



Newsletter

13/01/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really lovely start to the Spring term. The children have come back full of excitement and energy. They have enjoyed getting into their new topic. The new topic webs should be on our website shortly.

This week started with a visit from **Above Bounds Theatre** who performed 'The Snow Queen' to the whole school including preschool children. The play (which was written by young people during covid lockdown) is set on Dartmoor and had great messages about caring for our moors. This visit was funded by your contributions to our wonderful FOMS.

Dodgeball has started and was well attended after a initial slow uptake. There are places available if your child would like to join. Please contact the office.

Year 6 have started work on their 'Body Language' performance. This is an annual dance event led by South Dartmoor and attended by all the local primary schools. We were lucky to have secured a morning with dance expert, Becky Mason, to get us started. Dates for this event and many others are in the diary section of this letter. Please do make a note!

As you are aware, the school had an OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 13th December. As yet the report has not been released. As soon as it is available, I will let you all know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Alex Waterman



Little Tots

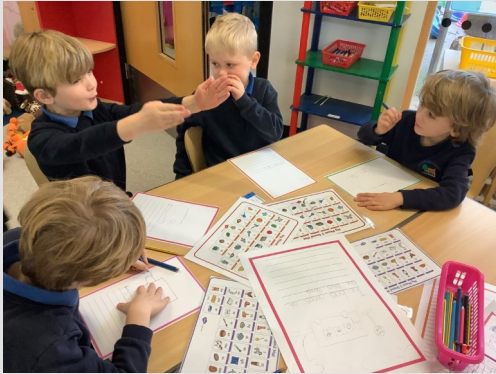
It has been great to see so many faces at our 0-3 toddler sessions, Fridays 9.15am to 11.30am.



News from the classes

Little Tors

What a fantastic first week back. We have been busy reading Naughty bus, finding out about the mischief he has been causing and trying to teach him the school rules! We also had a fantastic first Dance PE lesson with Mr Pierce.



Easdon

Easdon have been grouping materials in Science.

In their money topic in maths, Easdon started by doing some coin rubbing and carefully looking at the features of different coins.



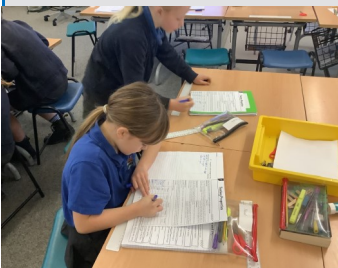
Shapley

This week in Science, Shapley have been taking part in two different experiments. The year 5's tested the thermal insulation of different materials while the Year 3's and 4's observed what happens to raisins when you put them into cups of lemonade.



Marden

In Marden this week, we have been testing the properties of materials in science. In the test shown here, we were seeing if the material was permeable.



Beckaford

Beckaford were excited to be joined by Ms Mason from South Dartmoor Community College today, who helped prepare us for this year's Body Language. Utilising and building upon skills taken from our recent dance sessions in PE and MED Theatre production last term, the children are well on their way to choreographing a powerful and dramatic performance of Theseus and the Minotaur. Keep your eyes peeled for further information!





Dates for your diary

Tues 3 rd Jan	Non pupil
Wed 4 th Jan	Children in
Mon 9 th Jan	Above Bounds Theatre
Fri 13 th Jan	Body Language – Y6, Becky Mason
Thurs 26 th Jan	Inclusion Games – KS1 and F
Tues 24 th Jan	Film Night FOMS
Wed 8 th Feb	Parent forum 9am/2.30pm
Fri 10 th Feb	Y6 dance event
Half term 13-17 th Feb	
Wed 1 st March	BODY LANGUAGE event – Y6 to SDCC finishes 7.45pm!
Mon 20 th March – Wed 22 nd March	Bikeability Y5
Tues 21 st March	Handball event Y6
Fri 24 th March	Reports out to parents
Thurs 30 th March	Easter assembly
Fri 31 st March	Break up 2pm.
Easter 3 rd – 14 th April	
Mon 17 th April	Non pupil Day
Mon 17 th April – Wed 19 th April	Skern Lodge Y6 (note- the Y6 are away for non pupil day!)
Mon 24 th April	Y5/6 football event
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Mon 8 th May	Coronation of Charles 3 rd .

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