



# Seaton Primary School

*"Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"*

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy time at school, it has been lovely today seeing all of the children dressed in their pyjama's for **Children in Need Day**. All staff would agree that it's been wonderful how well everyone has worked together to raise money for families in need of help.

I would like to thank our brilliant kitchen staff for their amazing supply of homemade Pudsey Bear cookies. The children thoroughly enjoyed them, it was a great success!



### Seaton Primary School - Foundation Stage Open Day

If you have a child that will be starting school in September 2022 then come along to our open day on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. The times are **9:30- 11:00am** and **1:30- 3:00pm**. Our lovely reception team will be happy to show you around and answer any questions that you may have.

**Please note that these are drop in sessions only and you will not be required to stay for the duration.**

### Apply for a primary place

If your child's fourth birthday is between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** they will usually start school in **September 2022**.

Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018** they are due to start primary school in **September 2022**.

**Applications for this are open now and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 .**

### Poppy Appeal

We were delighted to discover that Seaton Primary School raised a whopping **£454.93** for the Poppy Appeal. Well done to our Head Boy and Head Girl and our Deputy Head Boy and Girl that put in an incredible effort selling the merchandise to the other classes in school. Thank you to all of you that helped to raise this fabulous amount of money.

### Fantastic Musical Opportunity

Our musical Children from year 2 – 6 were treated to an absolutely awe-inspiring session with three of the Kanneh-Mason family. The family are fantastic role-models and have played for royalty and all over the world. They recently received an MBE for services to Music. They were performing a concert at the Gateway and we were invited to attend the rehearsal and spend some time asking questions and finding out about life as a Classical Musician. The children were thrilled to watch them perform and it is something that we hope will inspire our children at Seaton to develop their musicianship. Perhaps we will have future world-class musicians in School!



### Maths Week

What a success Maths Week was! Thank you to everyone for your excellent robot and rock star costumes, the children all looked amazing! During the week pupils enjoyed taking part in a range of challenges, including a Guess the Sweets estimation challenge and a 2d Shape drawing challenge. Well done to all the prize winners!

We rounded off the week with the Family Homework Challenge. We had a huge number of returned entries and it was great to see so much enthusiasm and participation. I hope it sparked some good maths conversations at home! Well done to the following prize winners:

Daria (Y4) - craft kit from Coastal Craft Collective

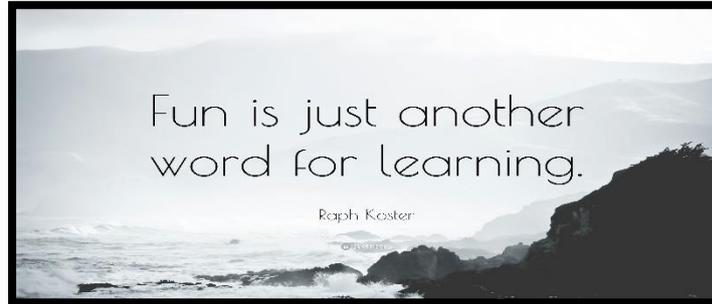
Aliza & Tylan (Y6) - £10 book voucher for the Owl and Pyramid

James & Lottie (Y4 & 6) - Seaton Tramway tickets.

A huge thank you once again to the local businesses for donating these excellent prizes.

Mrs Fontes





### Reception

Reception have had a great week learning about Owls that are Native to Britain. We have been listening to their different calls and can now identify different species by the noise that they make! We have been working in new groups for Phonics and the children are all becoming sound superstars. Our dress up day for Children in Need has rounded off the week nicely as we listened to Brahms Lullaby this morning for our Music lesson and had a 'Bedtime' story with the special biscuit that the wonderful Kitchen staff had made.

### Key Stage one

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been doing some super writing this week. They have worked hard to write their own version of our Traction Man story. The children have shown us how wonderful their imaginations are and have thought of some great ideas and adventures to write about.

Some of the Year 2 children auditioned for the nativity and we have now cast all the parts. The children will be working very hard over the next few weeks to learn the words to 8 songs!

### Year 3

It has been another busy week in year 3. We have been exploring print in art lessons and have used a range of fruit, vegetables, sponges and rollers to create some different prints with paint.

We have been using the words approximately and estimate in maths and we are continuing with using column method for addition and subtraction.

In writing lessons, we have been preparing to write a guide on caring for a stone age pet! We have used our knowledge of caring for real animals and pets to help us think of some humorous ideas for our fictional pets!

### Swimming

We have been getting stuck into our swimming lessons this week and have been working on backstroke and breaststroke in the pool. The children's confidence is improving and their smiles are getting wider each time we leave the pool!

### Year 4

We have really enjoyed exploring the poem Mr Mistoffelees by T. S. Eliot, the original conjuring cat. This has boosted our vocabulary as we now know what prestidigitation is! We have also enjoyed seeing the how this poem was adapted for the stage. We have also explored a range of objects along with some red herrings that helped us think about the legacy of the Romans in Britain. Through playing End ball, we are learning good techniques to help us play netball.



## Year 5

This week Year 5 have continued to explore setting descriptions, bringing our writing alive through personification, and adding variety by using subordinate clauses. In Maths, we have been interpreting line graphs and generating our own questions for partners to solve. We looked at why people have been migrating from northern Brazil to the capital city Brasilia. Why not ask your child about the push and pull factors that make people want to move house? Mr Hunt developed the children's understanding of the usefulness of pulleys with demonstrations in the classroom. The children continue to enjoy swimming, and got a double dose this week! Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 6

It has been a jampacked fortnight of learning in Year 6. We have been fully immersed in writing our Mount Everest Survival Guides. The children have 'virtually' climbed to the summit of Mount Everest and written detailed explanations outlining what a future explorer would need to be aware of and prepare for at each stage of the almighty ascent. We are extremely proud of the effort and engagement that every child in year 6 has shown throughout this unit and can't wait to publish our survival guides and send a copy home to share with you. In maths we have been learning about: common factors, common multiples, squared, cubed and prime numbers and have created detailed journal entries to help us commit this new learning to our long-term memory. In PSHE we have explored what 'being kind to ourselves' and 'being kind to others' actually looks like on a day to day basis and have made pledges to be kind. During Science this week we learnt about the famous Scientist Carl Linnaeus and his classification system. We have also begun our new History topic of Crime and Punishment across the ages – the children began by looking at source of information and trying to identify what Crime and Punishment looked like in years gone by. Year 6 also won the maths week Times Table Rock Stars battle against Year 5! In outdoor P.E we have been developing our skills in netball; finding space and marking each other. In indoor P.E we have been working on our social cog – we have been using the game 'River Crossing' to practise our FUN skills of balance and improve our social skill of communicating by giving feedback.

## School meals

If your child is in Year 3, please remember that you will now need to pay for any school lunches they may have, meals are **£2.50** each and need to be paid for using the parentmail system.

**If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please follow this link to apply online at:**

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f CCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

**Children in Year F, 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their lunch, as it is part of the provision provided by a government initiative.**

## Dates for your diary:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Foundation and KS1 Performance

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carol Service

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

**Acting Headteacher**

