



### ***“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 the Head**

Diversity has been a key theme in school over the past fortnight. During assemblies and in lessons, we have been exploring and celebrating our differences. Whilst it would be an impossible task to single out what makes each person in our school community so unique and incredible, I have - however - included a snapshot in the **Our Fortnight in Photos Section** below two moments which have left me inspired – not just because of the range of talents and interests of our children, but because of the respect and appreciation shown by their peers.

### **Sports Day**

Yesterday, we held our annual Sports Day event. The children enjoyed a carousel of different sporting activities in the morning followed by a variety of races in the afternoon. Competing for their Friendship groups it was Holland who came out victorious! A massive thank you to everyone who joined us and to the PTFA for running a refreshments stall.

### **Headlice**

We have had a couple of cases of headlice in the school. Please remember, in order to prevent the spread of headlice, that long hair should be tied up.

### **Sports Updates**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8 pupils from years 5 and 6 travelled to The King’s School, Ottery St. Mary for the East Devon Quad Kids Finals. Each pupil completed a 75m sprint, vortex throw, standing jump and 600m run.

Overall, the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 schools participating – a fantastic achievement! A special mention to Samuel, Deegan and Olivia who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively in the boys’ and girls’ categories. Well done to all who took part, and a huge thank you to parents who supported!



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, teams from years 3 to 6 travelled to Uffculme for the finals of the football league. It was heartache for both teams as they lost their semi-final matches - the 5/6 team missing out after a 1-1 draw led to a penalty shootout.


In the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place matches that followed, despite dominating their game, Duchy’s year 3/4 team lost 1-0, but the 5/6 team found their form to run out comfortable 5-1 winners. Overall, Duchy’s teams finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> (year 3/4 team) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (year 5/6 team) out of all the schools that took part. Well done everyone, and a huge thank you to parents who supported!





Sports Day 2023



## Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week		
		
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight were:		
	09.06.23	16.06.23
Acorn	Bryony	Alfie
Andrews	Alfie & Bonnie	Maximus
Scott	Solomon	Georgia
Daley	James	Xander
Acland	Vaughn	Lottie
Reynolds	Arlo	Piran
King	Joey	Deegan

Stars of the Week		
		
Our stars for the last fortnight were:		
	09.06.23	16.06.23
Acorn	Rupert	Albie
Andrews	Ian	Lexie
Scott	Tom	Phoebe G
Daley	Olivia	Lara
Acland	Bailey	Henry
Reynolds	Olivia	Jasper
King	Riley	Oscar H

Questions of the Week		
		
Our impressive questioners for the last fortnight were:		
	09.06.23	16.06.23
Andrews	Olive	James Han
Scott	Sophie	Chloe
Daley	Grace	Casper
Acland	Lucy	Troy
Reynolds	Gracie & Issac	Logan
King	Charlie	-

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

Acorn	Helena	For running a 1km Burrator race and coming 5 <sup>th</sup> in her age category.
Daley	Bobby	For participating in the Dawlish Football Club's U8s tournament with Bradninch Football Club.

## Acorn Class Trip

On Tuesday 13th June, Acorn class enjoyed a busy day out of school. First stop was Powderham Castle where the children investigated different features that they have been learning about this term. This was followed by a visit in the afternoon to Dawlish Warren beach. The children built castles in the style of Powderham – most were keen to get buckets of water and add in moats to their designs as well!

It was a pleasure to take such well-behaved pupils out for the day! (Mrs Riggs)



## Our fortnight in photos

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acorn class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Andrews class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scott class</b></p> 
<p>In Maths, we have been playing double your number games.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been exploring ways to make numbers to 100.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been creating our own pictograms.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daley class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acland class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reynolds class</b></p> 
<p>In computing, we learnt how to create a maze on Scratch and program it to move a 'sprite' through the maze.</p>	<p>In Maths, we have been identifying different angles.</p>	<p>During the past 2 weeks, we have taken advantage of the lovely weather to complete some of our learning outside.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>King class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diverse interests in school life</b></p> 	
<p>In Maths, we have been using and applying a range of skills including area, perimeter, shape and space and calculation strategies to design our own 'gnome villages'</p>	<p>Monty, Alexandros and Noah have performed magnificently to captivated audiences at the start of recent singing assemblies!</p>	<p>Keen to support others and share their own expertise, Ezra and Joey (year six) are running a drop-in coding club at lunchtime for anyone wanting to learn more!</p>

## Diary Dates

Term	Commences	Finishes
Summer	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

Summer Term	
19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Book Fair (Hall)
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y6 Surfing trip
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Foundation September 2023 Admissions – Settling Session 1.15 – 3.15pm (Group 1)
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation September 2023 Admissions – Settling Session 1.15 – 3.15pm (Group 2)
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation September 2023 Admissions – Settling Session 9.30 – 11.30am (All)
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Afternoon Performance
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Evening Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception – vision check
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 trip to Crealy
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30 am (Y6 families only)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

### Book Fair (19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June)



Next week, we are excited to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. There will be a range of books available to purchase each day after school. Every penny that you spend will also help us to earn free books for the school for the library and class reading areas. We will set up the fair on the playground (weather permitting) and look forward to seeing you there.

## In the community

in partnership with  
 **Duchy Preschool, Bradninch**  
Filled with creativity & adventure!

*New Holiday Club at Duchy Preschool*

*We are opening up for a holiday club here at Duchy Preschool age range 3~5years old*

*Full day - £30  
Half day - £15*

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**Week Commencing 24<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Week Commencing 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

**Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 9<sup>o</sup>clock until 3<sup>o</sup>clock

If you would like to book your child a place, please Email your interest to the preschool quoting 'Holiday club'.

Email: [duchypreschool@gogglemail.com](mailto:duchypreschool@gogglemail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Family Theatre Production – Exeter Phoenix**

A family theatre production will be taking place at 4pm, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, following Refugee Week, and it has been designed especially for Key Stage 2 at Exeter Phoenix.

Children can go free with the code **HEROFREE**.

More information on this link - [Family Theatre: The Hero Next Door \(arts-mail.co.uk\)](https://arts-mail.co.uk)