



### ***“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

### Staff updates and transition morning

We will be saying farewell to Miss Emily Foote, who is currently covering Mrs Keeling’s maternity leave, at the end of this term. She has been appointed as Headteacher at Sidbury Primary School from September 2023. We wish her all the best in this exciting new opportunity! We are now in the process of arranging her replacement and finalising teaching arrangements for classes in the next academic year. **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** is our internal transition morning where all classes will be meeting and spending the morning with their new teachers in readiness for September. Further details and information will be sent, by e-mail, before this date.

### Industrial Action




A reminder that two planned days of industrial action are scheduled for next week – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Please refer to separate communication sent out, by email, earlier today which outlines the impact of this on our school. If you have any questions or queries, I will be happy to answer them on the gate next week.

### Friendship Groups

Fresh from competing together on sports day, the children came back together in their friendship groups this week, to learn about the challenges faced by refugees all over the world. They heard about the reasons why people are forced to leave their country and the incredible courage they show in the face of adversity. For children from refugee families, whenever they start school, the challenge of fitting in is likely to be most acute. Our goal for the friendship group session on Wednesday, was to make our school a friendly and welcoming one by creating a book which could be shared on their arrival telling them all about The Duchy School.










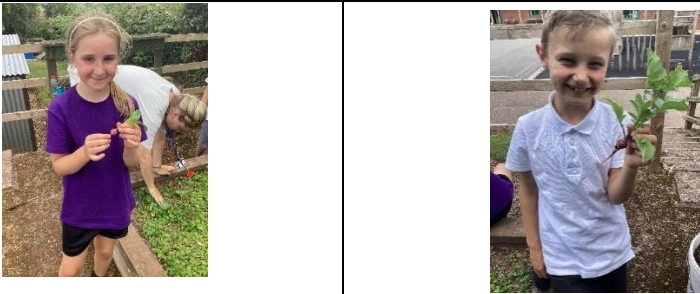
## Celebrations

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:		
	23.06.23	30.06.23		23.06.23	30.06.23		23.06.23	30.06.23
Acorn	Ethan	Eleanor	Acorn	Svitlana	Elsie-Mei	Andrews	Sutton	Meadow
Andrews	Theo C	Jocelyn & Lexie	Andrews	Maisie	Lilly-Mai	Scott	Harriet	Phoebe D
Scott	Lily SV	Lily SV	Scott	Rohan	Yeva	Daley	Rose	Summer
Daley	Harvey	Alexandros	Daley	Isabella	Edward	Acland	Noah	Tom
Acland	Layla	Florence	Acland	Lottie	Teddy	Reynolds	Ellie	Effie
Reynolds	Thomas	Bradley	Reynolds	Archie	Luke	King	Logan	Deegan
King	Ben	-	King	Oscar L	Joey & Ezra			

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

Andrews	Chester	For being awarded Man of the Match in his recent match for Bradninch FC.
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Andrews	Chloe	For obtaining Rainbow Distance (25m) in swimming.
Scott	Marlowe	For climbing Mount Snowdon.
Scott	Lily R	For climbing Mount Snowdon.
Scott	Alfred	For obtaining Stanley 5 award in swimming.
Daley	Bobby	For getting to the semi-final in the Moors FC football tournament for Bradninch FC U8s.
Daley	Deacon	For taking part in Cycle Speedway East Newport competition and the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Exeter Cycle Speedway competition.
Acland	Troy	For being awarded Player's Player of the Season for 2022/23 for Bradninch FC U9s.
Acland	Rosie S	For coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> in a recent show-jumping competition.
King	Deegan	For being awarded Manager's Player of the Season for 2022/23 for Cullompton Rangers FC U11s.
King	Samuel	Exeter Youth League Award Player of the Season, Player's Player and Golden Boots Award for the 2022/23 season – all for Bradninch FC U11s.

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 RE, children have been learning what happens at a traditional Christian infant baptism and dedication. The children baptised their baby Rainbow!</p>	<p>In maths, we have been learning about money. We can recognise coins and notes and are beginning to learn their values. Test us at home!</p>	<p>In science, we have been observing the lifecycle of plants by growing our own sunflowers. We know that our seeds need water, sunlight, nutrients and a warm temperature to germinate and be healthy.</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>Year 3 have enjoyed two amazing Art and DT days with Mrs Huntley. We have created felt and made pneumatic monsters!</p>	<p>In DT, we have designed and created our own pizzas, making the pizza bases without yeast.</p>	<p>In science, we have been learning about the changes that may happen to people in old age.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>King class</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our outdoor environment</b></p> 	
<p>Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day surfing on the North Devon coast. The waves and the weather were perfect!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Harvesting produce from the vegetable boxes!</p>	

## Diary Dates

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

	Summer Term
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
12 <sup>th</sup> July	New classes transition morning
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

### School Meal Prices

After careful consideration, we are having to increase the cost of school meals, from the 1st September 2023, the cost of a meal will be £2.50. This decision hasn't been taken lightly but with the significantly higher costs that we are now facing for our gas and electric along with the food and non-food inflationary costs increasing by over 12%, we are now at the point where we need to reflect these in our price per meal costs. We fully understand how difficult times are, therefore we have tried to keep the increase as small as possible. As a nation we are all hoping that food and utility costs stabilise or potentially drop in the months ahead but as a precaution we will be undertaking a further review of meal prices in spring 2024.

The Government has continued to support the Universal Infant Free School meals project, and this means that all the children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be provided with a school meal free of charge. If your child is in Years 3-6, they can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. Please contact the school office for information or help in completing forms. If there is a difficulty in providing payment for meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. All queries and requests for support are confidential and we will always work with families to ensure find the best solution we can.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

## In the community

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**Devon**  
County Council



**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*

### **Week Commencing 24<sup>th</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'o'clock until 3'o'clock

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.



*Have fun learning to play the piano  
with an experienced and patient teacher*

*To book for a free taster's lesson*

*please contact*

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# **PTFA COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 1ST JULY**

Bradninch Guildhall 10-12 noon

PLEASE DONATE ANY RAFFLE PRIZES AND CAKES TO SCHOOL  
RECEPTION OR BRING ALONG TO THE GUILDHALL

We look forward to seeing you there!