

# OTTERHAM OBSERVER

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

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## MUSIC FOR YOUTH CONCERT 2018

Yet again our school choir did themselves proud! Being by far the smallest group at the well attended event didn't stop them making themselves heard. The children received some lovely feedback from the judges who quite rightly praised their efforts. In just four days the choir learnt Rain, Beautiful Rain and I Can See Clearly Now under the expert tuition of Miss Forbes. Not only did they shine like stars on the stage, the children behaved beautifully and showed appreciation to the other choirs who shared their talents. We cannot express enough the benefits of being a part of projects such as this. Character building stuff!!



## DIARY DATES

The website calendar is constantly being updated. You will receive letters regarding specific events involving your child if financial assistance and/or permission is needed

Thank you!

## BINGO!

What a fun way to end a week! Four games, twelve prizes, much excitement. Some people have nearly all the luck—Oscar Adams! A huge thank you to The Friends for organising the event and to Mr Osborne for lending his booming voice. Last but not least, thank you for supporting—a fantastic £269.36 was raised., Well done!

## SCIENCE WEEK



A huge thank you and well done to Miss Percival and all the staff who made Science Week a week to remember. As well as a superb trip to the National Marine Aquarium a range of

activities took place within the classroom to inspire our budding scientists. Our older pupils studied forces in motion through the medium of catapults, Miss Percival's class looked at science through cookery and our youngest children looked at the human body, making their own toothpaste and skeletons out of cotton buds. Lift, weight, drag and thrust were also observed through the medium of kite making and flying. Thank you for your support in joining us for the open afternoon, to The Friends for providing the refreshments and to anyone who produced some baking at the last minute!

## Farm and Country Day

Such is the reputation and popularity of this yearly event, there is now a rotation of schools so that as



many children as possible get to experience the activities on offer. We were delighted to secure places for both Class 1 and Class 2 this time round and both children and adults alike came back enthused. With activities such as milking cows, handling day old chicks, cheese and ice cream tasting and learning about different grains the day flew by.

'My favourite bit was holding a 10 day old lamb' said Oska Holmes.



## 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.

## 10 PIECES PROMS

Class 1 were fortunate enough to experience the impact of listening to and watching the Cornwall Youth Orchestra playing 10 pieces of music in The Hall For Cornwall on Thursday 22nd March. In a near full auditorium, the impact was one of awe and wonder—a real treat!



## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR CHILDREN

Katie & Sophie Sanders—1/2 red belt in Judo  
Hannah Steed—Bronze Life Saving Award  
Ruby Coleman—Lambled a quad of Lambs & 2nd in Warb. Run  
Sam Coleman—Lambled first treble & 3rd in Warbstow Run  
Sam Coles—Cycled 9 miles  
Charlie Prout—Player of the week, Bude Rugby  
Jack Grandison—1st sparing competition (karate)  
Poppy Curtis—1st place in Warbstow Run  
Phoebe Coles—2nd place in Warbstow Run  
- Badge 6 in gymnastics  
Lexi Mather—3rd place in Warbstow Run  
Luke Northcott—Yellow Belt in martial arts  
Alfie Kenyon—2nd place at Showground on his horse  
Sophie Sandercock—Horse Clothing Badge  
Pippa Hatt—Hand feeding a calf & lambing a treble  
Lucy Turner—3rd in the Warbstow Run  
Oscar Adams—3rd in Warbstow Run

**WELL DONE EVERYONE—KEEP ASPIRING**

## Class Two Reach New Heights!

Following the success of Class 1's visit to The Barn before Christmas it was decided that there was no reason why our younger children couldn't develop their Spiderman skills. On Wednesday 28th March they showed the experts just how it is done during their day of climbing at The Barn. Many children reached the top of 'the wall' and all children grew in confidence and in their ability to scale new heights.

### Warbstow Run

More than a third of the school made their way to Warbstow to take part in this annual event. Our children shone like the superstars they are with 7 children making it onto the podium and many more achieving very well indeed.



## SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CLASS TWO

The importance of developing swimming skills just can't be stressed enough. Apart from the exercise value the potential to save life makes it a vital skill to learn. It is now a statutory requirement for schools to report on numbers of children who can swim 25m by the end of Primary School. Unfortunately the five hours that the school can provide for every child each year just isn't enough to fully develop this skill. The onus is on you the parents to supplement this by giving children access to pools throughout the year or ideally signing your child up to lessons at your local sports centre.

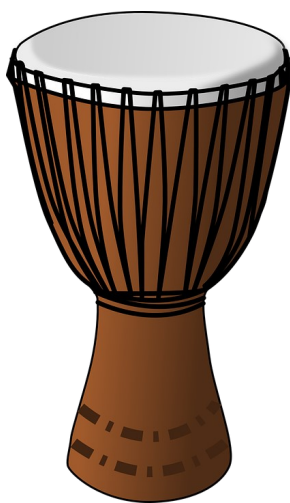


Children in Class 2 have made visible progress with all of them now able to put their heads under water, showing increased confidence. It is great to hear how well the more confident swimmers were doing with stroke development, swimming lengths.

### African Drumming with Anna Minear

Anna has been joining Class 1 every Monday for the duration of the term to develop their skills in African Drumming. The children have been investigating bass and tone, composing their own rhythms in small groups and producing a collective sound. On their djembe drums the children performed to their audience on Monday 26th March. Anna was delighted with their overall attitude and focus, producing powerful rhythmic pieces. The children also wowed the audience with poly-rhythms, African songs and a beautiful improvised interpretive dance.

We look forward to welcoming Anna back during the Summer Term to work with Class 2.



### YEAR ONE CHILDREN DEVELOP SPORTING SKILLS AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL IN LAUNCESTON

The Year 6 pupils at St Joseph's school expertly organised and delivered a rotation of 8 activities for the children to take part in. From dribbling with a hockey stick to developing racket skills using a tennis racket, the children enjoyed all of their activities and especially their donuts and goody bag! Thank you to St Joseph's for hosting this event and providing the transport.



### CHRIS JONES—A VOCAL ADVENTURE FOR SCHOOLS

For the final day of our science week an experience to enhance emotional wellbeing through the medium of sound and vibrations was the order of the day. Chris Jones enthused pupils and staff to make music with their voices and get their bodies moving. Pupils and adults alike felt uplifted, rejuvenated and inspired. We can strongly recommend if you ever come across one of his workshops.



## FRIENDS UPDATE

The support from our Friends continues to be a real strength of the school. As well as supporting our Science Week with refreshments and conducting a rather successful BINGO event they are busy planning a Summer Fayre and raising funds to pay for the transport for a whole school trip to Flambards. Please, please show your support by coming along to meetings and/or volunteering to assist at events. A text will be sent out with the date of the next meeting.