing firstly on how to balance on a bike and then moving on to control and stopping safely. He was delighted with the attitude and ability of the children with many bringing in their own bikes and showing off their skills. This is the first time we have done Balanceability but it certainly won't be the last!



WELL DONE TO ALL CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DELI FARM RUN THIS YEAR. WE HAD REPRESENTATION FROM ACROSS MOST AGE RANGES AND A RESPECTABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

## KS2 SATS

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children who, despite being plagued by illness, conducted themselves admirably throughout their week of testing. Regardless of outcomes, we are proud of these children who are so talented in so many ways.

You deserve to celebrate—roll on The Milky Way and France!



## 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.

### School Council PADL Award

Under the expert guidance of Miss Goodman, this year's School Council have achieved their Bronze Award for Promoting Active Democracy Loudly. The children have had to evidence that their presence has influenced the provision here at Otterham e.g. playground equipment, fundraising activities.

The children have taken into consideration the views of their peers and discussed these at Council meetings. A group of 7/8 Council members will be travelling to Truro County Hall to receive their award on 22nd June.



### Class Two Teacher September

Following a day of interviewing recently, the governors and myself are delighted to appoint Miss Parker who will be teaching Class 2 from September onwards. Miss Parker delivered an excellent lesson to the children, impressed the School Council and convinced her interview panel she was the one for the job. We look forward to welcoming her to Otterham in September but she will be a visitor during next half term..



### RNLI Beach Safety Talk

The children have yet again received their annual beach safety talk from local RNLI Lifeguards. This is such a vital piece of education given where we live. Please do take the time to venture to the beach and discuss features of safety with your children to reinforce this potentially lifesaving information. Checking they understand what the flags are telling them would be ideal.



### Class Two visit Eden for a day of being Rainforest Rangers

Linking in with their topic on plants, Class 2 spent a day at Eden, exploring the Tropical Biome especially, to discover how and why plants are useful. Children, in their role as a Rainforest Ranger, looked for; plants that could assist in providing shelter, sources of food, plants that store water for drinking and plants that are useful in the cooking process.

The staff who accompanied the children have enthused about how impeccably behaved all children were for the duration of the day. Adults and children alike coped very well with the high temperatures in the Tropical Biome.



### North Cornwall School Games

On a beautiful, late Spring afternoon 8 pupils from Otterham school represented us at the Quad Kids event at the North Cornwall Games. They ran, jumped and threw during the afternoon against 6 other schools; many of whom have very large year 6 classes. We were represented exceptionally well by these young athletes, especially considering half of our team are in year 4. They gave the other schools a lesson in how to be excellent ambassadors.

Each child had to run a 600metre long distance event (a hard task for our little Year 4s), a 75-metre sprint, throw a Nerf Ball (alternative Javelin) and do a standing long jump. No one gave up on any of these difficult events and we had some great performances.

Each one of our little stars gave 101% effort throughout and we should all be very proud of them.

A big WELL DONE to these boys and girls. Hopefully they will continue to improve in athletics.



### Bikeability Level 1

For the first time, we have accessed this award for our Year 4 children. The course was delivered by Andy from ARENA Sports Partnership with children enjoying learning bike safety and skills on the playground. This will give the children an excellent base to build on when completing their Level 2 in Year 5/6.



### A FINAL FAREWELL TO MRS MARTIN

After 9 years of supporting children and teachers within our school Mrs Martin has now, very nearly, qualified as a teacher. It has been an honour to have Mrs Martin here in Class 1 during her teaching practice, under the expert eye of Mrs Humber. Mrs Martin will pass with flying colours and has already secured herself a job at Camelford Primary School. We wish her the very best and look forward to working with her as part of the Multi Academy Trust.

### Plymouth Argyle

Bobby from Plymouth Argyle Outreach Team has been a welcome visitor to the school during this half term, working with children in both Class 1 & 2 as well as running an after school football club. He has specifically been focussing on developing skills that can be transferred to small sided games. We hope that we can tap into this provision again in the future.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

An impressive menu, friends to play with and no issues with car parking are just a few of the reasons why our Breakfast Club is so popular. £1.50 per child, per morning or free if we are in receipt of Pupil Premium. Book online through School Money and drop your child(ren) from 08:00.

### Parent Lunches

Despite illness, our parent lunches were well attended with positive feedback regarding the quality of the meals. We are delighted to welcome Debbie, our new Aspens Catering Manager who has settled into her role brilliantly.

