



“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Our children join us as “little acorns” and through the teaching and modelling of our vision, values and aims by all members of our school community, our children leave us as “mighty oaks”, equipped with the transferable skills to continue their journey of life-long learning.

Message from the Head

As we come to the end of what has been a busy term, I would like to extend my thanks to all our families and to the staff at The Duchy School! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd January.

Christmas Celebrations

Over the past fortnight, we have enjoyed a wealth of festive treats; please see a snapshot below.



Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity performance



Key Stage 2 Pantomime trip to the Northcott Theatre



Key Stage 2 Christingle and carol service at St Disen’s church



Christmas Lunch



Parent Event – Christmas crafts!



Key Stage 2 dance event at Cullompton Community College



On Wednesday 13th December, pupils from across Key Stage 2 travelled to Cullompton Community College for a fun dance event run by C.C.C.'s Sports Leaders. Duchy pupils split into smaller groups, were joined by pupils from other local schools and were then taught a dance routine by the Sports Leaders. Everyone then came back together at the end to perform the dances as a big group. The pupils had a wonderful time and special thanks to Mrs. Coles and Miss Short for taking the pupils to the event.

Celebrations

Please see details below of the new certificates that we will be awarding each week to celebrate successes in school.

- Our **Values Champion** certificate will be used to acknowledge the efforts of those children who have represented the school values through their actions.
- Our **Learning Champion** certificate will be used to recognise those children who have demonstrated passion and pride in their work, delivering a moment or moments of brilliance in a subject that have captured their teacher's and their peers' attention.

Values Champion				Learning Champion		
	08.12.23	15.12.23			08.12.23	15.12.23
Reception	Luka	Martha		Reception	Holly	Olivia
Year 1	Rupert	Svitlana		Year 1	Joshua	Helena
Year 2	Maximus	Theo C		Year 2	Marcus	James Han
Year 3	Tom	Lily SV		Year 3	Rose	Harper P
Year 4	Casper	Joey		Year 4	Grace	Casper
Year 5	Luuk	Bailey		Year 5	Daisy	Izzy
Year 6	Immy	Jasper		Year 6	Logan	Izzy

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

Year 1	Teddy	For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 1.
Year 2	Thomas	For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 1.
Year 3	Harriet	For achieving Learn to Swim – Level 2 and 3.
Year 3	Lily SV	For achieving Stage 3 in swimming.
Year 3	Katy	For achieving Level 2 in Accelerate Trampoline and & Gymnastics.
Year 3	Georgia	For achieving Level 2 in Accelerate Trampoline and & Gymnastics.

Our fortnight in photos

<p>Reception Class</p>	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Year 2</p>
		
<p>In Reception, we used our phonics and counting skills to follow a recipe to make gingerbread men. We loved decorating them and eating them for our snack!</p>	<p>In D.T, we enjoyed designing, making, decorating, evaluating and tasting our Christmas biscuits!</p>	<p>In D.T, we used different ways of joining fabric, by sewing and gluing, to create our own hand puppets.</p>
Year 3		
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 5</p>
		
<p>As part of our history topic, we visited Kent's Cavern where the class were taken back in time to the Stone-Age!</p>	<p>In RE, we have explored the traditional Hindu Story of Diwali and examined why it is important to Hindus.</p>	<p>In science, we have been exploring the effects of water resistance on different shapes.</p>
Year 6		
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Teachers vs Year 6</p>	
		
<p>In science, we have been finding out more about the heart and circulatory system. We dissected pigs' hearts and identified the different chambers and blood vessels.</p>	<p>Tensions ran high on the playground during the annual hockey instalment of the teachers versus year six children. Eventually, it was the teachers who ran out victorious though!</p>	

Diary Dates

Please regularly check and review the Diary Dates section of the newsletter; we will be updating with details of further trips, events and activities as and when they are confirmed.

Term	Commences	Finishes
Spring	2 nd January 2024	28 th March 2024
Summer	15 th April 2024	23 rd July 2024

18 th – 29 th December	Christmas Holidays
2 nd January	Spring Term starts
2 nd January	Non-Pupil Day (school closed)
4 th January	Reception & Key Stage 1 Pantomime travelling production (2pm)
31 st January	Y5 Trip to O2 Arena (Young Voices)
8 th February	Y4 Trip to Paignton Zoo

In the Community



Beer & Carols!
at The Castle
Weds 20th
8pm

**Carols by
Candlelight**
A service of
readings & carols
Fri 15th at 7.30pm

Christmas at St. Disen's

Donkey Service
Christmas Eve
6pm

Midnight Mass
Christmas Eve
11.30pm

Come early to
meet the donkey!



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Matt is an experienced primary school teacher with additional qualifications in PE. He believes children should have a wide range of opportunities to be active and have fun at the same time! Matt is passionate about keeping active and enjoys playing a range of sports. He is a qualified first aider and is trained in safeguarding.

Oliver is an experienced primary school teacher, who is passionate about learning and believes wholeheartedly in the benefits of new experiences and challenges. Oliver is at home in the outdoors and can often be found surfing, climbing, hiking or cycling. He is a fully qualified first aider and holds Level 3 Safeguarding.

All sessions are held at Willand School. The best way to book is online. You can contact us by email: bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

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Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

Filled with creativity & adventure!



We offer before and after school clubs for children attending the Duchy School

- Breakfast Club: from 7.45am - includes a light breakfast
- After school club: 3.30pm - 5pm - includes a light tea
- Late session - 5pm - 6pm

For more information, please contact us:

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