



**Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust**

...everyone in our Trust.



Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

17/11/2023

Notes from Lead Teacher

There has been a really focused atmosphere throughout the school over the past couple of weeks. The children in Class 1 have done some amazing writing in English about Dadaji's Paintbrush and Class 2 have been ensuring that they are using specific grammatical features in their writing from 'The Firebird'. The pupil school leaders have arranged a range of brilliant activities over the past few weeks which you will see throughout this newsletter. It is wonderful to have such a proactive body of School leaders within the school and we are looking forward to sharing more of them with you as they continue to develop over the next few months.

Super Learner

Amelia – Amelia produced a brilliant piece of independent writing this week to conclude our English sequence. She worked hard to follow the correct structure and used the methods we encourage in class (Brain, Book, Board, Buddy, Boss) to complete the work with little help from an adult. Well done, Amelia!

Dylan- I was really proud of Dylan this week when he had the confidence to ask for clarity on some vocabulary during an RE lesson. It is wonderful to see you acting on the feedback and trying to further your own learning. Well done, Dylan!



School Value- Peace

Albie – After our Flourish session this week where we discussed how we can find peace; Albie chose to stay

inside at lunch time and do some colouring. This was a lovely way for Albie to find peace within the school and it was brilliant that he decided to do this himself. Well done, Albie!

Thea, Darcie and Arabella– The three Year 6 girls lead a superb flourish session informing the school about Children in Need. Rather than finding a prayer to read the girls reflected on the topic and wrote their own prayer which they shared during their worship. Well done: Thea, Darcie and Arabella!

Attendance

Another great week for attendance. Thank you to all families for their support and for also ensuring children are arriving at school promptly every day ready to learn.

Whole School Attendance

97.88%

Reading Basket

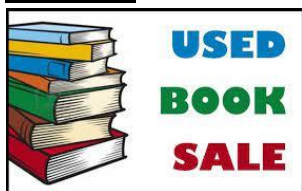
The winner of our reading basket this week is Amelia. Well done for reading at home at least 5 times. Enjoy reading the books at home and coming in telling everyone about what you have read and whether you recommend it.

Reading Raffle

The PTFA have kindly continued to donate a book to each child in order for them to develop their love for reading and the choice of books within the library. The winner of the reading raffle on 17th November was

Rowan. If your child has already received one of these books, and has already read it, please can this be returned ASAP to school to be checked in to the school library for other children to read.

Book Sale



The Librarians set up a brilliant book sale. Thank you to all who bought a book to raise money for the school library. We do still have some books available for sale so please ask to have a browse.



Class 1 – Remembrance

Last week, the school marked Remembrance by learning about the meaning of the day and why it is so important to take time to remember the people who lost their lives for our country. Class 1 created their own poppy using tissue paper and a lollypop stick.



Class 2- Practical Science

In Science this half term we have been learning about electricity. We have learnt about static electricity and electrical circuits.

'I find this fun because at home I like to use electronics so learning how they work is interesting to me'- Ollie

'I have really enjoyed Science this half term because I enjoyed getting the lightbulb to work in the circuit'- Kenzie.



'I rubbed the balloon against my clothes and then when I held it over the paper the paper started sticking to the balloon'- Zac



Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at Castle Drogo



When we went to the cross country at Castle Drogo it was an exciting experience. 'It was good to meet up with other people from the other schools that we have met before' - Zac

'I enjoyed it because it wasn't just a flat cross country, there were stairs and slopes to go up and down'- Izabella
'Having lots of hills and steps made it a hard course. I was really worn out at the end!' -Casper



Gardening Club

Freddie, Zac and Dylan showed great teamwork by clearing out the weeds from one of our tyres. Freddie re-planted some strawberry plants and Dylan found some rhubarb. We are looking forward to this growing so that the children can harvest and sell this next year!



As always, any donations of composting soil would be gratefully received. Thank-you!



Odd Socks Day

This week we have been following Odd Socks Day. It is an opportunity to highlight that it is okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. The children have really embraced this activity and it has been lovely to hear how they have discussed their differences and what makes them unique.



Children in Need

Thank you very much for your donations and efforts supporting Children in Need this year. The School Council have done a fantastic job at organising a range of activities including non-uniform day, a Pudsey Bear treasure hunt and they led a wonderful flourish session to explain and explore the reason behind raising money for Children in Need.

We got to come to school in non-uniform to raise money for children that are less fortunate. - Darcie



activities, and it was a great opportunity for staff to chat to parents. Thank you to those children and families who joined us and made it a lovely morning. Look out for information about our next Stay and Play session which will on Thursday 7th December and will be Christmas themed!



Stay and Play

Last week we welcomed children from the local community into school for our first Stay and Play session. The children had lots of fun with the various





CAROLS IN THE BARN

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

FROM 6.30PM

LOCAL CHILDREN SINGING : NORTHLEW SILVER BAND

MUSIC MERRIMENT AND MIRTH

WITH ENTERTAININGLY DIFFERENT ROB PUDNER AND

TAMSIN BALL THE CLASSICAL CROSSOVER SINGER

FESTIVE FOOD : SWEET TREATS : HOT & COLD DRINKS

PRIZE DRAW : ALL PROFIT TO CHARITY

£10 ADULT : £5 12 - 18 YRS : 11 & UNDER FREE

THE PARTY BARN : NR NORTHLEW : EX20 3BT

TICKETS FROM MART RUNDLE OR

CELIA MINERS : 07432 512499

DiAS free sessions for parents and carers

DiAS (Devon, Information, Advice and Support) supports children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their parents and carers.

These are the important things to know about our service:

- It's confidential. We don't share anything you tell us, unless it's a safeguarding issue or you have given us permission.
- It's impartial. We aim to give you information about the options available, then it's up to you to make the decisions. We won't promote one option over another, unless there's no alternative. Although we are part of Devon County Council, we are separate from their other SEND services and departments. You can find out more by reading our impartiality policy.
- It's free of charge.
- We talk directly to parents, carers, guardians, children and young people. We can also talk to professionals if parents or young people give their permission.
- Anyone can access it. If you have communication difficulties or English as a second language, we will always do our best to arrange the right support. Our webpages can all be translated into languages other than English, using Reachdeck. We can also produce information in large print if you need it. Please contact us if you need information in other formats or need more help.
- It's based on the law. All DiAS staff who work directly with parent carers, children and young people have training about the legal areas of SEND support, EHC Plans and issues such as exclusion.
- It operates on a first come first served basis, unless you need to speak to us urgently because of a serious issue or short legal timescale.
- It's for anyone living in Devon. If you live in Torbay or Plymouth there are Information Advice and Support services for your area.
- We are offering 3 free training sessions this term · Listening to your child's views 10 – 11.30am, Tuesday 21 November 2023 · Demystifying SEND 10 – 11.30am, Tuesday 28 November 2023 · Education Health and Care (EHC) plan reviews 1pm – 2.30pm, Monday 4 December 2023

DiAS free online training sessions for parent carers

DiAS has three sessions available this term – each one lasts an hour, plus 30 minutes afterwards for questions and discussion. All are via Teams online.

[Listening to your child's views](#)

10 – 11.30am, Tuesday 21 November 2023

[Demystifying SEND](#)

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[Education Health and Care \(EHC\) plan reviews](#)

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Week Beginning 20.11.23

Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	*OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit. Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS1 Swimming

Week Beginning 27.11.23

Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	*OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm Flu Vaccination
Wednesday	KS2 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit. Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS1 Swimming
Saturday	Carols in the Barn

Diary Dates

Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,	KS1 Swimming Every Friday
Friday 17th	Northlew Christmas Fete at Northlew Primary School from 5pm
Tuesday 28th	Flu Vaccination
December	
Friday 1st, 8th	KS1 Swimming
Friday 1st December	Book and Biscuit Morning
Saturday 2nd	Carols in the Barn
Tuesday 5th	Carols @ Waitrose with Moorland Hub schools (Participating children will be sent a letter) 11-12
Wednesday 6th	Christingle Service at Church followed by mince pies at school. From 2pm
Thursday 7th	Stay and Play
Tuesday 12th	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13th	Please drop off and collect your child/ren from Boasley Cross Primary School. KS1 Pantomime Dear Santa 3:30pm finish please order or bring packed lunch. KS2 Pantomime Dick Whittington- 5:30pm finish school lunches can still be ordered
Thursday 14th	Christmas Dinner Carols at Lakeside Residential Home (Participating children will be sent a letter)
Friday 15th	Celebration Assembly parents welcome Last Day of Term

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part.