

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school with lots of excellent trips and visitors.

On Tuesday Rowan Class had a visit from Tiverton Museum for their History topic. The museum brought in lots of toys and costumes from the past. They talked to us about how different travel was and the children looked at what would have been packed in a holiday suitcase for a child in the 1900s. Our children were bemused that a spinning top and not an iPad were taken for entertainment on the journey!

There were 3 workshops where the children dressed up in dresses, hats and waistcoats. They sorted through old toys, discussing the differences in how they were made in the past and then played with them. They watched a Punch and Judy show and made a puppet of their own to take home. It was a fantastic morning!

Beech Class visited ECC on Tuesday to hear from author Matt Oldfield. We then had author, Alex Wharton, visit year 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday. He did a fantastic reading of his poetry and also played the piano beautifully! The children have been able to pick up ideas from the authors to help support them in their own English writing.

As a school we are taking part in the WOW project over the coming year. This involves working on how we can reduce our waste and live more sustainably. To start the project the Year 6 Eco-Team participated in a waste audit this week. With support from Hannah from Devon Waste and Miss Cowdrey, the children sorted a day's waste from around the school into categories and then weighed each type to find out how much waste we produce as a school. We will be running projects throughout the year which will focus on reducing the amount of waste we are creating and then will repeat the audit in the summer term to see how successful we have been! Our Eco-Team will lead us in this and we are hoping that all the children learn that we can work together to make our world a better place for all!

Oaks and Acorns then visited Darts Farm on Thursday. They caught the bus and then had a super tour around the farm before eating their lunch outside and catching the bus back to school again.

Then last night was the PTA disco. It was great fun and all money raised goes towards the school.

Many thanks to all our staff and the volunteers who make all these events possible.

Cross Country competition

Well done to our children from yr 3, 4, 5 and 6 who took part in the Exmouth Community Cross Country competition last week. Our children showed great enthusiasm and perseverance. Many thanks to the parents, Mrs Coleman and Mr Morrell for joining them at the event.

Science Club

We have three spaces available in our after school science club run by Mrs Williamson. To book a space please contact info@brainstemlearning.co.uk.

Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies and Poppy Appeal stationery items including rulers, pencils etc. All items will cost between £1 and £2.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Friday 21st October – School finishes for half-term

Monday 31st October – Non-pupil day

Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school after half term

Friday 4th November – School photos

Friday 4th November – Phonics/Early reading parents session in school 2.30pm run by Mrs Keeping and Mrs Robertson. Please report to the office on arrival.

Monday 7th November – 3.30pm catch-up photos for any who were away on Friday or for photos with siblings. Please report to the office on arrival.

Headteacher Awards: Maple Class - Daisy

Bronze Gospel Value Award: Sycamore Class – Jack, Millie, Cherry Class - Emily

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Sofia, Rowan Class – Remy, Sycamore Class – Kenny, Cherry Class – Evie K, Maple Class – Jonah, Beech Class – Hamish and Amelie