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SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Welcome to this week's newsletter

Welcome to this fortnightly newsletter! What an incredible Science week we have had, with so many Science activities and visitors from Seaton Tramway and Eco-bricks. The Science fair was a great way to end the week in which some children demonstrated their Scientific enquiry skills. I was very impressed by the way the children explained their experiences or Science learnings - well-done to everyone who entered! Also, well-done to all the children for the level of interest they have shown this Science week.

The school are receiving regular communication from the medical practice reporting that parents are continuing to park in the practice car park, which is reserved for patients and their staff. We are now being asked to spend money, which needs to be spent on children, resources and learning, to employ a parking enforcement officer to help the practice resolve the issue. This is not a good use of school resources, and therefore, even though I realise that there are limited places to park, I ask that you no longer park in the medical practice. Even if you are a patient of the practice, you are only to use it when you are attending the surgery. We appreciate that you may have to park a little further away from school, and hopefully the warmer weather and fast approaching summer months will make it easier for you to do this in support of our community practice and the school.

Have a lovely weekend, take care, Miss McCaffery

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Parents Evening W/C 28th March

Just a reminder that it is parents evening the week after next over Zoom. We hope that you find parents evening useful in hearing about your child's academic progress and time in school.

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Attendance Strategy

We are currently developing a school-wide attendance strategy to help increase school attendance with the aim of making sure children are in school as much as possible in order to achieve their goals and their potential.

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Year 2 Swimming lessons

Year 2 will continue to have swimming lessons on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.



DIARY DATES:

Parents evening
W/C 28th March

SEN coffee morning
in the school hall
1st April 1:45pm-
3pm

1st April
Key Stage 2
Author visit

1st April
Author workshop
Year 5

**More information
regarding this
will be sent out
soon.**

Class news

Reception

In Reception, we have been exploring the story of The Little Red Hen. We have learnt a story map and practiced telling the story, using pictures and actions to help us remember the sequence. We have learnt about how to make bread, including new vocabulary such as grain, wheat, grind and mill. We then made our own bread rolls to eat and they were delicious! Next week we will all have a go at writing something related to our Little Red Hen learning to celebrate how much we now know and remember.

Year 1

Year 1 have been very busy as ever!! The children are enjoying learning about our new topic "Space" and the first moon landing. On Monday they wrote fabulous stories based on "Star in a Jar" and the children should be very proud of how their writing is progressing. In math's we are exploring numbers to 50 and partitioning numbers and in science we are learning all about plants. We had a fabulous "science day" on Tuesday. The children did a brilliant job making their eco-bricks, and in the afternoon the children planted their own bean seeds. In indoor PE we are continuing with dance and in outdoor PE we are developing our ball skills.



Year 2

Year 2 have worked hard finding out more information about Antarctica, using the information for their independent write. All of Year 2 have shown such enthusiasm about their writing and have worked incredibly hard! It has been such an exciting week, all about science! We have been visited by EcoBricks where they were stuffing and compacting plastic bottles with small plastic waste. Year 2 were also visited by the local Tramway team to discuss the different types of transport, creating their very own tram.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant week celebrating science week and STEM subjects.

We loved working with the Coreus team to create our very own Eco-bricks. We then took this learning back to the classroom and thought about how we could use the Eco-bricks to build/construct something and designed from our ideas. We even wrote our own instructions for making an Eco-brick!

We also enjoyed the task that Seaton Tramway set us with the aim to design some transport for the future in the most eco-friendly way possible.

The children enjoyed studying Jane Goodall and Marie Curie this week and have found out a lot about their significance and contributions to science.

In other areas of the curriculum, we started a new unit on fractions in maths lessons and have been working hard rehearsing our gymnastic sequences ready to perform at Colyton Grammar School in a couple of weeks' time.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have had a busy time getting involved in Science week. We enjoyed listening to live online sessions about climate change and how engineering can be used in combatting environmental issues as well getting involved in making Eco Bricks out of all the plastic waste that had been bought in.



Earlier in the week, we were thrilled to receive a response from Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham aka Floella Benjamin to our letters sent during Black History Month. She wrote; 'Their letters brought a little tear to my eye and made me smile as well! So do let the kids know I think they are very special because of the kindness they have shown me, they were all inspiring and thoughtful.'

Last Friday we also had a fantastic turn out for our Parent Involvement morning. Thank you to everyone that was able to come and help the children create Viking heads out of clay.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy but enjoyable Science Week. We have enjoyed making our Eco bricks after learning about the negative impact of plastic pollution from the company Coreus. We also explored how farmers are using robots to manage their farms; we then used the ideas to design our own robotic farming machine. After a visit from Seaton Tramway, we looked at how transport has evolved and designed our own eco-friendly transport for the future. To top it all off, almost half of Year 5 took part in Friday's Science Fayre, showcasing their fantastic projects. In addition to science activities, we have also continued to explore ways to build tension and show, don't tell description to our writing. We have been really impressed with the engagement and curiosity shown this week. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been looking at 'The Day the Crayons Quit' book. We have analysed the text and are ready to write our own versions; the children have been creating their own characters for inanimate objects and have been practising using subjunctive form and personification to convey personality and create humour. In Maths, our focus has been on finding the perimeter and area of a range of shapes and applying this within word problems. In Year 6 this week, we have had a celebration of the children's learning and accomplishments through a successful mock SATs week. We are really proud of the children for their resilience and positivity throughout the different papers. Alongside this, we have been taking part in different science activities such as making eco-bricks, learning about lifecycles of animals and working with the tramway. We also enjoyed 'dress like a scientist day' and going to the science fair this morning.

Golden Book

The following children have all been entered into the Golden Book over the last fortnight for going 'over and above' with an aspect of their learning:



Yr 1- Logan W – Writing three whole pages, which are all fantastic.

Coco T- Amazing writing about 'The star in a Jar'.

Hazel V- Another lovely piece of writing.

Yr 4- Jade C – Depth of reading understanding and detail in your work.

Yr 5 – Trixie S – Brilliant diary entry and being a great role model.

Yr 6 – Clara W – Amazing work, exceptional writing and reading scores.

Donations for Ukraine

We would like to thank all of you for your generous donations for the Ukrainian refugees, the support was just incredible.

The charity that collected the goods was called CR2EE Christian Response in Eastern Europe. The goods will be taken to Moldova to meet the Ukrainian refugees arriving there.

The overflow was delivered to Axe valley, who gratefully added the goods to their collection.

The lady who collected the goods was called Kathy and she was just overwhelmed by the generosity of Seaton Primary students and their families.

Thank you!



Safeguarding our school community

Please help us to keep our school and local community safe at drop off and collection times by:

- not parking on any zig zag lines or yellow lines at both the top and the bottom entrance to the school.

It is illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that drivers must not park on yellow zig zag lines near a school entrance, or anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services. This is to ensure our school community are kept safe on the roads that surround the school.

- not riding bikes or scooting anywhere on the school premises (both adults and children please!)

- not bringing dogs onto the school premises including the footpath that leads up to the bottom gate.

East Devon District Council have displayed clear signage at the bottom gate which states that dogs are not permitted on the Elizabeth Road playing field or the adjoining footpath which leads up to the school and nurseries.

Please can we also remind parents to park considerately when dropping off or picking up. We are receiving quite a number of complaints from local residents.

Thank you in advance for respecting the safety of our school and local community.

Harmony for Hedgehogs

This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy a relaxed and fun concert, this will be on **Sunday 20th March**. An all age concert held locally to support the hedgehog hut in Colyford that looks after sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs from the Axe Valley area.

It's free!

Thank you

Hospiscare Sunflower Growing Competition

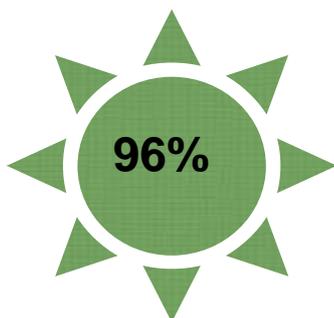
This is a wonderful competition in aid of Hospiscare- grow your own sunflower. If you would like to take part in this, kits are available from Abbots DIY in Seaton, Harepath Road.

Minimum donation £1.50 and all proceeds go to Hospiscare. Prizes to be won for the tallest sunflower grown, please take a photo of your sunflower and take it along to your local Abbots DIY shop with your registration form.

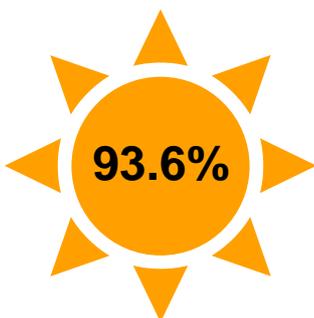
Thank you



**ATTENDANCE
WEEKLY TARGET**



**THIS WEEK'S
ATTENDANCE**



At Seaton Primary school we champion every child's right to an education. Your child's attendance at school is important in contributing to their success in their education. We are currently working on our attendance strategy so that we can promote and positively recognize attendance and punctuality even more.