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"Let Your  
 Light Shine"  
 Matthew 5:16



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

## Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Last week's  
 attendance  
 was:  
**98.1%**

Dear parents/carers,

This week, class 2 spent Wednesday afternoon going back in time with Clive Pig our historical storyteller, who emerged the children in the history of the Romans. The children listened to traditional Celtic music and took part in drama activities to show what Romans would have enjoyed for their evening entertainment. We are looking forward to seeing how the workshops they have participated in will help to build upon key skills they have developed and subject knowledge they have gained through Clive's visit. Once again, a huge thank you to our PTFA who paid for the visit.



We have several trips and visits planned for this term to support the children's development and knowledge of the curriculum. This includes a visit from Theatre Alibi who will be visiting us on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov to perform 'Stand Up! (and Boogie)'. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.



In class 1 this week our EYFS children have been outside exploring their continuous provision and despite the torrential downpours we have had this week, everyone stayed dry! Our outside space provides opportunities for exploring learning through a wide range of materials and it is now able to be enjoyed by all the children come rain or shine!

Our School Council had their first meeting this week with Mrs Johnstone. She was impressed with the wide range of ideas that the children discussed and have already chosen to support the charity 'Young Minds'. More information in this week's newsletter. The children have also decided to reintroduce the 'Question of the week'. This is an opportunity for all the children to give their views and opinions on a wide range of school issues. Following an assembly on how we can keep ourselves safe this week, the children decided to ask, 'Do you feel safe in school?'. The information they gather from the question will be published each week in our newsletter. The school council will meet to discuss the results, and as a group find ways to find solutions to the information they have gathered. For more information on what the children have discussed in this week's assembly, please click on the link [Support for parents | NSPCC](#)

Wishing you all a great weekend,  
Mrs Cook

## School Diary

Oct 2021

Monday - 4 <sup>th</sup>	OCRA Multi-sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday - 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuck Shop, 3:15-3:30pm Art after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (4 of 4)
Thursday - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly 9:15-9:30am #HelloYellow- wear yellow for a £2 donation PE lessons- Class 1 & 2 Music lessons- Class 1 & 2 Swimming-Class 2, 1:30-2:30pm (5/7)

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

### Christmas Nativity Play 2021

We are pleased to announce that we will be inviting parents to watch a whole school performance of the Christmas nativity play 'Don't be Afraid!' on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. We will have more information on this nearer the time.



## After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer a range of after school clubs to the children each week. These are organised and run by a wide range of staff who come to Northlew to develop the children's sporting and art abilities. Many of the clubs are funded through our PE sports funding making them accessible for all children from years 1 to 6. Unfortunately, we have had some feedback from the after-school staff who have concerns about some of the children's behaviour and attitude whilst participating in the clubs. The children have been reminded about their behaviour this week, as 'messing around' in these clubs prevents other children from learning and may result in them being removed from the club. Please can we remind you to let us know if your child is not staying for clubs, as the staff plan activities and will need to make adjustments.

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### Art After-school Club

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct will be the final session for the current group of children who have been taking part in our art club. The next 4 sessions will be available to book from 10am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct using School Gateway. Please go to the 'payments' section to book as there is a £2 per session fee, with the full amount of £8 required upon booking. The sessions for the next Art Club group will begin on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3:30-4:30pm. Please note, if your child took part in the last group, they will not be able to book onto this one as well. This is to allow all children the opportunity to take part in the club, as it has limited capacity.

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### World Mental Health Day- #HelloYellow

On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** we will be supporting World Mental Health Day by raising funds for the charity 'Young Minds'. We are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something **yellow** for a **£2** donation.

Funds raised will help provide young people with tools to look after their mental health. 'Young Minds' empower adults to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives and they give young people the space and confidence to get their voices heard and change the world we live in.

To find out more about the charity visit:

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



Your donation will help create a world  
where no young person feels alone with  
their mental health

## **Book & Biscuit Morning**

It was lovely to welcome parents/relatives back into school today, to read with their children during our Book & Biscuit morning. The children really enjoyed reading to their adult whilst tucking into a biscuit or two. We look forward to seeing you again on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8:50am, for our next Book & Biscuit morning.



**SCHOLASTIC**  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

## **READING EVERY DAY...**

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

**READ**  
Every Day  
Lead a Better  
**LIFE**

## **Question of the Week**

**Do you feel safe in school?**

**99% Yes**  
**1% No**



The 1% that said no, said they sometimes felt unsafe on the playground when there's lots of sports equipment out. Our Sports Leaders will be discussing this in next week's meeting.

## **School Logo**

In our PHSE lessons this term, we have been discussing our identity, exploring a range of emotions and how we express these in a variety of ways. As a Church school we would like to explore the identity of our school through our school logo. In the summer term we explored what the school logo meant to us as a school community, and many of the children suggested that we needed to have something that represented our school Ethos and Christian distinctiveness. We would like to open this idea up to all our community of Northlew; children, parents, staff and the wider community to explore ideas for our school logo so that it encompasses our school ethos of '**Let Your Light Shine**'. Please find attached to the newsletter a template for families to sketch their ideas.

If you would like a paper copy template, please ask at the school office.

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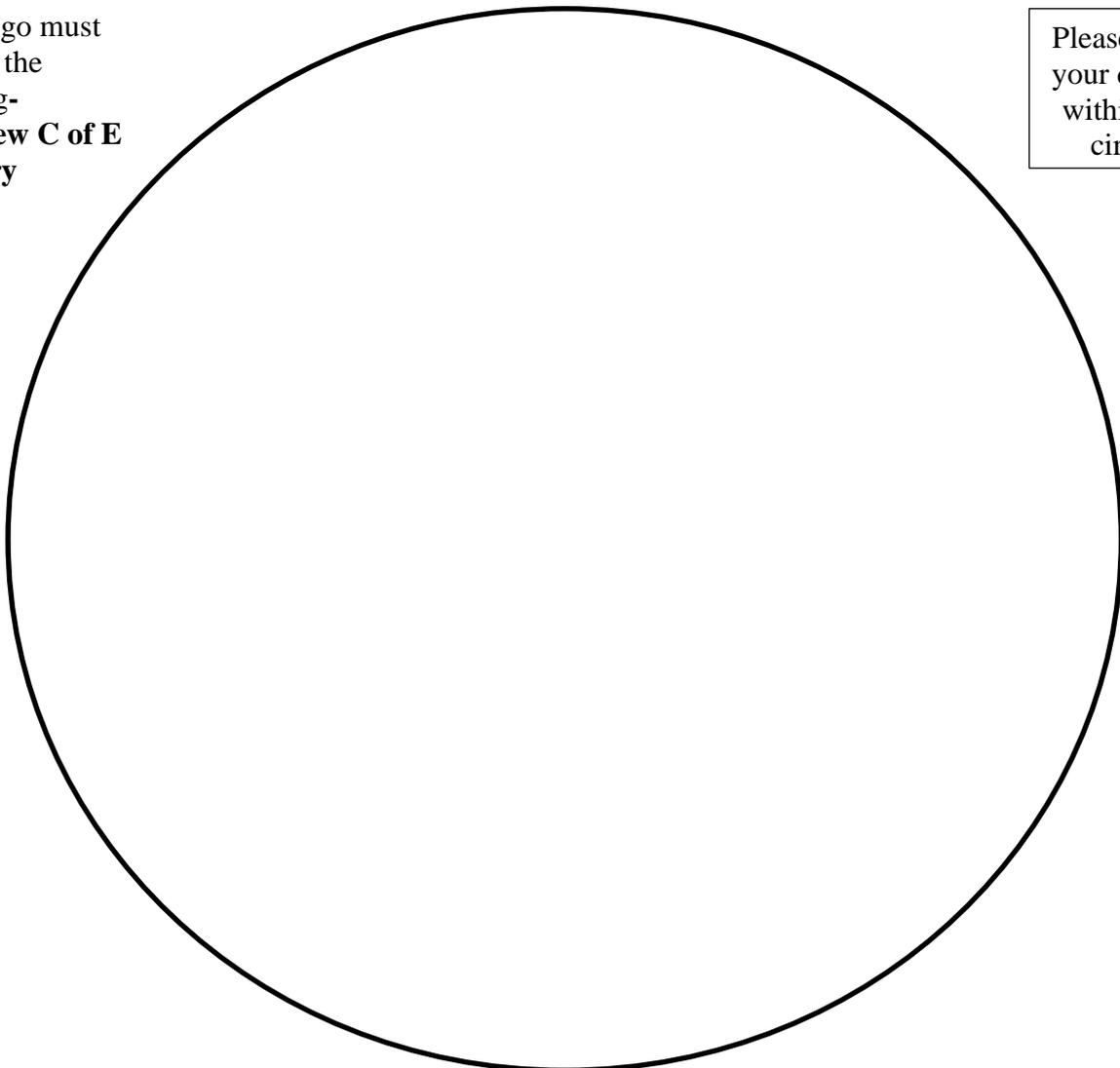
### **Northlew C of E Primary- New School Logo Design**

**Designed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your design to the school office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

Your logo must contain the wording-  
**Northlew C of E  
Primary  
School**

Please keep  
your design  
within the  
circle



## Dates for the Diary

- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**- #HelloYellow- wear yellow to school (£2 donation).
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Class 1 begin their swimming sessions.
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**- Theatre Alibi visit school to perform 'Stand Up! (and Boogie)'
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Christmas Jumper Day.
- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Christmas Dinner.
- **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Christmas Nativity play at 2pm.
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**- Class 2 trip to the Northcott Theatre.



### **Trust Rename- Your Voice Matters**

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust, is undertaking an exciting project to renew our Trust name and identify to better reflect who we are and what we are becoming as a family of schools; working together to keep making school better for our children and young people.

**As part of this project, there will be an online consultation session for our parents and/or carers on Thursday 14 October from 4:15pm to 5:15pm** and we would very much like your involvement in this. As I am sure you can appreciate, we will need to limit workshop sizes to 10. If we do get a large number of parents and/or carers interested in attending we may need to review expressions of interest to ensure that we have a broad representation.

If you would like to express an interest in attending this workshop, please use the link below. **Please submit expressions of interest by Wednesday 6 October 5pm.**

[Parent and/or carer consultation expression of interest](#)

**You can also have your say by completing a short questionnaire [here](#)** – the questionnaire will close at 3:30pm on Friday 8 October.

Thank you, in advance, for your involvement.

Dan Morrow

Trust Leader & CEO



### **Spiritual Area**

The children have been selling apples from the garden to raise funds for the Spiritual Garden. Jam has also been made and is selling well at the school entrance. Donations have been gratefully received.



A big thank you to those who have donated bags of

compost and bark for our spiritual area. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Jamie Tidwell who has done an amazing job making the benches for the children. We are all getting excited as the area is taking shape.

**Okehampton**

# Rural Craft & Community Fair

23rd October

Okehampton College & Simmons Park  
10.am - 4.00pm. Entry free

Okehampton United Charities  
Okehampton College  
everythingOKEHAMPTON  
FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK  
Dartmoor MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

**Okehampton College** is excited to be involved in the **Rural Craft & Community Fair** on **Saturday 23rd October 2021** which will be a showcase of the opportunities that are available to engage in within our Town.

The **Rural Craft & Community Fair** will be the coming together of our recreational, support and voluntary organisations in the Okehampton area and will be an opportunity to find out more about what goes on in the town and what you can involve yourself in, whether that is sporting clubs, art/craft clubs, recreational/voluntary groups, or you want more information about support you can receive.

If you are a member organisation that would like to be represented at the Rural Craft & Community Fair and to take the opportunity to share what you do and recruit new members, please contact [community@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:community@dmatschools.org.uk)

This is set to be a fantastic event, and we are being joined by organisations providing activities, crafts and promoting local services with a focus on mental health.

*This is a great opportunity for local recreational, support and voluntary organisations to publicise your group, and local artisans to sell their crafts. If you are a member organisation that would like to be represented at this event and to take the opportunity to share what you do and recruit new members, please contact:*

[community@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:community@dmatschools.org.uk) or [everythingokehampton@gmail.com](mailto:everythingokehampton@gmail.com)



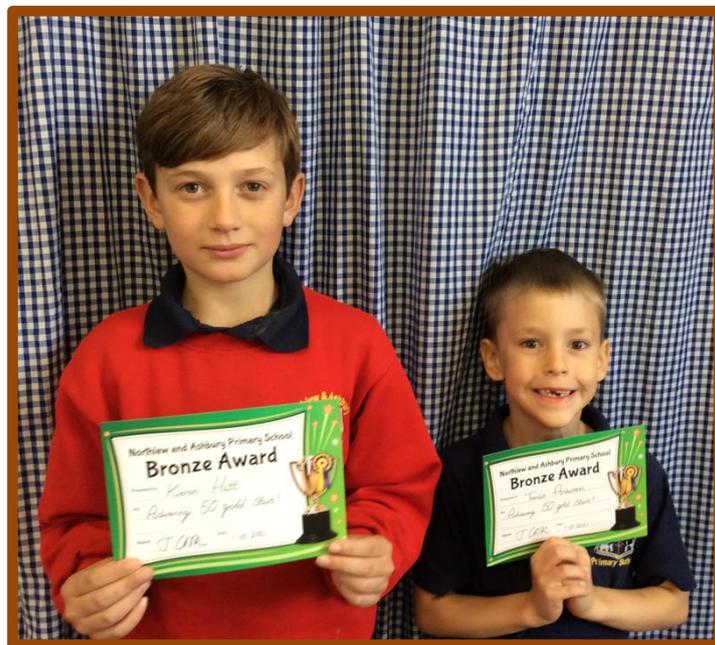
GOLD  
STAR  
award

*Congratulations to the following children for achieving  
their gold star certificates!*



BRONZE AWARD  
50 STARS

Class 2  
*Kieran*



Class 1  
*Tenzo*

# Super Learners of the Week!

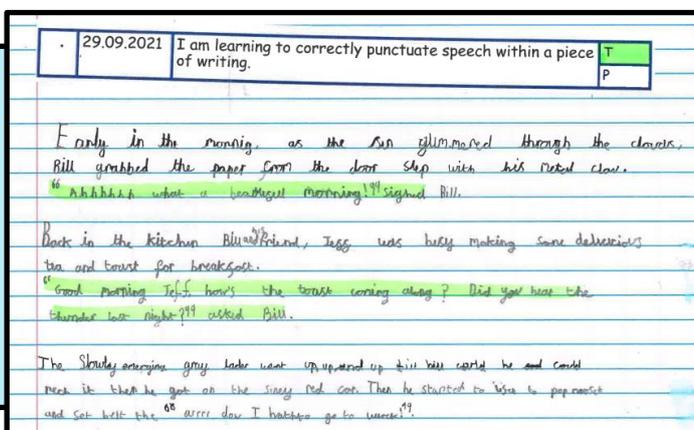


## Class 1

In English, **Zac** composed an amazing story board about the classes innovated retell of pumpkin soup. Great learning Zac, Well done!

## Class 2

We have been extremely impressed with **Kieran's** attitude to learning. He has been enthusiastic especially with his English. He has contributed brilliant ideas to group English writing and has improved his presentation. Well done Kieran.



## Christian Ethos - 'Endurance'

### Class 1

**Esmé** has shown fantastic endurance in her learning and she has chosen to share her achievements by reading to the children in class. You are a fantastic role-model around the school Esmé, well done!



### Class 2

**Charlie** has shown great endurance with participating in large groups and whole class activities. This is something that he finds really tricky but has persevered and contributed to lots of different sessions this week. Well done Charlie.

