



West Exmoor Federation

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

July 2009

Dear Community,

Open Day

Thank you to everyone who made our Federation Open Day such a wonderful success. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces visiting each of the schools to gain a greater understanding of the work that we do as a federation. The children had a truly wonderful day enjoying age appropriate enrichment activities. The day was topped off with our first ever Federation Sports Day and the symbolic cutting of a Federation Cake. Special thanks must go to Clare Cooke who ensured that the entire day ran smoothly, to Kirsy Freer for making the most amazing federation cake, and to Stacey Conibear for so efficiently organising the sports activities.

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate Joe Cook on behalf of all the staff and pupils across the federation for winning a prize in a 'First News' competition he entered recently. 'First News' is a young person's newspaper and Joe has won a trip to London to look around the Houses of Parliament and £50 for the school. We are all very proud of Joe.

Well done also to Parracombe School who have just heard they have been awarded Artsmark Silver. The award is made in recognition of commitment to the arts in all areas of the curriculum. Later this month two lucky pupils will attend a special presentation ceremony in

Plymouth to collect the school's certificate.

Finally, well done to Kentisbury School for receiving a Conservation Award from the Barnstaple Town Council. The school will be attending an event later this month at the Guildhall where we have been asked to share our good practice.

Visit by Bishop Michael

Earlier this term we were delighted to welcome Bishop Michael to Kentisbury School. Bishop Michael enjoyed a tour of the school and spent some time talking to the children about their learning. He also met with the Federation Council and myself to discuss the benefits of federation and the way in which our federation embraces both church and community schools.

Life Skills

Year 6 attended a Life Skills afternoon at Fremington Army Camp. They had a fabulous time learning invaluable lessons about fire safety, alcohol, recycling, first aid and electrical safety to name but a few.

Mix4Six

Our year 4 and 5 Mix for Six ensemble played at the Landmark Theatre earlier this month and did themselves proud. The children have been working with Wren Music, experiencing a range of different instruments that they then used to accompany the lead musicians to create a rendition of the traditional French arrangement 'An Dro'.

The Ensemble will next perform at Devon Music Mix in Exeter; a truly wonderful opportunity for the children.

Tag Rugby

Well done to all those children who represented the Federation at the annual Small Schools Tag Rugby Festival. The Federation team played extremely well and came 5th out of 22 teams which was a wonderful achievement.

'Be Not Afared'

The children of Parracombe are actively preparing their artwork, music and drama/dance ready for an exciting performance that they will be putting on as part of the North Devon Festival. The children will be performing at Woody Bay Station on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Teresa Council for all of hard work that she has put in to make this performance possible.

KS2 Bideford College Summer Science Day

Bideford College invites you and your family to their summer science day at Tapeley Park on 20th June 2009 from 11am to 5pm. Cost: Adults £2, Children 50p with free access to the gardens and free parking. For more information Contact Yolande Eldridge on 01237 477611.

Kind Regards,

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