



West Exmoor Federation

'Passionately pursuing educational excellence with our children and community for their lifetimes'

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Dear Community,

Visit by Her Majesty's Inspectorate

In January, Bradley Simmons from HMI, the body that monitors Ofsted and standards in schools, visited the three schools within the federation to carry out an inspection focusing upon the impact of federation upon the schools. His full report will be available on the Ofsted website by the middle of February, but I would just like to share with you some of the key findings. In **all** aspects, the federation was found to have a **good** impact upon the three schools. The aspects inspected included the overall effectiveness of the federation; the overall attainment and standards achieved by the children; the quality of teaching and learning; the attributes of the curriculum; and the quality of leadership and management across the federation. We are all incredibly proud of the outcome of this survey inspection and feel that it is a true reflection of the wonderful work that is going on within our schools and community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, governors and children for their on-going hard work, without which, the federation would not be the great success that it is.

Exmoor Zoo

Early this term children from across the federation visited Exmoor Zoo. The rain poured and the wind blew but that didn't stop the children having a wonderful time and continuing to forge their new

friendships. They had the opportunity to feed and stroke wallabies, groom the alpacas, hold a spider, touch a snake, watch the otters and cheetahs being fed and learn interactively about animals from every continent. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff at Exmoor Zoo who made us feel so welcome. I would also like to compliment the children on their exemplary behaviour which was commented upon by the zoo staff. The children and I look forward to our return visit next year.

Golf

This term children across the federation have been enjoying golf sessions with Mark Davis from Ilfracombe Golf Club. Mark has been coming into school and instructing children about the game of 'tri-golf'; a mini, indoor version of the game. During their sessions the children have learnt a number of skills, including how to dribble with a golf club! The children have clearly enjoyed their sessions and it is hoped that once the weather improves we will be able to enjoy a celebration of the skills acquired at Ilfracombe Golf Club.

Spring Learning

Across the federation the children are enthusiastically beginning to explore and research this term's topic, Planet Earth. Within this topic the children in Key Stage Two will be learning about the Solar System and Environmental Issues which affect life on Earth. Children in Key Stage One will be investigating materials, exploring

pattern and printing, learning about different cultures and much, much more!

Parracombe's Got Talent

On Friday 13th February children of Parracombe School (past and present) have been invited to perform in front of an audience at The Hunter's Inn. The show will begin at 7:00pm.

Netball Festival

A federation team of Year 5/6 netball players took part in a netball tournament that was held across the Ilfracombe Learning Community. The team played extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

LLAMA Flags

At the end of last month the Year 6 children of the federation had a wonderful day working with Andy Hawthorne from Shhh Décor. During the day they were introduced to the principles of flag design before creating a series of their own flag designs to depict the essence of North Devon and the importance of music within their lives. Their designs will now be sent to Bali and the returned, custom made flags will be used on the Manor Green during the LLAMA Music Festival. I would like to take this opportunity to thank LLAMA for inviting the children to be part of this project and for funding the project.

Kind Regards,

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