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Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2020

Dear parents/carers,

This week is 'Internet Safety Week'. In our assemblies this week the children have been looking at ways to keep them safe, particularly when playing games on-line. We also talked about not talking to people who they don't already know on-line and linking this to our 'stranger danger' we covered last term. To find out more please take a look at the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2020-educational-resources-7-11-year-olds>

The children have had a very busy half term and have emerged themselves in all areas of the curriculum. It is lovely to see the library being used well at both break and lunchtimes, and the children are making full use of the computers to write their own stories and reports as well as using our phonics program 'Nessy' and our 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to improve their recall of times table facts. Please do encourage your children to continue to use these programmes, as well as continuing to practice their reading over the half term holidays.

As part of their half term home learning we encourage the children to get creative and produce models linked with a particular topic area we are focusing on within the curriculum. This half term the children in class 1 have been asked to create their own voyages of discovery ship that would have been sailed by Christopher Columbus and his crew. We will be using

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you feel safe using the internet?



84% (32/38) of our children at Northlew said YES they do feel safe using the internet.

16% (6/38) of our children at Northlew said No they do feel safe using the internet.

The 6% of children who said NO commented on the fact that they are left to use their devices unattended and sometimes look at things that are not age appropriate. Some children also mentioned that they may have access to things with older siblings that they know they shouldn't be watching.

these to help stimulate writing after the half term break and bring our learning to life. The children in class 2 have been asked to make a model of an Anderson shelter. These will be used as part of their history learning of WWII and help to support factual writing in their lessons.

Today, the children have participated in 'Number Day', raising money for the NSPCC and school projects. They have taken part in lots of number games, problem solving and practical maths activities. They had to use and apply their knowledge and understanding of the maths concepts they have covered in class into 'real life' situations. Just a reminder that our maths parents' workshops start after the half term break on Friday 28th February from 2:30 – 3:00pm in the school hall. These will run for 4 weeks, with the first two weeks focusing on supporting your child in class 1 and the 3rd and 4th week will look at ways to support your child in class 2. These sessions are an opportunity to share with you the various pieces of equipment we use to solve and show our understanding of number and calculations as well as the expectations for each year group. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet outside the main office, everyone is welcome.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break, looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Cook

Last week's
attendance
was:
94.4%

Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

School Diary

February 2020

	BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday – 24th	Running after-school club (KS2), 3:30-4:40pm- off site visit to Boasley Cross
Tuesday – 25th	Yoga after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Wednesday – 26th	West Devon Cross Country Championship, 12:45pm Arts & Crafts after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6) Tuck Shop , 3:30-3:45pm
Thursday – 27th	Art sessions with Mr Thomas- KS2 am & KS1 pm Martial Arts Grading club, 3:30-4:30pm (yr1-6)
Friday – 28th	Mathematics Parent Workshop, 2:30-3pm Celebration Assembly at 3.10pm



- **West Devon Cross Country Championships**

On **Wednesday 26th February**, our running club have been invited to take part in a cross country event in Simmons Park, Okehampton. The event will begin at 12:45, so all children will need a packed lunch to eat before leaving. Mrs Walter and Mrs Quick will accompany the children to the event. Please login to your child's School Gateway account and give your consent for them to take part.

Running Club- Mon 24th Feb

The children will be taken offsite to Boasley Cross, accompanied by TA Mrs Walter and our running club leaders. Please note they are likely to return to school at the slightly later time of 4:40pm, to allow for travel time.



Dartmoor MAT Update - 10th February 2020.

We are sad to announce that Daryll Chapman has decided to resign from his full-time post as CEO of the Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust (the Trust) to seek a new work life balance. However, we are delighted to confirm that Daryll has accepted the Board of Trustees request for him to continue in an adjusted CEO role, on a part time basis, from April 2020 until December 2020, by which time it is expected that a full time CEO will be appointed. This will enable the Board to ensure that the appointment of the new CEO is not rushed, and ultimately facilitate the best outcome for the 4,500 children that the Trust supports. These changes present a fantastic opportunity to make the Trust more effective, whilst continuing to hold the Values and Ethos of the Trust sacrosanct. As such, during this interim period the Board will appoint an independent person to consult with the Schools, the Central Team, the Trust's Executive Team and other stakeholders to reflect on the current strategy and model.

There is also a change to the Trust Board. Tania Skeaping has agreed to become Interim Chair of the Trustee's from 14th February 2020 until December 2020. Tania has been a Trustee for the Trust since its inception in 2018 and has 10 years of experience as a Governor, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Dartmoor Federation. Ian Courtney, decided to step down as Chair as he has recently relocated away from the South West and is unable to commit the time required for the role. The Board thanks Ian for the unbelievable dedication and commitment to the creation of the Trust.

The Board recognises that these changes are significant, but that they also present an exciting opportunity for the Trust to propel itself into the next chapter of its evolution. The Board has now tasked the Executive Team to focus on ensuring a smooth transition to the new structure, and delivery of the Trust's Objectives.

Should you wish to raise with the Trustees any issues or concerns in relation to any of the announcements above, please do not hesitate to email the Governance Manager, Melissa Trudgill, mtrudgill@dartmoormat.org.uk OR write to her c/o Okehampton College, Mill Road, Okehampton EX20 1PW. OR leave a letter addressed to her at your school reception. These will be collected and delivered to her.

Mission Statement:

**To provide the highest possible quality of education for all local children
in order to ensure pupils from all backgrounds are able to succeed.**

Fleet Air Arm Museum Trip

Last Friday we had an enlightening experience at Yeovil Fleet Air Arm Museum. We participated in two workshops, 'WW2' & 'The Battle of Britain'. The children experienced what it was like for children in schools during a bombing. They then got to research different roles of people during the Battle of Britain, where they were able to get hands on with genuine memorabilia. After that we were able to explore the museum with veterans who had a multitude of experience and knowledge of the planes. The children went in some simulators, got to walk through a real life Concorde and dress up as various personnel. The children were a credit to Northlew with impeccable behaviour and some fantastic questions & responses.



NSPCC *NUMBER DAY*



The year 1 and 2 children were working out the most and least popular colour of Skittle and recording their results using tally charts and pictograms.

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Mrs Johnstone was running her own bakery this morning where the children had to weigh and measure ingredients to make rocky road.

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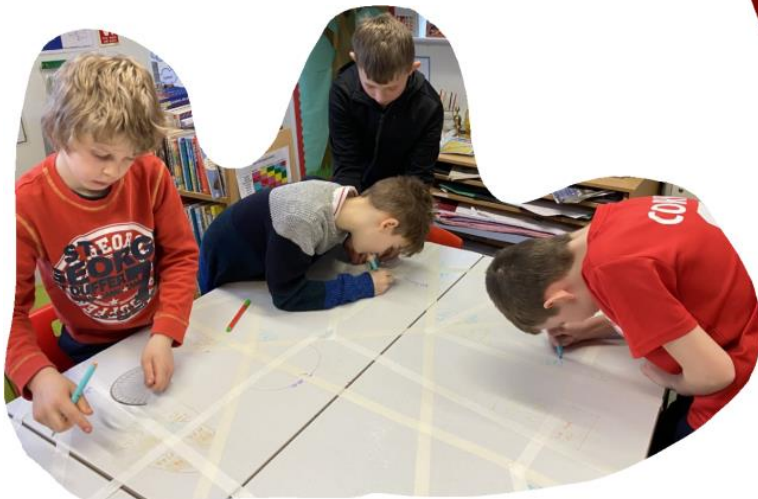
The reception children made, measured and labelled their own counting stick with longest and shortest.

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This group from class 2 were busy adding totals and giving change.



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This group from class 2 were measuring angles using protractors.

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SUPER LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

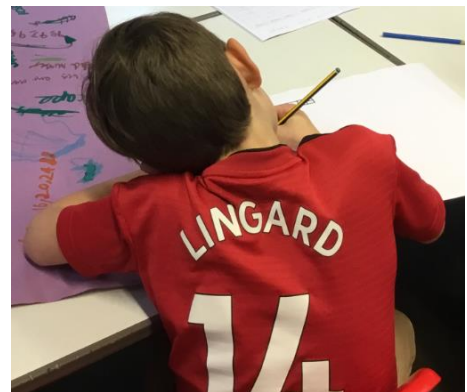


Class 1

This week all the children in class 1 have been fantastic super learners, they have all completed their information booklets on Christopher Columbus with beautiful presentation and drawings. Well done everyone!

Class 2

Kieran showed real determination and concentration with his story writing this week. Due to this he was able to complete two fantastic pages including all his targets and in beautiful handwriting. Well done Kieran!



Christian Ethos-‘Friendship’

Class 1

Zac has been a good friend looking out for others in his class. He made sure that his friends were able to join in his game and took turns with them. Well done Zac!



Class 2

Freya has been socialising more with her peers in class. She has shown resilience and persevered to solve any issues on the playground which she would have previously asked for support with. This has resulted in a much happier Freya which is lovely to see.