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"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

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to offer my thanks to all of our families and the wider community who have supported The Duchy School. Thank you, also, to everyone who took the time to complete the recent school improvement survey which has now closed; I look forward to investing the time in reviewing all of the thoughts and ideas shared. During the summer term, I will share how I intend to use this information to feed into our school improvement work. I hope you all have a wonderful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 18th April.

Key Dates

We are in the process of determining key diary dates and events for the rest of this academic year – these will be communicated on the next newsletter. I can confirm now, however, that:

- The Duchy Mile has been rearranged for **Friday 28**th **April.** All existing timings and arrangements (including sponsorship) will apply to this new date.
- We will be hosting a parent event during the afternoon of Friday 5th May to celebrate the upcoming coronation

 more details to follow, but for the moment save the date!

Another survey?

Yes...! Our trust's annual Parent and Carer questionnaire is now open and set to close on **Wednesday 19th April**. All thoughts are hugely valued and appreciated. **Please note the majority of these questions are multiple choice selection.**

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Sports Update

Cross Country

On Tuesday 21st March, 32 pupils travelled to Killerton for the second and final round of the cross-country competition for local schools. All pupils gave 100% effort in what were very sticky and slippery running conditions, and we had a high number of top-5, top-10 and top-20 finishers in the races. Duchy finished in 5th place overall, just a few points behind Sampford Peverell in 4th. Well done to all our runners and a massive thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other relatives who came to cheer the children on; your support really does make a huge difference.



Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week

Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:

	24.03.23	31.03.23
Acorn	Theo	Svitlana
Andrews	Margaret	Ella
Scott	Chloe	Phoebe D
Daley	Lara	Elliott
Acland	Tyler	Tom
Reynolds	Lily	Anabelle
King	Tyler	Ronnie





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

Daley	Isabella	For obtaining Dolphin 1 (Personal Survival) award in swimming.	
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Daley	Izzy	For obtaining both Stanley 6 & 7 award in swimming.	
Acland	Rosie S	For achieving 1 st and 2 nd place in a recent show jumping event where she	
		represented the school.	
Reynolds	Anabelle	Winning 1 st prize in a Spring art competition held by Taunton School.	
King	Orson	For obtaining Rainbow distance (1 mile) in swimming.	

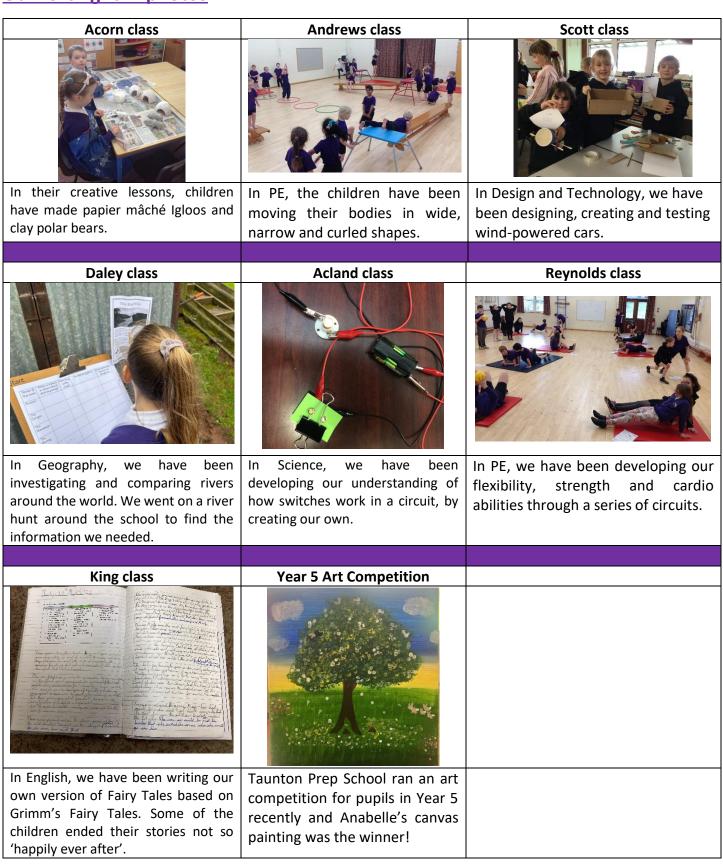
The Duchy Diamond Award Winners

Kaiden
Chloe
Sophie
Jackson
Marni
Mia
Esme



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Our fortnight in photos



In the community

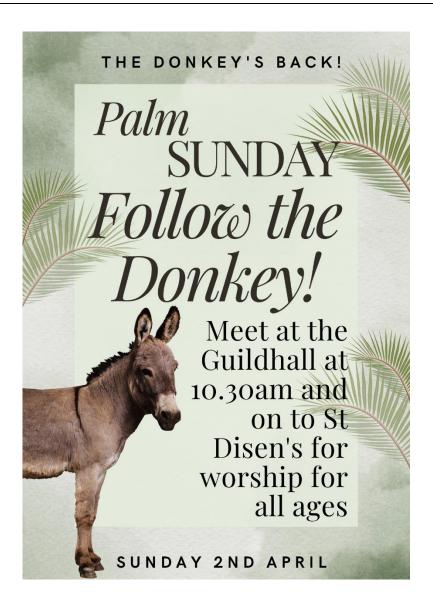
Dear Duchy families,

THE DONKEY'S BACK! Many of you were able to join in our Christmas celebration for all ages - the Donkey Service. This Easter, the donkey's back!

This Sunday 2nd April is Palm Sunday and we're gathering for "Follow the Donkey" - a service for all ages which will begin outside the Guildhall at 10.30am with Issachar the Donkey, then walking together to St Disen's for a celebration.

See the poster attached, and have a very happy Easter!

Olly, and the team at St Disen's



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:

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