



Headteacher News

I have played and continue to play a whole range of sports but I don't have a lot of interest in watching football and don't support a team. Don't get me wrong, I love having a kick-around with a ball but I'm just not into watching it. Football's dominance globally though is obvious. By far in a way the most popular sport worldwide, it is followed by around four billion people on this planet and it enjoys particular popularity in Europe (where it is as much a way of life as a game for many). This is perhaps because it's so accessible; there's probably very few people who haven't kicked a ball at some point in their lives. As we all know though, the game has an ugly side to it; partly in the ethically questionable money that it commands at high level but, more troublingly, in the violence that is sometimes witnessed before, during and after fixtures. I'm conscious that our offer of showing the England-Wales match divided parents.

For our part, we've become increasingly conscious of the need to enable children to experience key events taking place either in or pertaining to Britain. As of November 2014, schools must now promote British values. These 'fundamental British values' are; democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. And with the emergence of this new expectation upon schools, we have widened this to try to instil a feeling of 'being British'; of considering the habits, behaviours, or symbols that have a common, familiar or iconic quality that is instantly identifiable with Britain. Part of this is providing opportunities to celebrate and experience significant national events, which has recently seen us screening Tim Peake's high-profile launch into space as the first British, European Space Agency Astronaut, and also the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. This week, it saw us screening the England-Wales match; an internal British football rivalry that goes back to around 1879. The relationship between the Welsh and English is mostly characterised by tolerance, respect, and an intermixing of people and cultures, with a healthy competitive rivalry being a natural part of this. With the end of the Home Nations Football Championship in 1984 (which saw the teams go head-to-head annually) England-Wales encounters have become a rarity and this was therefore one of the standout games of the Euro 2016 group stages. So, as part of our celebration and education of being British and of competitive sports, it seemed appropriate to screen the match.

Of course we'll be selective regarding what we choose to focus valuable curriculum time on in school and we won't be screening every sporting event that takes place throughout the year but we will continue to selectively choose appropriate British events to cover. By all accounts the atmosphere as the children watched the match was electric: they were certainly buzzing as they left school. Dismissing so many pupils after such events is still something that we haven't quite nailed and I must apologise that we're yet to work out an efficient procedure for doing this. We're learning each time and we will get there. Have a great weekend!

Foundation News

The children are watching the progress of our caterpillars very closely. Next week we will be basing lots of activities around 'The Hungry Caterpillar' story including baking cheesy twist caterpillars and mini-beast hunts.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a fantastic week learning about 2D and 3D shape. We have also continued with our Starlight story and the children have been fab acting and retelling the story using their story maps. Next week we will be practicing for sports day so please ensure your child has a named P.E kit and appropriate footwear.

Year 2 News

Another great week in Year Two. We have managed to dodge the showers this week, and get outside to enjoy some cricket. We have lots more sporty activities planned over the coming weeks too. With this in mind, can you please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit in school. The children were very excited to welcome some maths experts (Foundation children) into their lessons on Monday. We had great fun investigating shapes together. Your child should've brought home this term's spellings. Please keep supporting your child to learn these words. If you would like any advice please contact class teachers. Have a great weekend.

Year 3 News

The Year 3 heritage hunters have discovered a huge amount this week about Plymouth during WW2. All classes enjoyed their trip, especially visiting the school air raid shelter at Hyde Park school and finding out more about the effects of the war on Plymouth at Ford Park Cemetery. In maths Year 3 have been using their fraction skills to find fractions of shapes, groups of objects and numbers. Only 5 more weeks to be crowned reading champion- keep reading at home with an adult to collect your stickers.

Year 4 News

Another busy week in year 4... we started with a visit from Clive Pig who retold the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf. The children were absolutely fantastic. In English, the children have been innovating a recount from an Anglo-Saxon using ideas from the Beowulf story. In Maths the children have been consolidating their understanding of decimals and fractions. Enjoy your weekend!

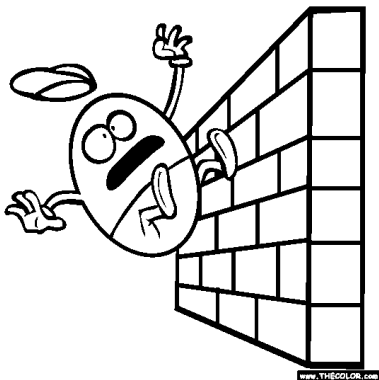
Year 5 News

It has been another busy week in year 5. Children have been calculating interest on a savings account in Maths and investigating the features of newspaper reporting in English.

With the summer term being so busy, year 5 have a number of sporting events happening in the next few weeks, including sports day, please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and available to use.

Year 6 News

The children have been carrying out market research to prove that their idea for the fiver challenge will work. In English the children had to decide if Humpty Dumpty really did fall off the wall or was he in fact pushed?! They wrote a witness report to the event. The children enjoyed their third science lesson live from the Aquarium. This week they learnt all about endangered species. Our show rehearsals are well underway and we have been really impressed so far.



Lost Jumper

Reuben Palmer (Class 1M) and Ethan Hackworthy (Class P) have both lost their named school jumpers. Please let the school office know if you know of their whereabouts please. Thank you.



The Montpelier 'Race for Life' event is taking place on Monday 27th June 2016 at 4pm in Central Park. We invite all families to come together to walk/run in memory of loved ones and in support of relatives and friends who are or have been effected by cancer. A great chance show support and BEAT this together. Event details and registration forms have been sent out with your children today - please complete and return your registration form by Wednesday 22nd June 2016. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Race for Life Team

Please ensure children have their PE Kit in school for the Sporting Events over the next few weeks.

Secondary School Open Days/Evenings 2016

All Saints Academy for Yrs 4 & 5 –

Wed 22nd June (6.30- 8.30pm)

St Boniface's Catholic College –

Tues 28th June (6 -8pm)

Ivybridge Community College – for Yr 5

Tues 14th & Wed 15th June (9.30- 10.40am)

Sweet Mufti

Friday 24th June 2016

There will be a sweet Mufti in aid of the School Summer Fair.

Donations of sweets for the tombola stall would be greatly received.

Proms in the Playground

130 singers from our 4 choirs are looking forward to performing for you on Wednesday night. Tickets have gone out today, Don't forget to go online this weekend if you haven't bought any yet. Don't miss out-the singing will be brilliant!

Thursday Choir is now finished for this year. The Year 2 and 3 Choir have one more rehearsal left on Tuesday 21st June.

Steel pan is still going!

Sports Days 2016

Sports Day will be held at Devonport High School for Girls on their playing field - details as follows

KS2 Mon 4th July 2016

am Yr3/4 and pm Yr5/6

Foundation & KS1 Tues 5th July 2016

am Foundation/Yr1/Yr2

Lost Property

There is, once again, a vast quantity of lost property which is not named. Please come and have a hunt through to find what belongs to your children, any unclaimed items will need to be disposed of.

Year 6 Bude trip - there are a range of unclaimed items from Bude, which I am sure you don't want to lose so please check the bags in the first aid room as they are getting smelly and will need to be got rid of.

Jane Gilbert

Parent Support Advisor

Diary Dates

Thurs 23rd June 2016

- School closed for voting

Friday 24th June 2016

- Mufti –donations of sweets

Monday 27th June 2016

- 4pm 'Race for Life' event

Friday 1st July 2016

- School Summer Fair

Monday 4th July 2016

- School Sports Day - **KS2**

Year 3/4 – am Year 5/6 – pm

Tuesday 5th July 2016

- School Sports Day - **KS1** only -am

Thurs 14th July 2016

- Year Six Production

Mon 18th July 2016

- Year 2 dress rehearsal (more info to follow)

Tues 19th July 2016

- Year 2 Performance (more info to follow) 1:45pm & 6pm

Wed 20th July 2016

- Leaver's Celebration Disco

Thurs 21st July 2016

- Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Year 6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term