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Dear Parents,

On Monday afternoon the children in class two enjoyed a visit from one of the youth trainers at Exeter City Football Club. They were visiting schools in the East Devon to look out for enthusiastic and talented players that would like to develop their skills under the guidance of qualified coaches. The children took part in various activities including fitness, ball skills and at the end of the session they played a couple of matches.

Here are some comments from the children about their afternoon:

Jack "I liked the different games we played"  
Kyla "I liked the match we played, my team won!"  
Jacob "I liked how competitive everyone was"  
Sam "I liked that everyone got along and had fun"

Within this newsletter is some information about an after school club we hope to offer soon at Broadhembury. It is called 'Story Glory' and I really hope you will consider enrolling your child. It is an external company - not run by school staff, but all staff are DBS checked as usual. My son has just started to take part in Story Glory at his school in Exeter and he is really enjoying it. There are children there of all ages from 5 to 11. The children support one another during the sessions and my son (who is Year 1) really looks forward to going each week – and I'm really impressed with what he achieves there. To join the club you need to sign up on line – see details below. There are also free places if parents volunteer to help with the club. If you are interested in your child joining the club and you are eligible for Free School Meals (not the Class 1 universal free school meals) then please talk to Mrs Gray as we can subsidise the course costs.

Due to changeable weather recently I thought I would remind you of the bad weather arrangements for letting you know of any school closures that may be necessary. **Please could you ensure that we have your most recent contact details.** If you have changed your number recently please feel free to email any changes to [admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk) In the event of a school closure we will contact Crudge Coaches first and then aim to contact all parents before 8.15am. We will also try to get announcements made on Radio Devon and Heart FM.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury School*

### Question of the week

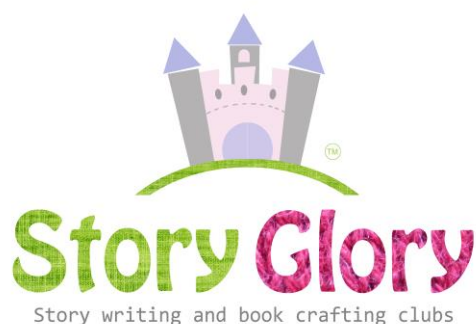
**Class 1** Why would you not make a coat out of wool?

**Class 2** What would life be like if we had no electricity?

### Class One Reading at Home

Reminder to parents, it is very important that your child practices reading at home on a regular basis, 5 to 10 minutes a day 5 days a week will help them to progress most in their reading. Could you also please remember to fill in the reading diary with what book you have read, which pages you have read and if you finished the book so we know when to give them a new one to read.

Introducing...



We are very pleased to let you know that we are now offering a new after-school club starting after Half Term, called 'Story Glory'. **The club will run every Thursday from 3.30 till 6.00pm.**

Story Glory is a weekly two and a half hour creative club. Each half term the children will be making and writing a different book all of their own, using different creative techniques and styles of writing. The first book that the children will be making is a story within a puppet theatre with their own finger or sock puppets.

All children from reception to year six are welcome, from those that are passionate writers already to those that might prefer to do less of the writing and more of the exciting arts and crafts activities that are on offer. All of the children will be gently encouraged to use their imaginations and explore writing but reluctant writers will not be pushed and there are plenty of creative and energetic activities to make sure they really enjoy their time at the club while developing their imaginations and gaining confidence. The children will be given different writing tasks depending on their age and ability.

There will be a circle time at the end of each week's session where the children will share parts of their favourite books with each other and be encouraged to get excited about books and reading.

The whole two and a half hour session including the writing and creative activities will need costs £7.50 with an additional 50 pence towards the materials your child will be using.

All of the group leaders are experienced childcare practitioners with full DBS disclosures and insurance. They are supported by one or two parent volunteers who also have full DBS disclosure. **If you would like a FREE weekly place for your child please email [admin@storyglory.co.uk](mailto:admin@storyglory.co.uk) to apply to become one of our two parent volunteers.**

If you visit [www.storyglory.co.uk](http://www.storyglory.co.uk) you will find lots more information and you can book a place for your child. Places are limited and bookings are being taken over the next few weeks so please do visit the website and book a place!



Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign starts again on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** its aim is to help encourage young people to lead healthier, more active lifestyles. Please collect vouchers from Sainsbury stores, petrol stations and grocery online shopping and put them in the box in the school entrance. The more vouchers we receive the more sports equipment we can claim so ask your friends and family to give you their vouchers too.

## **PTFA – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

There will be a meeting for parents who are interested in being involved in the PTFA on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, if you would like to join us please meet outside the school gates at 9am.

## **Bug Club upgrades**

Bug Club are going to be upgrading their service and will soon have a new web address ([www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)) and new functionality including the option to read Bug Club on iPads. There will also be access to Bug Club's improved *My Rewards* area where they will be able to save up 'coins', or spend them as they earn from reading their eBooks in different reward worlds. We will let you know when the upgrade is ready. When it is up and running you will be able to use Bug Club eBooks on iPad 2s, 3s or 4s and on an iPod mini with iOS 7.0 or above. Bug Club recommend using iPad's default Safari browser to access Bug Club on ActiveLearn Primary. If using Bug Club on a laptop or desktop PC they recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers. Unfortunately Bug Club will not be compatible with Android devices. Please visit [www.bugclubischanging.pearson.co.uk](http://www.bugclubischanging.pearson.co.uk) for further information.

## **BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

### ***Class One:***

Jason for working really hard at his handwriting today  
Milly and Peter for reading at home most days

### ***Class Two:***

Charli-Anne for really focusing on description and using a variety of interesting vocabulary  
Sam for working hard to write some interesting description

## **Key Dates**

**Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Childline Introduction – Years 5 & 6**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Childline Workshop – Years 5 & 6**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Races**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of the half term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Back To School**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability Years 5 & 6**

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability Years 5 & 6**