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"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter
Friday 16th June 2023

This week's
attendance
96.82%

Dear parents/carers,

We are extremely proud of the children at Northlew this week. Despite the soaring temperatures we have experienced throughout the day, the children have remained calm and focused demonstrating great endurance in all their learning activities. Can we remind parents to send children to school each day with a drinks bottle and sun hat. We are encouraging the children to drink throughout the day and fill up their water bottles when needed. We have been busy practicing our events for sports day next week. The children have been placed in their teams and have been cheering one another on in preparation for the main event on Monday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join us in Northlew Park at 2pm. Remember to come with your trainers to participate in the parents' race! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Stakeholder Consultation Process Summary

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Over the course of the consultation period and process, staff, parents and carers have posed a number of questions to understand the process and decision-making more fully.

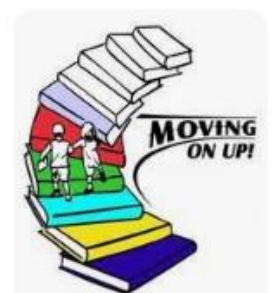
Please follow [this link](#) to find a summary of the process and also responses to a range of questions posed by stakeholders for openness and transparency.

Thank you all for your support, as well as challenge, and for ensuring that we continue to improve and serve your children.

Dan Morrow
Trust Leader and CEO

Year 6 transition Meeting

Thank you to our year six parents who came along to our year 6 Transition Meeting on Tuesday evening that was led by the staffing team from Okehampton College. The meeting provided useful information for the transition before the end of term, the summer school and the beginning of the new school year in September. We will send out the power point shared with our year 6 parents by email this week.



Assessments and Reports

Over the last couple of weeks, our year 4 children have completed their multiplication check assessment. This was assessing their quick recall of their times tables, something that is crucial to support their mental maths when solving problems and calculations. Our year 1 children completed their Phonics screen check. This check assessed the children's understanding of reading real and nonsense words using the wide range of phonics sounds they have been taught using our RWi phonics programme. Results of these assessments will be shared with parents in our end of year reports that will be sent home with all the children on **Friday 30th June**.



Year 3 & 4 Tennis Festival



Our year 3 & 4 children will be participating in a tennis festival on Friday 30th June at Okehampton tennis club. The festival will take place during the school day and transport has been organised. More information will be sent home next week.

Rainbow Day

Next **Friday 23rd June** is our DMAT Rainbow day and as part of the day we are encouraging the children to come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes. The children will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the day that highlight their uniqueness and individuality as well as respecting the differences of others. For one of the activities, we ask if the children could bring in 5 sticks with similar width on the day. Our Ethos group will be helping to run some of the workshops taking place next week. Looking forward to sharing lots of photos and information with you in next week's newsletter.



Swimming Lessons- Autumn Term



When we return to school after summer, the children will begin their annual swimming lessons at Aqua Stars. A letter containing further information has been sent home with your child today.

The school have heavily subsidised the payments to cover the cost of the coach and swimming instructors. The contribution for each child required towards the lessons is **£30.00**. Payment/consent can be made in the 'Payments' section of School Gateway. There is the option to pay in full or by two instalments of £15 (*made payable by 21/7/23 and 25/8/23*).

Class 2 basketball



On the 12th of June, class 2 had a basketball lesson in the school playground. This week we worked on team passing skills. We practised shooting through hoops and to make it difficult Dave, our instructor, placed defenders by the hoops. We also played a game called 'gotcha' where you use your body to protect the ball as well as trying to knock opponents balls out of their hands. In the middle of the lesson we played a basketball game, boys against girls. It was great fun!



Gardening

We have been busy watering vegetables around the spiritual area this week because of the heatwave. We have also been working hard to look after the seeds to ensure that they carry on growing. We are very thankful for the

relationships we have made with wildlife because we appreciate everything that the world has given us and our time as wildlife champions gives us the opportunity to bond with nature. – *Wildlife Champions*



Lego Club

Last Friday the children used various pieces of Lego to create their own marble run. They had to think carefully when creating their designs to ensure that their marble moved from one end of their run to the other. They had great fun testing out each other's marble runs to see how effective they were.

Meeth Quarry Visit

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Wildlife Champions to Meeth Quarry where they participated in a variety of activities, exploring the outdoors. The children thoroughly enjoyed pond dipping, investigating the creatures of the deep as well as looking closely at the wildlife and flowers that inhabit the area. A great way to finish off the year and showcase their hard work and dedication to their role alongside the rest of the wildlife champions from across our trust primary schools.

Yr3 Residential

Last Thursday & Friday, our year 3 children enjoyed a wide range of activities at Okehampton Adventure followed by a camp out at Boasley Cross. The residential gave them an opportunity to try new skills, meet new friends and experience a wide range of new activities.



It was very windy, so I didn't get much sleep in my tent. I really enjoyed the low ropes because it was lots of fun to see if we could keep our balance on the ropes and see if we could climb the wall at the end with our partners- *Ollie*

I enjoyed roasting marshmallows around the fire. It was good at the end because I felt comforted by the people in my tent. My favourite activity was the rock wall climbing because we got to go really high, I got about halfway so I was proud of myself. - *Laila*



Developing Spirituality at Northlew

Recently the whole school has been focusing on spirituality and what it means to feel spiritual. We have done some activities in school, focussing on the 'ourselves' part of spirituality. We have done this by painting pictures on how we find spirituality and doing a self-portrait. Many of the children thought spirituality is when you are peaceful. An example of that was being in nature or a quiet space. We had a worship on what spirituality is and as the Dartmoor Multi-academy Trust we are going to use this quote: "*Spirituality is a relational awareness with others*". We learnt that there are 4 key areas to spirituality which we are going to focus on: Myself, personal identity, others, the world and beauty and the beyond.

Wishing you
all a
wonderful
weekend,
Mrs Cook



Wildlife Champions Visit to Meeth Quarry

Thursday 15th June



I Really enjoyed pond dipping and finding lots of creatures - Dylan



I nearly caught a butterfly in bug catching and I caught newt in pond dipping. The day at Meeth quarry made me feel very happy because it was lots of fun and I learnt a lot about the different conditions that animals need. - Laila



I really enjoyed bug hunting and I managed to catch a damsel fly and a grasshopper- Zac



I really enjoyed the trip out. Pond dipping was really fun but I preferred bug catch although Laila was really focussed on catching a butterfly with a net but I was really good at catching the bugs in a pot- Ollie



I had a really good day at Meeth Quarry. I can't believe I caught a grasshopper- Freddie



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

School Diary

June

Monday - 19 th	Basketball session- class 2 Sports Day, 2pm at Northlew playing field
Tuesday - 20 th	PE lessons- AM (<i>class 1 children to wear PE kit</i>) Wildlife Forest School Sessions- Class 2 only (<i>all children come in own clothes which are appropriate for PE. Also bring in waterproofs & wellies</i>) Gardening club - lunchtime
Wednesday - 21 st	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm *OCRA Summer Activities after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday - 22 nd	*Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 23 rd	 2:50pm Book & Biscuit followed by Celebration Assembly *Lego after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm

*Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.

Dates For Your Diary

(Please note, dates may be subject to change)

June

- **Mon 19th** – Sports Day, 2pm
- **Fri 23rd** – Rainbow Day (*children come to school wearing brightly coloured clothing*)
- **Mon 26th - Wed 28th** – **Yr4&5 residential trip to Menadue, Tintagel**
- **Fri 30th** – Yr3&4 Tennis Festival at Okehampton Tennis Club, 9-12

July

- **Wed 5th** - Quiz Nite, 4:30-6:30pm at Northlew School
- **Fri 14th** - PTFA Duck Race, Wadland Barton
- **Thurs 20th** - Year 6 leavers service at 2:30pm in school
- **Fri 21st** - Last day of term

Forest School News

In forest school this week we were learning how to tell fossils from fake fossils, you can tell this as fake fossils could be covered by resin. We learnt that a real fossil is created when a rock forms around an object such as an insect or leaf and leaves an imprint inside the rock. We got to observe different objects and decide whether they were real fossils, fake fossils or not fossils at all! We even got the opportunity to make our own fossils! We did this by imprinting natural objects into clay, we then left them to dry in the sun and were left with our own fossils- *Class 2*



Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Zac has shown a great understanding of fractions this week. He has worked hard to understand the importance of equal and unequal parts and is able to identify these in a shape. Well done, Zac!



Class 2

Harry has shown a really mature, positive attitude towards his learning and has put all of his effort into his recent Maths project. During Science he has been respectful of other people's views and has clearly articulated his understanding about agriculture to his peers. Well done, Harry!



Christian Ethos Value

Class 1 - Friendship

Isabel has been a brilliant friend this week. She has helped to make sure everyone is involved in games on the playground and that no one is left out. It is great to see Isabel's confidence growing as she moves through the school. Well done, Isabel!



Class 2 - Endurance

Alfie has been persevering to apply his understanding of telling the time in the 12- and 24-hour clock. He has found this tricky but has been patient when having it explained to him. It is lovely to see you continuing to put the effort in to mastering this skill. Well done, Alfie!



PTFA Book Winner

Freddie



Congratulations to Thea who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week by reading at least 5 times.



Question Of the Week

Do you feel like you have a good impact on the wider community?

YES- 88% NO-12%

YES

- I help pack bags at the shops to raise money for charity.
- I smile and wave to people in my community.
- I like to help with any events that happen in our village.
- I sometimes donate to charity.
- I like looking after our community of Northlew by picking up litter to help keep the village looking tidy.

NO

- I would like to explore ways that I could have a greater impact on our community, as I feel I do a lot to help others in school.

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TASTER SESSION

6 July 2023

Octagon Theatre - Okehampton College

4:00pm to 6:00pm

High Quality Instrument lessons for £2 a week

We teach—Viola, Cello, Double Bass (year 6 upwards),

Trombone, French Horn, Oboe, Recorder and flute.

For more details email - Isobel@communitylinks-sw.co.uk

Age 7 to 18 years



Northlew C of E Primary PTFA Annual

DUCK RACE

Wadland Barton, Ashbury

Friday 14th July 2023

4:30pm

BBQ

Pimm's

Tombola

Cake Stall

Bar

Raffle



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