



"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

Our vision:

We constantly strive to promote the overall development of all our pupils and staff. We want the children to come to school happy and eager to learn in a caring environment, where all members of the school community feel that they can reach their full potential.

Dear All

We have had a very busy start to the Spring term! Some of our KS2 children have entered the Half Marathon Challenge. They went to Cullompton Community School with Mrs Dunning to run the first mile, will run most of the distance over the next few weeks and return to CCC to finish the Challenge in the summer term. We wish them good luck!

Dawn and Ollie Mears, the new vicar at St Disen's Church, have been into school to take assembly. Ollie talked about the creation story and some of the children took part in an activity involving jelly babies to help illustrate the concept of temptation.

As many of you know, we are fortunate to be linked with a school in Leilisa, Ethiopia. Penny, the link co-ordinator came into school last week to talk to the children about the school and to show them photos of school life in Leilisa. The focus for our next project with the school is Maths. Hence, our Maths morning activities this coming Friday will be based around Maths investigations which we will then send out to Leilisa. The children there will then have a go at them too and send us their learning.

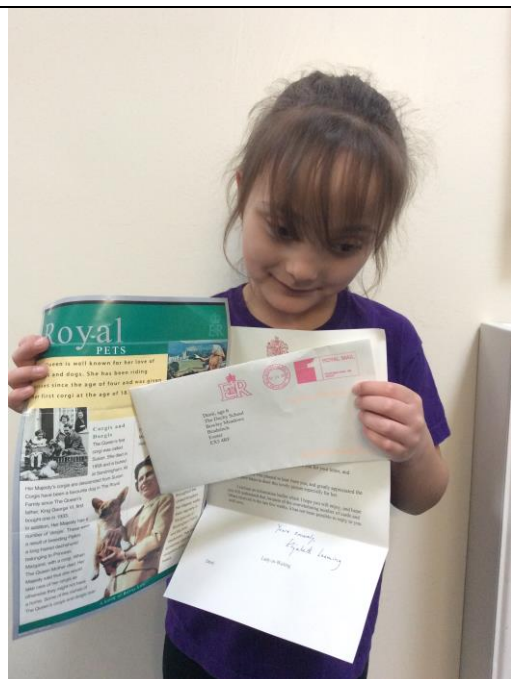
Radio 2 have launched their annual short-story writing competition. Entries are now open until 7pm on Thursday, 22nd February. It would be fantastic to have some entries from The Duchy School! Stories can be written on any theme with a 500-word limit. More details can be found on the Radio-2 website. Please let your teacher and Mrs Bourne know if your child enters.



I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Gina Barons will be starting after half term as a teaching assistant in our school. We are looking forward to having her join us and using her experience to support our children.

Alison Bourne

Our fortnight in pictures...



Demi-Leigh had a letter from the Queen!



Half Marathon, Cullompton



Learning Powers



Ollie and Dawn took assembly.



The classroom in Leilisa.

Our Notice Board

Learning Powers

All classes have been doing activities that enable them to develop their working relationships. Powerful learners love sharing their thoughts and ideas with others and working well together to solve problems. They also know when it is more effective to work on their own. Working relationships is represented by the Bee. Children may be asked to 'Think, Pair and Share' or to decide whether to work alone, in pairs or as a group on a particular task.

Maths Morning

Please come along to do a Maths investigation with your child on Friday, 26th February. We look forward to seeing you between 10.50 and 11.50am!




The Duchy School PTFA


If you would like to find out more about our PTFA or volunteer your support for an event, please contact Mrs Dunning, the school office or email duchypfta@gmail.com.

You don't have to join, you are already a member!

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Eleanor & James
Cook	Annabelle & May
Raleigh	Mia & Alfie
Drake	Shay and Frankie
Acland	Lily & Izzy
Reynolds	Charlie & George
Brunel	Edward, Zach & Esme

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Arlo & Isaac
Cook	Belle & Poppy
Raleigh	Alfie & Amber
Drake	Marley & Katie
Acland	Alyssa & Lottie
Reynolds	Lily, Coral & Ewan
Brunel	Dimitrios & Emily

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	420
Wales	490
Italy	440
South Africa	390
New Zealand	400
Japan	400
Brazil	440

Well done to all our Stars and Mathematicians as well as to Wales Friendship Group!

Diary Dates

Date	Event
26 th January	Maths Morning 10.50-11.50 am Come and join in Maths activities with your child/ren!
7 th February	Foundation Class assembly 3.00 pm
2 nd February	PTFA meeting at The Castle, Bradninch. All welcome!
1 st March	World Book Day
2 nd March	Drake Class Assembly 3pm
23 rd March	Comic Relief Day
28 th March	PTFA Easter Event 3.30pm at school
29 th March	The Duchy Mile - sponsored event

TERM DATES 2017/18
SPRING TERM will end on 29 th March
Half Term 12 th - 16 th February
SUMMER TERM will start 17 th April and end on 26 th July.
Half Term 28 th May - 1 st June

TERM DATES for 2018/19

AUTUMN Term Commences on 5 th September 2018 and Finishes on 20 th December Non-pupil Day Friday 19 th October Half Term 22 nd - 26 th October
SPRING Term Commences on 7 th January 2019 and Finishes on 5 th April 2019 Half Term 18 th - 22 nd February
SUMMER Term Commences on 24 th April 2019 and Finishes on 24 th July 2019 Non-Pupil Day Monday 3 rd June 2019 Half Term 27 th May - 31 st May 2019

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