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SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are very proud to be on the School Council this year. We had to give a speech to our classes about why we wanted to be on the School Council and they voted for us! Our job is to represent all the children in the school and to help make our school even better. We already have lots of ideas! Keep an eye on our School Council notice board. Our names are: Maegan, Ben, Faye, Daisy, Ella-Rose, Keon, Luke and Marshall.



YR6 V TEACHERS HOCKEY

This was the first of a series of games the teachers will play against Brunel over their final year. The children split themselves into 3 teams and put up a strong effort with a few goals sneaking past Mr Willcocks. However, the teachers came up trumps! Well done to all involved!



INTRODUCING MRS EVERNDEN



I am delighted to have the opportunity to join The Duchy team and am very much looking forward to teaching Year 1 during Miss Smith's sabbatical. I look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks.

I am an experienced KS1 teacher and have recently moved back to

Lympstone after spending seven years in Berkshire with my husband's career, where I taught Year 1 at our local school.

DUCHY'S GOT TALENT

Duchy's got talent took place on Wednesday evening. What a fantastic evening had by all! The children were on top form showing off their wonderful talents from hula hoop routines, pianists and gymnasts! A huge thank you to Paul Hawkins and Phil Reader for their technical support!

We are already looking forward to next year's performance!



PARENT FORUM

We are looking for a Year 6 parent to come and join the Parents Forum. There are 3 meetings per year and their role is to represent the parent's views on school matters in that class. The next meeting is Friday, 10th November. If you are interested, please speak with Mrs Dunning for more information.

CULLOMPTON COLLEGE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The week before half term a group of Year 6 children travelled to Cullompton Community College to participate in a Netball Tournament. The children put real effort into every single game and developed their ability to work effectively as a team. They showed grit and determination when faced with strong oppositions and it was a real pleasure to watch them progress throughout the tournament.



YEAR 3 TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday The Duchy took two Year 3 teams to a Tag Rugby tournament held at Blundells. The two teams played very well and triumphed in most of their games. The children demonstrated and played some fantastic runs, scoring many successful and skilled tries. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful sporting afternoon!





FOUNDATIONS HARVEST LUNCH

Foundation children had a very busy morning harvesting the vegetables that they had grown. They then washed and chopped them up to make into a delicious vegetable soup.







POLICE VISIT

Foundation Class had a visit from the local PCSO as Freddy the Frog went missing; he was in in park on his own and shouldn't have been! The police brought him back in their van and had a talk with the children about keeping safe.





The PCSO also visited Brunel class where they did some work around e-safety education.

PARENT PAY

A reminder to ensure that your parent pay account is regularly topped up and kept in credit. Thank you.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you very much for all your Harvest Donations. These were taken to Exeter Foodbank and were very much appreciated.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in shoeboxes. Please could we have all others by 17th November. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jack Trevelyan in Acland class who has been registered as an Exeter City Academy player! This is a fantastic achievement for Jack and we are all very proud of him. We wish him all the best in his new venture.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Our stars for last week and the week before are: **Foundation**: Saskia Barber-Swaly & James Mayne

Cook: Fenn Williams & Sophia Owen

Raleigh: Phoebe-Joy Luke

Drake: Chloe Soper & Ollie Salter

Acland: Amy Ramsden & Daniel Huxtable **Reynolds:** Lily Densham & Leon Potter

Brunel: Jordan Edmundson

MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Jasper Taylor-Kaye & Oscar Farrell **Cook**: Charlie Greenwood & Oscar Hitchcock

Raleigh: Ruby Williams Drake: Lewis Standford

Acland: Ella-Rose Orange & Erin Kennedy **Reynolds**: Woody Mather & Kayleigh Cox

Brunel: Daniel Thorpe

TERM DATES 2017/18

AUTUMN Term will end on 15th December

SPRING TERM will start on 3^{rd} January and end on 29^{th}

March

Half Term 12th – 16th February

SUMMER TERM will start 17th April and end on 26th July

Half Term 28th May - 1st June

PTA News and AGM

The PTA AGM is on Wednesday 15th November at 7pm at The Castle Pub, Bradninch. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Our termly PTA meeting will follow after the AGM. At this year's AGM we will be re-electing 3 roles; Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. We would like to say a huge thank you to Sam Bishop and Nicola Mather who are our current Chairperson and Treasurer. Sam has been the Chairperson for the last 2 years and Nicola has been Treasurer for the last 5 years. They have both given much time and commitment to which the PTA are very grateful. We currently do not have a secretary and so would like this role also to be re-elected.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent fundraiser selling raffle tickets for the South East Devon Community Raffle. We sold 265 tickets out of a possible 1500. We had to give the SEDCR 10% of this so we made a profit of £238.50. Many thanks to everyone that contributed.

House Points

ITALY 170

HOLLAND 230

SOUTH AFRICA 190

WALES 250

BRAZIL 240

NEW ZEALAND 190

JAPAN 180