Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust
...everyone in our Trust.

"Let Your Light Shine"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

This week's attendance
96.56%

Dear parents & carers,

We said goodbye to our year 6's at the weekend who went of to France on their school residential. It has been fantastic to see and find out what they have been up to everyday from the French blog. If you have not had an opportunity to take a look at it yet click here. We are looking forward to seeing our year 6 children back in school on Monday and hearing about their exciting adventure.
This week our year 2 children began their assessments in reading, spelling, grammar and maths. We are extremely proud of how the children conducted themselves through the assessments and the endurance they showed whilst completing them. Miss Atkinson will use the assessments to support her teacher judgements and the results of these assessments will be shared with parents in the summer term report.
We have had lots of sporting events happening over the last week and lots booked in for the summer term. Please keep an eye on School Gateway for parent consent (under the payments section).

Yr6 Girls NEON Run

On **Tuesday 23rd May** our year 6 girls will be participating in Devon School Games NEON run in Okehampton from 9:30am until 2pm. Due to the small number of year 6 girls, we are asking that parents drop off and collect their children from this event. A member of staff will be with the children throughout the day to support the children. The Neon run consists of a wide range of sporting events that are aimed to encourage girls to become more active in sport. As part of the event the children will be given a t-shirt on arrival which they can decorate in neon paint and wear for the day. *Please give consent in the 'payments' section of School Gateway for your child to attend this event and leave a note in the comments section letting us know if you can transport your child to/from the event.*

Basketball

On Monday, Mr Roper came in and taught us new basketball skills. He started by teaching us the rules and how to dribble with the ball. We learnt many skills including jumping while you shoot the ball and passing it behind your back. After some time practising, the boys and girls each got into a separate lines, the girls won the first round and the boys won the second.

"I liked learning new skills and thought it was very fun" - Charlotte

"It was hard at first but after a while I got the hang of it"- Laila

Gardening Club

In gardening club this week, Laila was excited to sow the seeds that were given to schools in celebration of the Kings Coronation. The children weeded the raised beds so that the seeds can grow into beautiful red, white & blue flowers.

Our potato leaves are getting bigger every week thanks to the children who are keen to water them as the weather warms up.

The seeds which our year 6 children planted are starting to shoot up, with the carrots currently in the lead.

Martial Arts Grading- Thursday 25th May

If your child is ready to take their next grading, you will have been notified by text and a payment request opened in the 'payments' section of School Gateway, for the £15 grading fee. Please make payment prior to the grading taking place. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's grading during the session from 3:30-4:30pm. Children who are not grading next week will continue to attend the club as usual. Sensei Steve will assess the rest of the class next half term and decided whether they are ready to grade. Parents will be notified by text and a payment request opened in School Gateway.

Bikeability

On Monday and Tuesday our year 5 children took part in their Bikeability cycling proficiency training. As well as understanding the theory and importance of being safe on a bike, the children spent a lot of the session time riding their bikes around the village putting their theory into practice. Well done to our year 5 children.

Just to remind you that our PTFA Dog Show & Fete is taking place on the 3rd June at 2pm in the school playground, please do come along and support this event. Everyone from the community welcome!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Cook

BOOK NOW!!

Summer Devon HAF

We would love to see you all again at our **FREE** Devon HAF programme in Okehampton.
We are now live for bookings during the summer holiday, we would be delighted to see you.
This is for Primary age and those who benefit from free school meals.
Don't miss your chance to take part in our fantastic Devon HAF programmes this **Summer** with Argyle Community Trust.
A day packed of fun, inclusive and engaging activities. You will also receive a free hot meal at dinner time.

Activities include:
Football, Tag Rugby, Basketball, Cricket, Racket Sports, Invasion Games and so much more!

Whole 4 weeks – Monday – Thursday 31st July – 24th August (4 days a week)
10am - 3pm
Pavilion in the Park
Okehampton College,
EX20 1GE

Spaces will go FAST, so book today to avoid disappointment

Book by clicking the link below:
https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/ecnd5-haf-okehampton-devon.html
Please use specific booking password- **OHAFS**

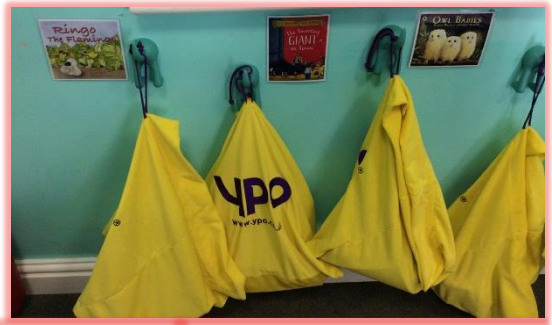
PTFA Book Winner

Marjorie

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

Additions to our Library

With thanks to our kindly donated money from Northlew FC, we have been able to purchase new seating for the children to enjoy whilst reading their books in the library. We have also been fortunate to purchase a wide range of story sacks that the children use to re-tell each story using the puppets. This has helped to develop the children's story language and vocabulary. It has been lovely to see the children sharing the story sacks with each other.



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

School Diary

May

Monday – 22nd	Basketball session- Class 2
Tuesday – 23rd	Yr6 Girls NEON run, 9:30am-2pm in Okehampton PE lessons- AM *(class 2 children to wear PE kit)* Wildlife Forest School Sessions- **Class 1 only** *(all children come in own clothes which are also appropriate for PE. Also bring in waterproofs & wellies)* **Gardening** club - lunchtime
Wednesday – 24th	**Tuck Shop**, 3:15-3:30pm ***OCRA Badminton** after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday – 25th	**Class 1- Okehampton Museum & Castle Trip** ***Martial Arts** club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday – 26th	3:10pm Celebration Assembly ***Lego** after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm

***Your child <u>must</u> 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)

May

- **Tues 23rd** – Yr6 Girls Neon Run in Okehampton
- **Thurs 25th** – Class 1 trip to Okehampton museum and castle

June

- **Sat 3rd**- Northlew Fete & Dog Show, 2-6pm at Northlew School
- **Tues 6th** – Clive Pig Viking workshop- Class 2
- **Tues 8th & Fri 9th** – **Yr3 Residential Trip**
- **Tues 13th –** Yr6 transition meeting at Boasley Cross, 4pm
- **Thurs 15th –** KS2 Small Schools Cross Country
- **Mon 19th –** Sports Day, 2pm
- **Mon 26th - Wed 28th** - **Yr4&5 Residential Trip at Menadue Activity Centre, Tintagel**

July

- **Wed 5th** - Quiz Nite, 4:30-6:30pm at Northlew School
- **Fri 14th** - PTFA Duck Race, Wadland Barton
- **Fri 21st** - Last day of term

During Forest School this week Class 1 learnt all about the seasons. They discussed the difference in the trees throughout the seasons and the changes we see in the natural environment. They also learnt about the different animals that are born at springtime and then made their own birds nest out of large items on the field!

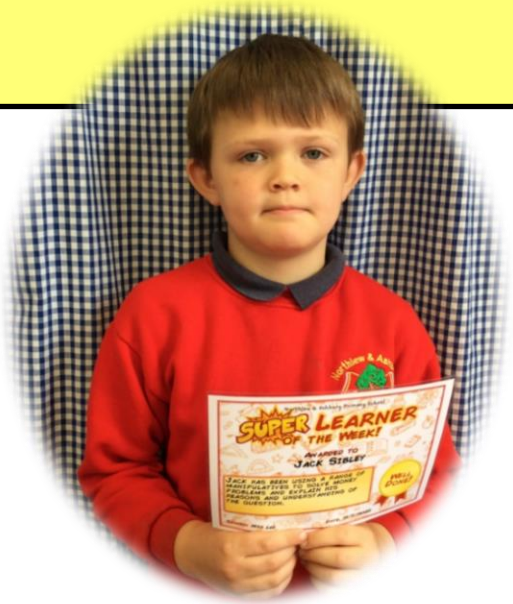
Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Esme has worked incredibly hard this week during her SATs. There have been a few occasions where she has been unsure on a question and begun to get frustrated. But after rereading it and thinking about what strategies or methods to use, she has tackled each question with her best efforts. Well done, Esme!

Class 2

Jack has been using a range of manipulatives to solve money problems and explain his reasons and understanding of the question.



Christian Ethos – Trust

Class 1

Dylan has shown how trustworthy he is this week. He has been given tasks to do within class by the adults and has carried these out brilliantly, helping them and other children. Well done, Dylan!

Class 2

This week **Marjorie** has been supportive to her peers during lessons by being approachable and always happy to support others by explaining and demonstrating her understanding. Well done Marjorie!

Northlew & Ashbury Dog Show & Fete

Saturday 3rd June 2023
2pm - 6pm

School playground
Everyone & their dog welcome
(All dogs to be on leads at all times)

Classes £2 (signup on the day)

- Waggiest Tail
- Best Puppy (Under 1yr)
- Prettiest Bitch
- Handsomest Dog
- Golden Oldies (Over 8yrs)
- Best Child Handler
- Longest Sit
- Top Dog

Raffle
Candyfloss
Various Stalls
Games
Hot & Cold Food
Hot & Cold Drinks

Fun Family Afternoon
Lots of Rosettes & Prizes
To Be Won

easyfundraising
feel good shopping

Easy fundraiser is a simple way to help us **raise FREE money for our children**. By using the easy fundraising app & doing your usual online shopping we can get FREE donations from lots of big companies. It really is simple to do and will benefit our children & school greatly.

Please help Northlew & Ashbury PTFA. It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

Click the link to sign up:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=referto win_sept_22

Question Of the Week

Do you think trips and visits benefit your learning?

Yes- 100% No- 0%

Yes

- Trips help us understand more about the topics we have been covering in class.
- It helps put things into context.
- Seeing things in real life helps me to better understand.
- I can't wait until I am in year 6 and get to go on a residential, this year they've gone to France!
- Having visitors in school helps to embed the topics we have been learning in class.