

Spring Term Newsletter No. 2

We began our week with an Assembly about Tim Peake and the International Space Station and talked about his first space walk. Today, we have been watching the footage of him in space in our classrooms and in the Orchard Bistro at lunchtime. The children are very interested in following his adventures in space and it would be great if they could watch Newsround regularly to keep up to date with all he is doing. In recognition of his achievements and the children's interest we are having another themed lunch day next Thursday in the Orchard Bistro. We will be decorating the hall, having "mystery planet prizes" attached to the bottom of some of the dinner plates and having some spaced themed pudding (yet to be decided as the children in some classes are designing this!). More information about this meal will be sent out next week when the children have spoken to the Bistro staff about the puddings.

If your child has not had a school meal before they are welcome to join us—the Roast Dinner will cost £2.20 and you will be able to pay on the School Gateway. The minimum payment is £11 for school dinners but the credit will stay on your child's account for future themed days or Christmas dinner. We are having a Chinese New Year meal on Monday 8th February so will send out details about this special day closer to the time.

Safeguarding

Torbay Education Safeguarding Service (TESS) has been working hard to develop multi-agency working to protect and support children. Part of this includes the way information is shared between the different professionals who work with children, in particular, the Police, Social Care and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). Attached to this newsletter is a statement from those groups to explain how and when they share information, along with how you can contact them if you have any queries.

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Alfie Wilton
Pine — Alayah Tucker
Apple— Tommy-Jack Wyatt
Oak— Ryan Hughes
Cherry— Leo Stevenson
Holly — Jasmine Willis
Willow— Ashliee Darke
Maple — Jack Groves
Birch — Finley Moore
Rowan — Scarlett Gouldthorpe
Hawthorn — Steven Unsworth
Hazel — Chelsea Butlin

Diary Date Reminders:

Friday 18th January—PTA meeting 3:05 pm in the Forest Room

Life Education Van is in school the week beginning 18th January

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Oak Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.8% attendance overall which is above our target. Well done!



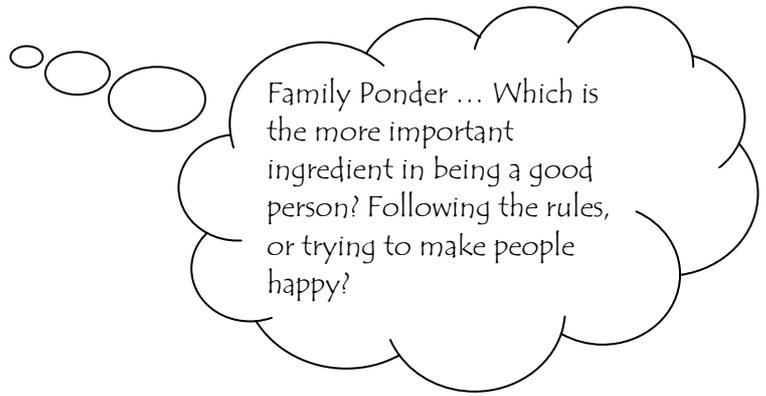
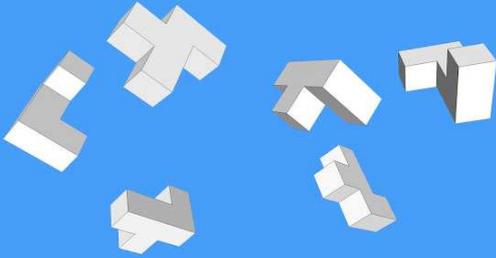
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Maths Challenge

The Floating Blocks Problem

Which of the shapes below are identical?



Friday 15th January, 2016.

Today was our first Story Telling Club! We read *Little Red and The Very Hungry Lion!* We enjoyed it very well. It was like *The Little Red Riding Hood*. The lion shouted so loud that Little Red's hair blew backwards and so did the dog's ears! The Auntie had spots all over her face. The lion tried to eat the daddy at the end but all of them except Daddy said "NAUGHTY KITTY!" And in one of the bits, fire came out of the lion's mouth! The lion ate five doughnuts!! We think he was very greedy! They all had a lovely cup of tea. Wait! I see some bones in his mouth because he had dirty teeth! It looks like a jungle when she was walking through. Do you know, the lion found the girl and he wanted to eat her! We can't wait for next week because we get to bring our own books in!



Written by Gracie-Mae, Esme, Lois, Aliyah, Marlana, Codey, Poppy, Daisy, Olivia, Grace, Dylan, George, Oliver, Gemma, Serina and Summer (KS1).

Story Telling Club for KS1 is every Friday lunchtime in Beech Class.



Get involved in Martial Arts and meet Shane Lynch

Mr Kelly is a martial arts instructor with Matt Fiddes Martial Arts training centre and he has been teaching martial arts to the children of St Margaret's Academy. He has organised an exciting event taking place at The Spires College on Saturday, January 23rd from 1pm and would like to invite the schools he works with to attend for free. Shane Lynch who was a member of popular 1990s boy band, Boyzone, is known for being a keen martial arts fan and practitioner and is an official brand ambassador of Matt Fiddes Martial Arts. He will be talking about his interest in martial arts and there will be demonstrations and workshops. So, if you are interested in martial arts (or Shane Lynch!) look out for a flyer coming home with the children today!

Basketball Opportunity for Years 4, 5 & 6

A BRAND new Basketball Academy for primary school children has been launched at The Spires College in Torquay.

The Love Basketball Academy, which will run after school every Friday up to Easter, aims to give children the chance to experience the world's fastest growing team sport.

The Academy is aimed at local primary school children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and is being run by Torbay Tigers in partnership with local community group Love Sports Project.

The Love Basketball Academy is developing its curriculum with former England national team and current Torbay Tigers junior head coach Rick Wooldridge. The courses will follow on from each other so participants can continue their development. The cost is £20 for 10 sessions and run from 16.15pm-17.30pm. If you are interested, please see Mr Mayling for a registration letter.