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SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Dear parents,

It's been wonderful to see the school in action even more over the last couple of weeks and to be getting to know the children. I have noticed how keen the children are to talk about and share their learning. The children in Years 1 to 6 have visited the Tramway and engaged in a Dino workshop this week. It's great to see the children enjoying a visit out of school and for the school to be engaging with the local community.

We are busy working on enhancing the lunchtime provision at school. The enhanced provision will begin this Monday coming. The playground will be divided into zones and children will rotate around the zones in their year groups/key stage. The zones are:

- **KS1 zone** including play line, big play equipment, card games, books, small world and construction
- **Ball games zone** including basketball or netball and play leaders organising games
- **Traditional games zone** including organised games, card games, construction and small world
- **Imagination zone** including quiet reading area, card games, role play and circus skills equipment
- **Explorer's zone** including KS2 play line, tyres, big parts loose play, bug hunting and small world

Over time we hope to develop the zones further with the aim of creating a mud kitchen for the KS1 zone and building a reading shed in the quiet reading area. The ideas and equipment are just inspiration for the children, and of course children are free to play their own games in each zone.

A big thank you for the items that have been donated to support with the new lunchtime set up - we really appreciate your support. Please keep the donations coming!

I have introduced a headteacher's award for children who are being the best they can be in their learning. The children who received them this week are:

Betsy and Jenny- For fantastic science

Evie - Working hard on handwriting and excellent resilience

Hazel- Amazing writing about 'Supertato'

Elika- For exceptional diary/ email writing with punctuation.

Take care, Miss McCaffery



DIARY DATES

31st January
Flu vaccinations in school

Tuesday 1st Feb
Meet the new headteacher - virtual presentation

Thursday 3rd Feb
Parent workshop - come and share in our school vision

14th February
Year 6 PGL residential begins

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Presentation & Workshop

Come along to the presentation over zoom or join us in school for the vision workshop.

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Community Links

Thank you to Seaton tramway for making the visit to the exhibition possible for our children. We are glad to be making links with you.

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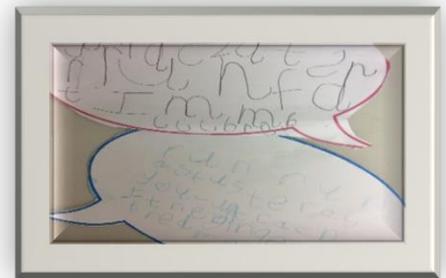
School Uniform

Just a reminder that rings are not part of school uniform and we ask that children don't wear a ring to school.

Class News

Reception

Reception have been exploring the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We wrote a list of ingredients, cooked our own gingerbread men and then worked really hard to write the recipe down for other people to use. We have enjoyed lots of role play for this story and have also thought of some fantastic actions to help us remember the recipe steps! The children have really loved taking part in this learning but their favourite part was definitely eating it at the end!



Year 1

The Year 1 children continue to enjoy our history topic The Titanic. On Monday they role played scenes from life on board and have designed their "unsinkable" boat in science. We will be making their boats next Thursday and the children can bring them home, once we have tested their buoyancy.

We have created our very own Superheroes to stimulate our fantastic sentence writing in English and have also been expressing ourselves to different types of music in dance lessons.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week. They have worked incredibly hard during Maths, learning about division. We are looking forward to continuing with this next week.

The children have also shown us their amazing competitive spirit through the new 'Speedy Reader Challenge'. The children have had such a passion for this and we are so pleased to hear about all the lovely reading that is taking place.

Next week we will be writing our own newspaper article based on 'The Great Fire of London', we cannot wait to see to see what they produce!

Year 3

This week Year 3 have worked incredibly hard to recreate our class text 'A River'. They used our local walk in Seaton as inspiration to create their own journey through both real and fantastical lands. In Science, the children became physicists by exploring which objects create shadows. They explored opaque, translucent and transparent objects and observed the different shadows created before presenting their findings to the class. In our music lesson, we have further developed our note reading and we learnt a chant using cups and actions. A super week of learning in Year 3!

Year 4

We began the week by exploring the mystery of the empty grave. This involved studying some of the artefacts found in the buried Saxon ship at Sutton Hoo. First, we uncovered some artefacts from the leafy floor of the woods (to add a touch of authenticity!) and then we discussed how these clues indicated who was buried there. Our final decision was that it was probably super king (Bretwalda) Raedwald.

In guided reading we have continued with the Saxon mystery theme by reading a non-fiction text about the grave of a travelling smith. We have also begun to draft our quest stories based on the picture book Arthur and the Golden Rope. So, an ancient mystical feel to our learning on the whole this week.

Year 5

This week we have been continuing to explore ways of describing our mythical creature in English, ready to write our myth in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have been looking at different multiplication strategies, using pictorial and formal written methods. We have looked at what evidence there is for what life was like for Athenians and women in Ancient Greece. The children have really enjoyed looking at artefacts and sources, working as detectives in games inspired by 'Call My Bluff'. In Science, we looked at the life and work of Eva Crane, playing a board game learning about the life cycle of bees.

Year 6

This week in Year Six we have been focusing on decimals, learning how to multiply and divide them. In English we have continued looking at Macbeth, we used our previous work on vocabulary to write a letter from Macbeth, describing the heath. We have also captured Lady Macbeth's feelings in an emotive diary entry.

In Art we have been exploring Mayan masks, this week we used papier mâché to make the structure of our masks, ready to decorate with collage in the coming weeks. It was very messy, but good fun!! In PSHE we discussed our hopes and dreams for the world.



Pastoral Support Information

East Devon Parent Support Primary School Project

Are you: -

- Finding it hard to make ends meet financially?
- Not sure if you are eligible/receiving the right benefits?
- Experiencing mental or physical health difficulties in your family?
- Having problems with your housing/employment?
- Dealing with separation, divorce or related child arrangements?
- Needing advice about training or work?
- Dealing with debts?
- Finding it difficult to cope with forms, phone calls, letters etc.

Some advice on these and many other issues is available from the dedicated Parent Support Team at Citizens Advice East Devon.

One of the team will phone/meet you for a chat to see how we can help you and offer ongoing support/contact from the same familiar person if needed.

Just ask in school for a referral.

The Junior Grizzly

The Junior Grizzly fun and Cub Run – **Saturday the 5TH March 2022 “Paws for Thought”**

Run details:

Junior Grizzly 4k – All entrants must be in secondary school- starts at 2pm

Junior Cub 2k – Entrants at primary school age 8 and over- starts at 2:30pm

Fun Run 2k – Open entry mainly for under 8’s – starts at 3pm

Entry on the day only at the Esplanade, Seaton from 10:00am – 1:45pm

**ATTENDANCE
WEEKLY TARGET**



**THIS WEEK'S
ATTENDANCE**



We are delighted to have reached our weekly attendance target.

Well done everyone!

