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Multi Academy
Trust**

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Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

03/05/2024

Notes from Lead Teacher

During the past couple of weeks, the children have had great fun learning about their new topics in subjects such as History and Science. KS2 have begun linking their learning to exploration of the outdoors during their wildlife sessions. We are hoping over the next few weeks (weather dependent) to begin some monitoring of the river water in Northlew.

Sunny weather is hopefully coming over the next few weeks, please can you ensure that you child/ren's clothing is labelled clearly as this is the time of year where lots of uniform goes missing. Also, please ensure that you child has sunscreen applied each day and that you are bringing in a drinks bottle and a hat each day to protect them from the sun.

Attendance

A slight drop in attendance this week – please speak with your child's teacher if you have any queries with regard to the attendance policy previously circulated to families.

Whole School Attendance

96.19%

Super Learner

Albie – Albie has been trying really hard in all his lessons, especially in English. He has included expanded noun phrases and apostrophes for possession. Well done, Albie!

Ollie- Ollie has pride in his learning in each and every lesson. He has a constant thirst for knowledge and is eager to present this in a clear and concise way. Well done, Ollie!



School Value- Trust

Kason – Kason has been very supportive of his peers. He congratulates and encourages them to do well showing that he can be trusted to support others. Well done, Kason!

Zac D – When Zac is given responsibility, such as for gardening planting small trees in a pot, he carries this out

sensibly and shares his knowledge with others. Well done, Zac!

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)



All children in KS1 are eligible to receive free school meals, however pupil premium is separate support for children who are in a household with low household income. Pupil premium can help support with school lunches, trips and extracurricular activities. Please visit this link to see if you are eligible and you can apply there. If you need any extra support with the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Wildlife Champions

As a group we chose the topic of beavers and rivers. To begin, we had the opportunity to feel the skin and tail of a beaver. It was a softer texture than you would imagine it to be!

We learnt about how beavers have been reintroduced into the wild. During this session we had an opportunity to build our own dam on a piece of guttering. We then timed how long our dam would hold for. This was important because it gave us a clear idea about how beavers build their dams and the importance of them.

We also made bird feeders which we have hung around the school to encourage a variety of bird species into the area.

We had lots of fun in our sessions and look forward to more of our wildlife experiences.





Wildlife Wellbeing Champions

During the wildlife wellbeing champions session it was interesting seeing lots of the different ways that nature can impact our wellbeing and feelings.

We had a go at lots of different activities such as making potions out of different plants, this helped our senses such as smelling which was a calming activity.

We also made journey sticks which is where we found a y shaped stick and weaved string through the middle and we put different flowers between the strings to help visually and to give us the opportunity to reflect on a variety of memories.

At the start of each session, we would use a sheet to help us identify how we were feeling. We had also done pictures using a mallet and colourful flowers so that when we hit the flower into the paper it created a lovely pattern.

We had a wonderful time discovering all of these activities and are looking forward to sharing them with the rest of the school.



Ancient Egypt in Class 1

Class One has enjoyed starting their topic on Ancient Egypt. They have been eager to talk to Mrs Ogborne about mummifying tomatoes and have learnt a dance to help them recall some key information called 'Dance like and Egyptian'.



Rugby Festival

It was lovely for Freddie and Dylan to bring in their medals and speak to the class about their experience playing rugby for Okehampton this year. Both boys were extremely proud of their achievements and are looking forward to beginning contact rugby next year!

French Trip



For the children attending the French trip, please can you ensure that the 20 euros is handed into school in a named wallet as soon as possible (thank you to those who have already done this). The children will be given their money by their group leader at different opportunities whilst in France so that they can develop their conversational skills purchasing items. On the Monday of departure, the Year 6 children are to be collected at 12:15pm so that they can shower, finalise packing and have a cooked lunch and prepare their packed tea. If you have any questions, please speak to me, Mrs Ogborne or Miss Spooncer.

Book and Biscuit

Apologies, I omitted to put the date for Book and Biscuit into the last newsletter. Nevertheless, the children enjoyed the biscuits this morning whilst sharing their books with each other! I have put a new date for Book and Biscuit in for Tuesday 21st May.



Joe Rice Mini Medics

Thanks to support from the PTFA, we will be combining with Boasley Cross to receive a Mini Medics session from Joe Rice, teaching the children essential first aid skills and CPR. We will be holding this at Boasley Cross Primary School on Monday 24th June. Please drop your child off and collect from Boasley at the usual school times. If you have any problems arranging transport for this, please speak to your child's class teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Hatherleigh Cricket Festival

A Cricket Festival is being hosted at Hatherleigh Cricket Club for Years 5 and 6 children which will be held on Monday 20th May at Hatherleigh Cricket Club from 9.30am to 2:00pm. Please ensure that your child has consented on School Gateway and you have arranged transportation for your child. If you have any problems with transporting your child, please contact Mrs Lee to make alternative arrangements.

Uganda Gardening Project



We are beginning a project linking with a school in Uganda. The idea is to develop an outdoor space where we grow some crops and can share our progress with the other school, they will also grow some crops and share their progress with us so that we can compare and discuss some of the difference and issues we face. If you would like to help support this project, please contact myself or Mrs Johnstone who will be overseeing it. Instead

of question of the week, the children will be discussing and deciding which crops they think would be best to grow.

Week Beginning 06.05.24

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Year 6 Lunchtime SATs Club Devon Wildlife Wellbeing session for Year 3/4
Wednesday	
Thursday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in PE kit *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in PE kit Wildlife Wellbeing session for Year 3/4

Week Beginning 13.05.24

Monday	Year 6 Breakfast Club 8:20am KS2 SATs Grammar and Spelling Lunchtime Sewing Club Lunchtime Gardening Club
Tuesday	Year 6 Breakfast Club 8:20am KS2 SATs Reading
Wednesday	Year 6 Breakfast Club 8:20am KS2 SATs Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 2
Thursday	Year 6 Breakfast Club 8:20am KS2 SATs Maths Reasoning Paper 3 KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in PE kit *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS1 & KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in PE kit

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part.

Dates for the Diary

May	<p>Friday 3rd RNLI whole school Assembly</p> <p>Monday 6th Bank Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday 7th Wildlife Wellbeing session for Year 3/4</p> <p>13th- 16th KS2 SATs week</p> <p>20th -24th KS1 SATs week</p> <p>20th Hatherleigh Cricket Festival 9:30-2pm Year 5/ 6</p> <p>21st Year 6 French Trip meeting at Okehampton College</p> <p>22nd am Book and Biscuit</p> <p>27th-31st Half Term</p>
June	<p>3rd-7th Year 4 Multiplication Check</p> <p>3rd-5th Year 5 Bristol Residential</p> <p>10th-15th Year 6 French Residential</p> <p>20th-21st Year 3/4 Residential</p> <p>20th Year 5/6 Wildlife Champion sessions</p> <p>24th- Joe Rice Mini Medics session at Boasley Cross</p> <p>28th Inset Day</p>
July	<p>5th Reports</p> <p>12th July Sports Day pm</p> <p>5th Rainbow Day</p> <p>8th Book and Biscuit 3pm</p> <p>15th Year 6 Meet the Tutor Okehampton College</p> <p>18th Leavers Assembly</p> <p>22nd-26th Year 6 Summer School Okehampton College</p>




Neurodiverse Parent Support Group

**10 - 11.30am Ockment Centre
North Street, Okehampton**

Dates

11 Jan

8 Feb

14 Mar

A friendly group offering peer support, information sharing and signposting for the carers of neurodivergent children including autistic, PDA, ADHD, SPD etc



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