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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 the Head

I would like to start with a personal thanks to all pupils, staff, parents/carers, and our community for your warm welcome and support in my first year at The Duchy School. It has been a privilege to start this next chapter of the school's journey with you.

Whilst saying a fond farewell to our year 6 children this week has been difficult, we wish them well as they embark on their next adventures. We hope the children and year 6 parents have enjoyed all the fun-filled events over the past few weeks; I have included, below, a snapshot of the fantastic production delivered by the Upper Key Stage 2 team last week.

It has been exciting seeing children experience their new classes and teachers – we hope this has helped children to feel more settled when thinking ahead to the new year, after their summer holidays.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September. I hope you all have a happy and healthy summer holiday!

A farewell message from Mrs Riggs

I just wanted to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone for all your kind and warm wishes on my retirement. The beautiful and sincere assembly delivered by the children yesterday really touched my heart. Thank you to all the hardworking staff for pulling it all together. The Duchy School has been a big part of my life for the past 26 years, and I have loved getting to know so many inspiring colleagues and Duchy families during my teaching career. I truly hope the future brings happiness and exciting opportunities for you all.

With fondest memories,

Mrs Riggs

Celebrations

Mathematicians of the Week			Stars of the Week			Questions of the Week		
Our mathematicians for the last			Our stars for the last fortnight			Our impressive questioners for		
fortnight were:			were:			the last fortnight were:		
	07.07.23	14.07.23		07.07.23	14.07.23			
Acorn	Lily	Harrison	Acorn	Benjamin	Albie		07.07.23	14.07.23
Andrews	Jocelyn &	Betsy	Andrews	lan	James	Andrews	Daisy	Maximus
	Theo W				Han			
Scott	Katy	Sophie	Scott	Alfred	Violet	Scott	Phoebe	Charlie
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Daley	Charlie M	Theo	Daley	Jackson	Charlie M	Daley	Anabelle	Daisy
Acland	Rory	Layla	Acland	Henry	Troy	Acland	Archie	Florence
Reynolds	Oscar	Sophia	Reynolds	Lily	Coby	Reynolds	Sofia	James
King	-	-	King	Leo	<u>All</u>	King	Oscar L &	-
							Alex	

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

Scott	Alice	For obtaining STAnley 7 Award in swimming.		
Daley	Barnaby	For obtaining Goldfish 3 Award in swimming.		
Reynolds	Sophia, Lily, Olivia & Issac	For completing the Expedition Challenge with Bradninch Scout Group.		

Our Year 6 Award Winners

Maths Award	Leo	
English Award	Ronnie	
Sportsperson Award	Samuel	
Effort and Progress Award	Joe	
Eternal Diamond Award	Fenn	

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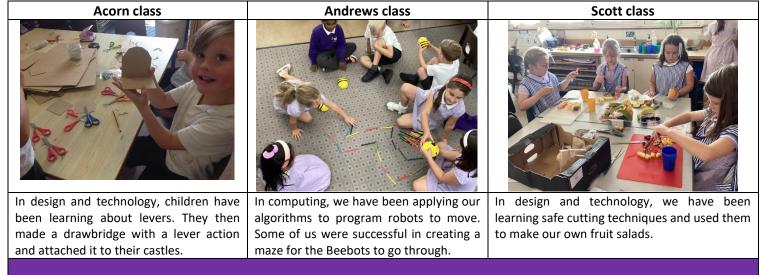
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The Duchy Diamond Award winners

Reception	Alfie
Year 1	Chester
Year 2	Monty
Year 3	Barnaby
Year 4	Daisy
Year 5	Anabelle
Year 6	Oscar H



Our fortnight in photos



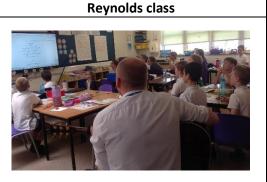
Daley class



Year 3 have been looking at statistics within maths. They surveyed the class and created a bar chart with their results.



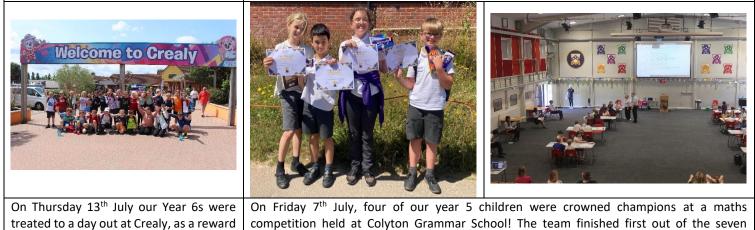
In English, we have been using drama to explore how Shackleton and his men felt when they had to say goodbye to eachother, in order to survive.



In music, we have been developing our skills at singing along to tuned instruments.

King class

Year 5 maths competition



for their hard work towards their SATs! schools who competed.

Year 5 / 6 Production



In the community



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