



“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Through having high expectations for all, we constantly strive to promote the overall development of all members of our school community to enable them to reach their full potential. We are a welcoming, and motivational school that nurtures and supports pupils to learn transferable skills for life-long learning.

Message from Simon Roberts

We develop and promote British Values throughout our school and within our curriculum; I have been extremely proud of how the children have championed these over the past fortnight.

Last week, as a mark of respect, we held a Remembrance assembly - including a two minutes silence. Two of our year 6 children represented the school fantastically, laying our school's poppy wreath, during the town service on Sunday 13th November.

This week, to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week, the whole school came together in their friendship groups. Using this year's theme 'Reach Out' the children completed a variety of tasks that highlighted the importance of treating others with thoughtfulness and consideration, in just the way that we would wish to be treated ourselves.

School Improvement

Earlier today, I met with the parent forum group, where it was agreed that instead of Minutes being captured formally (and posted on the website), it is up to each class parent forum representative to feed back to other parents what was discussed. By way of reminder, you can find your child's class parent forum representative on our website. They also supported me by reviewing the school improvement survey that I will be sending out to all parents before the end of term.

Children in Need

A great big thank you for all the donations received via Parent Pay for Children in Need. The running total so far is a massive £195.50!

Staff

Congratulations go to Mrs Jodie Keeling, Daley class teacher, who is expecting her first child in April. Her maternity leave dates are yet to be confirmed; we will inform parents as soon as they are agreed, along with the arrangements for who will be teaching the class in Mrs Keeling's absence.

Term Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Autumn	5 th September 2022	16 th December 2022
Spring	3 rd January 2023	31 st March 2023
Summer	18 th April 2023	21 st July 2023


Diary Dates

Date	Item
21 st -25 th November	Book Fayre in school
23 rd November	Foundation Admissions (2023) Open Afternoon (2pm)
23 rd November	Acland Class Assembly (3pm)
25 th November	Flu vaccinations
6 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
7 th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity (3.45pm)
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Craft Morning - Parents Invited 9.15-10.15am
12 th December	KS2 Christingle at St Disens' Church (2pm)
13 th December	PTFA Christmas Disco (Foundation and KS1 4.15 – 5pm)
13 th December	PTFA Christmas Disco (KS2 5.15 – 6.15pm)
15 th December	School Christmas Lunch
16 th December	Last day of term

Christmas in School

Children	Event
KS1	6 th and 7 th December - Reception, Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performances – communication regarding spectator numbers will be sent by the end of next week.
Whole School	9 th December - All classes will host a Christmas Craft Morning. Parents and carers are welcome to attend between 9.15-10.15am. Children can also wear a Christmas jumper (over normal school uniform). Donation link for Save the Children will be sent nearer to the day.
KS2	12 th December - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christingle Service at St Disens' Church
Whole School	13 th December - PTFA Christmas Disco

Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week		
		
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:		
	11.11.22	18.11.22
Acorn	Elsie-Mei	Ethan
Andrews	Betsy	Maximus
Scott	Elijah	Katy
Daley	Rose	Bobby
Acland	Lela	Bonnie
Reynolds	Emilia	Mia
King	Elizabeth	Orson




Stars of the Week		
		
Our stars for the last fortnight were:		
	11.11.22	18.11.22
Acorn	Bobbie	Orla
Andrews	Maximus	Theo W
Scott	Harper W	Phoebe D
Daley	Charlie A	James
Acland	Teddy	Lottie
Reynolds	Jasper	Izzy
King	Elizabeth	Phoebe



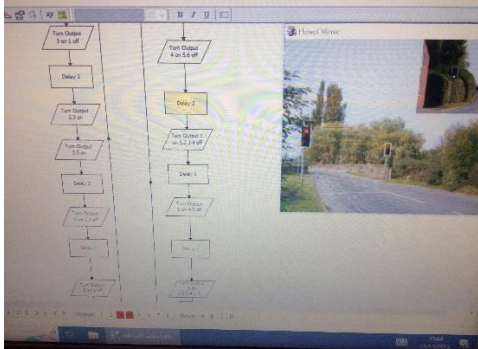
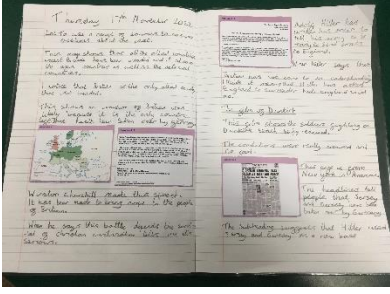


Questions of the Week		
		
Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
	11.11.22	18.11.22
Andrews	Olly	Emily
Scott	Eddie	Georgia
Daley	Deacon	Jackson
Acland	Henry	Rory
Reynolds	Ellie	Sofia
King	Ronnie	Oscar L

In assembly time, we have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Andrews	Natalie	For obtaining her Level 3 Goldfish Award in swimming.
Daley	Isabella	For obtaining her Shark Award in swimming.
Acland	Rosie S	For coming 8 th in showjumping and cross country in horse riding.
King	Orson	For receiving the Batter of the Year Award for 2022 from Bradninch Cricket Club.

Our fortnight in photos

Acorn class	Andrews class	Scott class
		
In outdoor learning, we have been making compost with our waste materials in and around school.	In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes.	In PE, we have been using different heights to create a dance where we move like fire.

Daley class	Acland class	Reynolds class
		
<p>In DT, we have been getting creative and making our own pizzas.</p>	<p>In history, we have been examining lots of interesting artefacts.</p>	<p>In ICT, we have been using Flowol to program different inputs and outputs to control lights.</p>
King class	Remembrance Service	Anti-bullying Week
		
<p>In history, we have been using a range of sources to find out more about events that led up to the Battle of Britain.</p>	<p>Year six children, laying our school's poppy wreath, at the town Remembrance ceremony.</p>	<p>Shared discussion, during Friendship Group circle time, as part of Anti-Bullying Week.</p>

Sports Updates

On Wednesday 9th November, the Year 5/6 Football Team travelled to Willand for a friendly match. Excellent effort and teamwork saw Duchy run out 5-1 winners. Congratulations to all who represented the school so brilliantly and thank you to the parents who came along to support the team.



On Friday 11th November, 31 pupils from across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Bickton College to take part in the East Devon Cross-Country Finals. All our runners gave their best effort, with some being recognised with individual medals for showing the 'spirit of the games'. Thank you to all those parents who made the journey over to Bickton to support the runners: it was appreciated.



Message from the PTFA

Rainbow Hamper Raffle

Over the festive season, we will be holding a Rainbow Hamper Raffle! Each class have been allocated a colour at random; we would appreciate donations of that colour to be brought into your child's class.

- Acorn: Yellow
- Andrews: Red
- Scott: Orange
- Daley: Blue
- Acland: Green
- Reynolds: Purple
- King: Pink

We welcome any donation - suggested items include: drinks, sweet treats, candles, bubble bath, socks, stationary and winter/Christmas decorations. All donations should be brought into your child's classroom however we politely request that any alcoholic donations be dropped off at reception. *If you are donating consumable products, please ensure they are dated, unused and unopened. **No frozen or fresh produce please.***

All donations in before **Friday 2nd December**. Raffle tickets will be available and on sale from **Monday 5th December**. Thank you for your continued support.