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# "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

**Newsletter**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

This week's  
attendance  
**88.33%**

Dear Parents/carers,

The weather held out for us at the beginning of the week and the sun shone for our sports day in Northlew Park. A huge thank you to our parents, grandparents and wider community for coming along to support the event. A thank you to our PTFA for lending us their gazebo for the afternoon so we could keep the children in the shade. A massive well done to all our children who took part in all their races with enthusiasm and showed great team spirit and to Exmoor who came first overall this year.

## **Congratulations**

Just a quick note to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Cook who has been promoted to Associate Principal at Okehampton Primary School from September. She has been a fantastic leader across Northlew and Boasley Cross, developing the schools from strength to strength, and leading them through successful OFSTEDs. I am sure that you will join me in thanking her for her dedication to the children, school and communities, and wish her well on the next step of her career.

Mr Whittley

Lead Principal (primary)



## **Tennis Festival**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, our year 3 and 4 children have been invited to take part in a tennis festival held at Okehampton Tennis Club. A letter went home with your child on Wednesday containing further information.

Please give consent in the 'payments' section of School Gateway prior to the event taking place. All children will need to bring a packed lunch to school which will be eaten when we return from the event (a packed lunch has been ordered for FSM children). The children can take a snack and a drink with them. Please remember to apply sunscreen and bring a hat to school.



**'My wheel kept falling off, so I had to keep fixing it'- Isabel.**

### **Lego Club**

This week in Lego club the children were set the challenge of designing and creating their own cars. They then tested to robustness of their creations on a variety of ramps for speed and sturdiness.



**'My design was different to everyone else, but I liked the design, so I just fixed the arms back again' - Ollie**

## **School Reports**

### **Reports**

Staff have been busy collating your child/ren's reports. The reports will be given to the children to take home next Friday afternoon. If your child is in year 1, this will include the results of their phonics screen check. If your child is in year 2, this will include their SATs results and if your child is in year 4, this will include their multiplication check results. Our year 6 SATs results are not released until 11<sup>th</sup> July and we will notify parents with these results after this date.

### **Well done Casper!**

This week Casper had his football presentation evening and smashed it - he had the most votes for all the awards, but walked away with 3, including Supporters Player of the year and best of all Devon FA Under 10 Player of the Year!



### **Young Leaders**

On the Tuesday Harry, Marjorie, Sienna and Lily attended a young leaders meeting. In this meeting we were learning about the word dream and why people are so fascinated about them. First, when we joined, the leaders of the meeting introduced themselves and talked about our focus and how to work Aha Slides, Aha Slides is where you take an online vote about something and they also show you slides. After practicing our breakout rooms, we talked about a woman named Madam CJ Walker who sells hair lotion. She was the first woman to be a self-made millionaire! Next, we talked about Niels Bohr who was studying atoms. He was really struggling until one night he had a dream about the ring around the centre of the atom and that's how we now know about them. We now really want to inspire others to identify and follow their dreams even when there are obstacles.

***I really enjoyed our last young leaders meeting -Lily***

***I loved seeing the video of the old school councils reading -Marjorie***

### **Yr4/5 Residential**



The children in years 4 and 5 are looking forward to the residential at Menadue in Tintagel. Just to remind parents that all children will need to be dropped at Simmons Park at 9am on Monday morning. Parents are asked to pick their child up from Simmons Park at 3pm on Wednesday afternoon. We are looking forward to sharing photographs and updates in next week's newsletter.

### **Yr6 Transition Day**

Just to remind all our year 6 parents that the children have their transition day at Okehampton College on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The children will need to be dropped off and collected by parents on this day. They are asked to arrive at the college wearing their school uniform, bring a PE kit, packed lunch, drinks bottle and a fully equipped pencil case. Children will return to school as normal on Friday.

### **Silver Stories**

It is great to see how Laila has continued to develop her confidence in reading aloud to others. She is thoroughly enjoying her weekly sessions with our Silver Stories contact who listens to her read each week over the telephone through loudspeaker. Their conversations around the book provide an opportunity for Laila to reflect on what she has read and make connections with other books that she has enjoyed.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.  
*Mrs Cook*



# SPORTS DAY 2023



'It was so funny to watch Daddy do the Dads race. He was really slow!' – *Amelia*



'I was really proud of my mummy coming second in the parent egg and spoon race' - *Laila*



'Sports day was very fun and exciting because I got to run around a lot and I really enjoyed cheering my friends on' - *Ollie*



'During Sports day we got to take part in lots of different events my favourite was the bean bag race because I was able to balance the bean bag on my head for a while' - *Darcie*



'I loved the relay race because it was good to work as a team to try and win' – *Dylan*



'All the events were fun but I liked the relay race the most because I enjoyed working as a team' - *Charlotte*

'Even though we had a really warm sports day, it was exciting to see who would win our final sports day at Northlew' - *Harry & Marjorie*





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

# School Diary

## June

<b>Monday – 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr4&amp;5 Menadue Residential</b> (day 1) Basketball session- class 2
<b>Tuesday – 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr4&amp;5 Menadue Residential</b> (day 2) PE lessons- AM (class 1 children to wear PE kit) Wildlife Forest School Sessions- <b>Class 2 only</b> (all children come in own clothes which are also appropriate for PE. Also bring in waterproofs & wellies) <b>Gardening</b> club - lunchtime
<b>Wednesday – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr4&amp;5 Menadue Residential</b> (day 3) <b>Tuck Shop</b> <b>*OCRA Summer Activities</b> after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Thursday – 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr6 taster day at Okehampton College <b>*Martial Arts</b> club, 3:30-4:30pm
<b>Friday – 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival, 9-12 at Okehampton tennis club 3:10pm Celebration Assembly <b>*Lego</b> 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 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Yr4&5 residential trip to Menadue, Tintagel**
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Yr3&4 Tennis Festival** at Okehampton Tennis Club, 9-12

### July

- **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Wake Park Trip** (yrs 4,5&6)
- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Quiz Nite, 4:30-6:30pm** **Postponed!**
- **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Leavers Disco**, 3:30-5pm in school
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - PTFA Duck Race**, Wadland Barton
- **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 leavers service** at 2:30pm in school
- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Last day of term**



### PTFA Yr6 Leavers Disco

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the PTFA will be holding a disco in school for all the children, 3:30-5pm. Tickets cost **£3.50** per child and includes a drink, candy floss and entry.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office from Monday and will be available to purchase until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

It was a really colourful day and I enjoyed seeing all of the colours of everyone's clothes which is representing celebrating differences in others. ~ Laila



Painting the sticks has been really fun, everybody's was different. ~ Gilbie



Rainbow day has been a really fun experience to learn about how being different is good. ~ Lily

We got to have a non-uniform day to show what is special about us. ~Dylan

*Celebrating our differences*



*Rainbow Day*

I liked discussing the PowerPoint and reflecting on how everyone is different and how that is ok. ~ Sienna



I really enjoyed making my cube because I could find out how I was different from other people and what their unique qualities are. ~ Marjorie





# Forest School News

This week in forest school we made shelters that were suitable for keeping you dry in extreme weather. We used tarpaulin, rope and only natural resources to help create our designs.

It was hard building the den because our team had to restart after our plan wasn't working and we only had 5 minutes left. -Charlotte

It was fun making dens because Marjorie showed us how to make a campfire outside of it as well. - Thea

It was exciting gathering the resources to make the den we had to think about the different kinds of sticks that we needed. - Zac

We had to see what we could build out of just 2 tarpaulins and 2 ropes so it was quite tricky. - Harry







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



**Gold Award**  
(350 stars)

**Class 2**

**Ollie**





# Super Learners of the Week!

## Class 1

**Rowan** has produced some brilliant writing this week. He worked hard to form his letters correctly and used Fred Talk to spell words independently. Well done, Rowan!



## Class 2

**Thea** has been extremely focussed on her learning this week. It has been lovely to see how she has stayed focussed with her assessments and has made great improvements with her reading comprehension. Well done, Thea.



## Christian Ethos Value

### **Class 1 - Peace**

**Freddie** has shown peace in supporting his peers in the classroom. He has encouraged them with their learning and helped them when needed. This has made the classroom a lovely peaceful place to be. Well done, Freddie!



### **Class 2 - Friendship**

**Laila** has been focussed on arranging a variety of sports during breaktimes to ensure that people can come together and play as teams and individuals. She has made posters to encourage different people to join in and develop their friendships. Well done, Laila.



# PTFA Book Winner

## Harry



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

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## Question Of the Week

Do you think it is important to celebrate and value everybody's similarities and differences?

YES: 100% NO: 0%

YES

- If everyone was the same, life would be very boring.
- It is important to respect everyone's opinions even when we don't agree with them.
- Our differences make us unique and special.
- I like being me and wouldn't want to be anyone else.
- We can learn and grow from each other by being different.

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## Read to Rafa

**Mondays**  
**15:45-16:45**

Does your child struggle with reading or need a confidence boost?

Why not book them into a session to read to Rafa?  
He loves to hear children read!



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### TASTER SESSION

**6 July 2023**

**Octagon Theatre - Okehampton College**

**4:00pm to 6:00pm**

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

Trombone, French Horn, Oboe, Recorder and flute.

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**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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