### THE DUCHY SCHOOL www.duchy.devon.sch.uk (01392) 881482

Headteacher: Mrs Alison Bourne





"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

It was great to see so many of you at our recent maths morning. Our children and families were busy doing a variety of Maths investigations from Foundation through to Year 6. As mentioned in the last newsletter we are going to be sending our investigations to our link school in Leilisa, Ethiopia for them to have a go at too. We will be interested to hear if they had as much fun as we did! Some of our investigations along with photos of Maths morning are displayed in school. You are welcome to come in to have a look.

Along with our Star, Mathematician and Question of the Week certificates that are presented in our reward assembly each Monday, we have introduced a class attendance certificate for the class with the highest attendance the previous week. Regular attendance in school is crucial in ensuring children's progress with their learning. Brunel class are proudly displaying both attendance certificates so far outside their classroom. Well done, Brunel!

KSI and KS2 have been enjoying learning about how to be a Busy Bee (one of the Learning Powers) and what skills you need to have to work successfully as a team. During their assembly KSI read the story 'The Enormous Turnip' and had lots of fun acting it out. They can now explain that to be a 'Busy Bee' you need to: listen, take turns, share, be polite, involve everybody, be patient, make collaborative decisions and talk to each other.

World Book Day is nearly upon us again! This year we are having the theme of animals. Animals feature in so many children's books as fictional and mythical characters and, of course, in non-fiction books too. Please help your child to choose an animal from a book they enjoy – fiction, non-fiction or mythical – and come to school dressed as that animal. If your child can bring along the book where their chosen animal features, we would like to see it. We're already looking forward to seeing animals take over the school!

I hope you all have a good half term and look forward to seeing you after the break. Alison Bourne

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### Our fortnight in pictures...





#### Maths Morning





KS1 Football The Duchy v. Broadclyst

#### Our Notice Board

#### Headlice

Headlice have, unfortunately, been making themselves known again in some of our classes. Please would you check your child's hair regularly and treat promptly if required.

Thank you.

#### KS1 Football Match

8 children in Raleigh class took part in a football match against Broadcylst Primary School. For some of the children this was their first ever match and it was the first time they had all played together as a team. Although the score was 5-0 to Broadclyst our year 2s played fantastically as a team and with a smile on their faces the entire game. They all had a brilliant time and represented the school beautifully. I am very proud of their efforts and look forward to more tournaments for year 2 in the future.

Mrs Anderson

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Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week		
Our mather	naticians for the last	
	rtnight are:	
Foundation	Arlo & Archie	
Cook	Joe & Belle	
Raleigh	Avah & Demi	
Drake	Elliot Fullarton	
Acland	Arthur & Florence	
Reynolds	Nat, Thomas &	
	Olivia	
Brunel	Imi, Elliana & Ellie	

	of the Week
Our sta	rs for the last
fort	night are:
Foundation	Amelia & Coby
Cook	Riley & Josh
Raleigh	Ruby & Ava
Drake	Bailey
Acland	Mason &
	Connor
Reynolds	Gracie &
J	Chelsea
Brunel	Bobbie, Zach &
	Alfie

Friendshi			
Our current Friendship totals are:			
Holland	440		
Wales	500		
Italy	460		
South Africa	410		
New	410		
Zealand			
Japan	460		
Brazil	530		

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

#### Diary Dates

Date	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Foundation Class assembly 3.00 pm
21st February	PTFA meeting at The Castle, Bradninch. All welcome!
l <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
21st March	Drake Class Assembly 3pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Comic Relief Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Easter Event 3.30pm at school
29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Duchy Mile - sponsored event

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

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

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