



***“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**

It has been a fortnight of celebrations in school! Last week, on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, we hosted our delayed World Book Day event. Our love of reading was clear to see in the range of inventive costumes and creative entries to our ‘Potato challenge’ competition. We enjoyed story sharing sessions, where members of staff chose a book to share with children across the school. Back in classrooms, children took part in a range of exciting activities such as: a book themed escape room, bookmark designing, author workshops and sharing of audio books. This week, we have been championing science, technology, engineering and maths as part of British Science Week! Both in and out of the classroom, we have been running activities and events linked to this year’s theme – connections. Thanks to all who attended the parent event earlier.

**The Duchy Mile**

Your child will be coming home today with a sponsorship form for the infamous Duchy Mile sponsored run – taking place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This year, proceeds from the event will support the school’s PTFA.

**Staff**

We welcome Mr Oliver Robinson, a student from Plymouth Marjon University, who is completing a placement at our school as part of his PGCE primary training course.

**School Improvement**




As part of ongoing school improvement work, I am now looking to engage further with the school community. I believe that it is essential that, as part of any review work, I gather your thoughts and opinions. This will help support me in reviewing existing systems, procedures and practices and when considering where and when changes could be made

If you would be interesting in sharing your ideas and thoughts, please complete the questionnaire via the link below. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/OE0Sq4y725>

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! The survey will close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

## Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week			Stars of the Week			Questions of the Week		
								
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:			Our stars for the last fortnight were:			Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
	10.03.23	17.03.23		10.03.23	17.03.23		10.03.23	17.03.23
Acorn	Lily	Benjamin	Acorn	Rupert	Alfie	Andrews	Chloe	Daisy
Andrews	Ella	Ian	Andrews	Brodi	Olly	Scott	Alfred	Harper W
Scott	Edwin	Albert	Scott	Violet	Georgia	Daley	James	Bobby
Daley	Olivia	Deacon	Daley	Daisy	Theo	Acland	Bailey	Teddy
Acland	Layla	Izzy	Acland	Zac	Rory	Reynolds	Emilia	Archie
Reynolds	Thomas	Piran	Reynolds	Imogen	Arlo	King	Megan	Orson
King	Esme	Joe	King	Samuel	May			

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

Andrews	Theo C	For obtaining Stanley 7 award in swimming.
Acland	Rosie S	For various rosettes in a recent show jumping event.
Acland	Troy	For reading 50 books in Book Quest.

## Key Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Spring	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Summer	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

Date	Item
31 <sup>st</sup> March	The Duchy Mile
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of Term

World Book Day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March



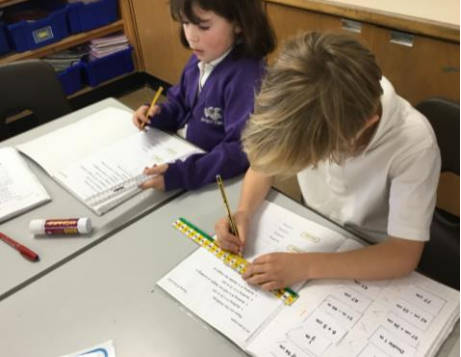


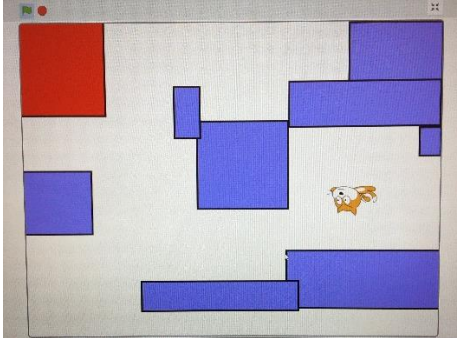





Science Week (13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March)





Our fortnight in photos

<p><b>Acorn class</b></p>	<p><b>Andrews class</b></p>	<p><b>Scott class</b></p>
		
<p>In UTW, we looked for signs of Spring as we walked to the church to learn more about the Easter story.</p>	<p>In music, we have used chime bars to develop our skills in keeping a rhythm.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been measuring accurately and converting between centimetres and meters.</p>
<p><b>Daley class</b></p>	<p><b>Acland class</b></p>	<p><b>Reynolds class</b></p>
		
<p>In Science, we have been looking at magnets and how they attract or repel objects.</p>	<p>In science, we have been testing different materials to see if they are an insulator or a conductor.</p>	<p>In computing, we have been coding a maze game using Scratch software. Some games have multiple levels.</p>
<p><b>King class</b></p>	<p><b>Photography Club</b></p>	
		
<p>In science, we have been designing and testing different bridge structures.</p>	<p>Over the past 8 weeks, photography club have enjoyed looking at a range of photography styles and developing our focus, framing and editing skills. Some examples we are proud of are shown above.</p>	

## Sports Update

### **Hockey Heroes**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, years 4, 5 and 6 received a 45-minute hockey taster session from Peter Rosenwald, a coach from the 'Hockey Heroes' club in Cullompton. "There were lots of fun activities and we got to play games," said Lily in Year 5.

If your child enjoyed the taster and wants to find out more about Hockey Heroes, details are available at the end of the newsletter.



### **Football Match**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, members of the Year 5/6 Football Team took on Willowbank in their second league fixture of the season. Plenty of attacking play was on display from both teams but it was a case of missed opportunities for Duchy as Willowbank took their chances to emerge winners of the game at 4 goals to 2. Well done to all who played - you showed plenty of effort throughout the match. Thank you also to those who came to support the team; it is most appreciated.



## The Duchy School Uniform

The school places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a valuable sign that children have pride in their membership of the school and in the team spirit it creates.

- We ask that all items of clothing and personal items are marked with your child's name.
- Sweatshirts, cardigans and purple tee shirts are available from the school.
- Black PE hoodies are optional and can be ordered from the school office. No nail polish, added hair colours or make-up.

**Please do check for availability with the office before paying for any items on Parent Pay first.**

UNIFORM
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan available from the school
White polo shirt or blouse
Grey trousers/shorts/knee-length skirt/knee-length pinafore
Grey or white socks/tights
Black shoes - trainers are not permitted
Purple and white summer dress/ blue, white or black summer sandals with socks
Purple PE tee shirt/black PE shorts/ white PE socks/white or black trainers/optional black PE hoodie

In the community

# Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

Filled with creativity & adventure!

## Before and after school clubs for pupils of the Duchy School

Did you know that the Duchy Preschool runs before and after school clubs for children attending the Duchy School?

Currently the clubs run Monday - Thursday (with potential to open Fridays if there is the demand).

The breakfast club session starts at 7.45 am - Children are walked to the Duchy School in time for morning registration. A light breakfast is included.

The after school club session runs until 6pm - Children are collected from the Duchy School at 3.30pm and walked to preschool for an afternoon of fun activities. A light tea is included.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the Duchy Preschool on:

Tel: 01392 881975

email: [Duchypreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:Duchypreschool@googlemail.com)

Web: [www.duchypreschool.org.uk](http://www.duchypreschool.org.uk)



**A FUN WELCOMING  
INTRODUCTION TO HOCKEY**

**Where?**

Culm Valley Sports Centre, EX15 1LL

**When?**

- 5-8 years old - 5pm on Tuesday
- 8-11 yr olds - 6pm on Tuesday

Contact Peter Rosenwald 07973710736 to find out more!