

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children had a super PE day yesterday. Each class learnt a dance which was then put together at the end of the day for a whole school dance. Look out for photos on Facebook. Unfortunately, we couldn't video it all to add to Facebook due to consents but there are some lovely photos and the children had a super day.

Then today the children have had a great time dressing up as their book characters. They have done different activities about books and the pleasure of reading.

Year 6 have had a very exciting morning. Mark Ormrod, the class ambassador zoomed in for a live session with the children. Mark was on a tour of duty in Afghanistan when he stepped on an improvised explosive device which blew up in front of him. He lost both his legs and his right arm in the explosion. He was the UK's first triple amputee to survive the Afghanistan conflict. Within a year he had learnt how to walk using prosthetic limbs and was sit-skiing in Colorado. Mark is now an author, an owner of multiple small businesses and is also a motivational speaker and travels around the world to tell his story. It was amazing to have him talk to the children and let them ask him questions. They were so interested to hear everything he talked about. He was an inspiration to listen to. Thank you to Mark for giving up his time and answering all our questions. I think it was the first time he had spoken to a class dressed as a range of book characters and led by the Queen of Hearts!

Support for those with teenagers

The community safeguarding council are running a 'Let's Talk Teenagers' Project. They want to empower parents, guardians and grandparents to support their teenager through the challenges they are being faced with every day. They will be delivering three 90 minutes twilight online sessions on consecutive weeks throughout March. The sessions are free and will give tips on how to support and talk to their teenager about issues such as healthy relationships, substance misuse, exploitation and safety online. We believe that intervention at the earliest stages by family and carers can be positive for the whole family and prevent things escalating or becoming harmful. Parenting and supporting teenagers is really tough, and they have worked hard to produce sessions that not only raise the awareness of those challenges, but also give positive guidance about how to help. See the attached leaflet for more information and how to book.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon trail and colouring competition

Exmouth Town Council is running a free story-trail from 30th April to 12th June. The Trail is an augmented reality trail located at seven stops around the town centre. Each stop will feature a QR code, which, when scanned, allow participants to 'collect' a character on the trail map, see them in augmented reality, and learn more about the story of the Queen's reign. It is completely free for families to take part in and they win a free, digital fun pack at the end. Running alongside the Trail is a colouring competition. Please see attached the three colouring pages which children can enter. One winner will be chosen from each of the three colouring/drawing pages and these will be displayed on the map as part of the augmented reality trail. Additionally, 10 winners will be selected from all national entries to receive a £30 gift voucher. The website to enter is on each colouring page, www.highstreetsafari.com/jubilee-comp.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Monday 7th March – Year 5 Fairtrade workshop (change as year 6 one was cancelled last week)

Monday 7th – Friday 11th March – Year 6 residential

Tuesday 8th March – Year 3 environment workshop

Headteacher's Award: Sycamore Class – Harry, Cherry Class – Finley, Cherry Class - Arthur

Silver Awards: Cherry Class – Brooke, Sukie, Arthur, Finley

Bronze Awards: Oak Class – Jacob, Cherry Class – Oliver, Maple Class – Evie, Beech Class – Zaylea, Holly, Amelie, Eli

Stars of the Week: Oak Class - Harry, Rowan Class - Ralph, Sycamore Class - Jude, Cherry Class - Brooke, Maple Class - Effie, Beech Class - Charlie