



“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 draw close to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Our whole school community has worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to provide the highest level of educational as well as personal support for all our pupils and families.

Today marks the end of our year 6’s journey at The Duchy School. I am so proud of what they have achieved during their time with us; I wish them all the success for the future.

Looking ahead, the children have all had an opportunity to experience their new classes and meet their new teachers – we hope this has helped them to feel more settled when thinking ahead to the new academic year. As well as Mr Burnett, we will be welcoming Mrs Justine Reed to our team in September.

Finally, enjoy the summer holiday with your loved ones! Please remain safe, look after one another and have a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 5th September**.

PTFA Summer Fair



A huge thanks to our wonderful PTFA who hosted the Summer Fair on Friday 12th July. The rain held off long enough for the event to be an amazing success – many thanks to the adults and children who volunteered their time for this event and for raising just over £575 which will benefit our pupils for the year ahead!

Celebrations

Values Champion			Learning Champion		
	05.07.24	12.07.24		05.07.24	12.07.24
Reception	Arlo	George	Reception	Ida	Arthur & Isabelle
Year 1	Orla	Hakeem	Year 1	Theo	Lily
Year 2	Natalie	Chloe	Year 2	Jocelyn	Chester
Year 3	Maia	Eddie	Year 3	Georgia	Chloe
Year 4	Charlie A	Izzy	Year 4	Murray	Edward
Year 5	Rosie M	Archie	Year 5	Rosie S	Noah
Year 6	Bradley	Luke	Year 6	Elliott	All

Our Duchy Diamond Award Winners 2023-24

Reception	Poppy
Year 1	Ridhwin
Year 2	Mia
Year 3	Katy
Year 4	Florrie
Year 5	Teddy
Year 6	Logan



Our Year 6 Award Winners 2023-24

Maths Award	Oscar
English Award	Jasper
Sportsperson Award	Olivia
Effort and Progress Award	Immy
Eternal Diamond Award	Coby



We have also celebrated these fantastic recent achievements!

Year 1	Rupert	For achieving Goldfish 1 award in swimming
Year 1	Teddy	For achieving Learn to Swim 2 award in swimming
Year 1	Ava	For earning Rainbow Gold award at 1 st Cullompton Rainbows
Year 1	Helena	For completing the DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish Summer Challenge 2024
Year 2	Natalie	For getting the Taekwondo green stripe award
Year 2	Bonnie-Mae	For her Tiverton Town Majorettes medal
Year 2	Ella Mae	For achieving Goldfish 2 award in swimming
Year 2	Thomas	For completing The Secret Book Quest by reading 50 books
Year 4	Charlie A	For achieving Level 1 and Puffin Award in swimming

Our last three weeks in photos

Year 2 at Exeter Cathedral



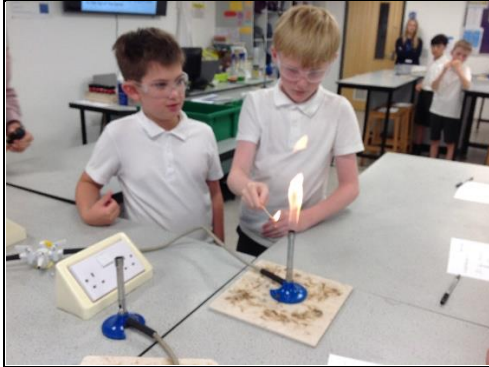
On Wednesday 3rd of July, Year 2 visited St Martin's Church and Exeter Cathedral as part of our RE learning about sacred places. We compared a church and cathedral, looking at the objects found in each, and thinking about how the spaces are used by different people. We also completed some detailed sketches.

Year 3 at Bridwell Park



Year 3 had a fantastic time at Bridwell Park for The Mix Music Festival 24. The children (and adults) took part in a mixture of singing, dancing and instrumental workshops. They also learnt about traditional music from different countries. The rain didn't dampen their spirits and they enjoyed a soggy dance at the main stage to some up-and-coming bands.

Year 5 at Cullompton Community College





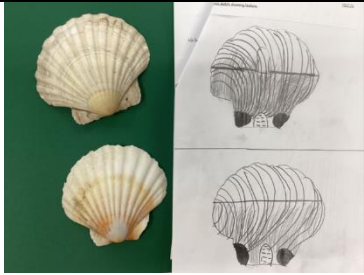

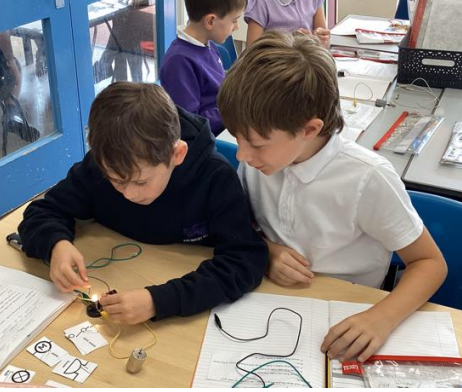




On Monday 8th July, year 5 were invited to a transition day at Cullompton Community College (CCC). The pupils experienced three taster lessons in English, computing and science, followed by watching the dress rehearsal of CCC's production of Matilda. In the English lesson, pupils thought about different things that best represented them; in computing, they learned how to programme using a 'Micro Bit' (pictured); and in science, pupils learned how to light a Bunsen burner safely.

All the pupils had a great time; they really enjoyed the lessons and the chance to watch the show.

Year 5/6 Production

Years 5 and 6 treated us to the intergalactic musical comedy, 'Star Wars - The Umpire Strikes Back'. The singing, dancing and acting were out of this world!



Reception	Year 1	Year 2
		
<p>In Understanding the World, we have been designing and building pirate ships.</p>	<p>In maths, we have been learning to tell the time for o'clock and half past. Test us!</p>	<p>In art, we developed our sketching skills and used a range of techniques to show different shades and textures.</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		
<p>In science, we finished off our topic by creating bird feeders. We were learning about how seeds can be used as a food source.</p>	<p>In science, we have been creating simple circuits whilst exploring different conductors and insulators.</p>	<p>In science, we have been learning about life cycles and have compared those of amphibians and insects.</p>
Year 6	Assemblies	
		
<p>As a reward for completing all their homework this year, year 6 spent a fantastic, fun-filled day at Crealy. Congratulations year 6 for a brilliant year!</p>	<p>Over the past few weeks, we have been visited by members of the local community including The Cullompton Library Team and Fairtrade Devon.</p>	

In the Community



Duchy Preschool, Bradninch

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Duchy Preschool Holiday Club Offer 2024

After a successful trial of our summer holiday club last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be running another club during the summer holidays this year.

The offer is for 3 and 4 year old Duchy Preschool children AND those children attending the Duchy Primary School (all ages).

Sessions

We will be running the sessions from the Duchy Primary School, Bowley Meadow site,

We will be open on:

- Thursday 25th July 9am – 3pm
- Friday 26th July 9am – 3pm
- Week commencing 29th July – Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm
- Week commencing 5th August – Monday – Friday 9am -3pm
- Week commencing 12th August – Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm

Funded Preschool Children

For funded preschool children, if you have any funded hours remaining at the end of the summer term, you will be able to use them for holiday club, you are also able to pay for sessions via any of the voucher/tax free childcare schemes as you do now.

Session Prices

£36 Full Day - 3/4 year old preschool children (£18 for half day: 9am - 12pm or 12pm - 3pm)

£30 Full Day - School age children (£15 for half day: 9am - 12pm or 12pm - 3pm)

If you would like to book, please contact us via ~~family~~/email:
Duchypreschool@googlemail.com



Cullompton Library is participating in the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge with free activities for families kicking off from 6 July 2024



This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit Cullompton Library to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge.

Children will be invited to read 6 or more books during the summer holidays, earning stickers as they go. When they complete the Challenge, children will be awarded a special medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

Summer Reading Challenge events at **Cullompton library** include:

Tuesday 30th July- Nature Doodles with Megan Dowsett- 2 sessions 10am-11.30am + 1pm-2.30pm
£2 per child aged 4-11 yrs

Thursday 1st August- 2pm-4pm **Lego Club** **Free** drop-in session All ages welcome

Friday 2nd August - 1pm-2.30pm **Devon Science**, Book directly with them via
www.devonscience.co.uk/for-parents/marvellous £13 per child 5-11yrs

Thursday 8th August 11am-12.30pm **MED Theatre with Storycrafter** Family friendly for all ages
£3 per child

Monday 12th August 10am-12pm **Nature Crowns**. All ages welcome. **Free** drop in session

Thursday 15th August 10.30am-12pm **Above Bounds Silly Squirrel** performance and workshop
£2 per child 0-7years

Monday 19th August 10am-12pm **Paper Masks**, **Free** drop-in session All ages welcome

Friday 23rd August- **Code Lego**- 2 sessions at 10am-12pm + 1pm-3pm
£1 per child 10yrs+

Wednesday 28th August 10am-12pm **Clay creatures Pottery** 6-11yrs
£3 per child

To book events please visit the library or call 01884 824555



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