



# West Exmoor Federation

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

**March 2010**

Dear Community

## **Fund Raising for Haiti**

This half-term, children from across the federation have been raising funds for Haiti. Events have included cake stalls, bring-and-buy sales, tombolas, raffles, busking and sponsored obstacle courses, to name but a few. I am delighted that we have managed to raise in excess of £700. I am sure that you will agree this is a wonderful sum and that, in some small way, the children will be helping to make the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves just that little bit more bearable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children, their parents/carers, staff and members of the wider community who made each fund raising event such a success.

## **Year 6 visit to Macbeth**

Last month the children in year 6 from across the federation travelled to Kingsley School in Bideford to watch a performance of Macbeth that was being put on by the pupils. The adaptation of Shakespeare play was very much enjoyed by all and left many of our children aspiring to become thespians!!

## **Swimming Gala**

Many congratulations to all those children who took part in the Ilfracombe Area Learning Community Swimming Gala at the end of last half-term. The federation entered a team of Key Stage Two children who all swam extremely well and should be proud of their achievements.

## **Seedlings for Christ**

During February, the children of Parracombe were visited by Ruthie Kingdom. Ruthie works with

Seedlings for Christ, a Christian charity. This charity takes groups of people out to Gambia with 50 – 70 suitcases full of clothes, shoes, teddies, lightweight toys, stationary and medicine. Ruthie shared her experiences of this wonderful work with the children. If you have any items that you could donate to the cause, please drop them into Parracombe School from where they will be passed on to Ruthie.

## **Year 4/5 Orienteering Festival**

Children in Year 4 and 5 from across the federation have enjoyed taking part in an Orienteering Festival at Ilfracombe College. They experienced a fun-packed morning that enabled them to hone their maths and geography skills whilst enjoying physical education.

## **Raising Aspirations**

For the remainder of this school year, the federation is taking part in a National College Project aimed at children within Year 5 and 6. The purpose of the project is to make children more aware of possible career choices that they might make in the future. It is hoped that this project will raise their aspirations for the future. So far the children have had presentations from a church organ builder and a Landmark Trust warden. Further presentations are planned from an engineer, an athlete and a charity worker. We hope to inspire the children with a wide variety of presentations from men and women, both old and young. If you would like to assist us with this project and speak to the children for approximately 45 minutes about your career, please contact me via Lynton Primary School. It is not necessary to have followed a formal career path or to have gained college qualifications or a degree – you just

need passion for what you do and a willingness to share your enthusiasm with our children.

## **Gymnastics**

During the remainder of this term the Foundation Stage children from across the Federation will be participating in a series of six gymnastics sessions at the Gazelles School of Gymnastics in Barnstaple. They will be travelling to Barnstaple in the Federation Minibus every Tuesday. Once at Gazelles the children will be taught by trained by qualified gymnastic coaches within a modern and well equipped gymnasium. I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy these sessions and that their physical literacy will benefit greatly from the experience.

## **Eisteddfod**

During the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April, we are going to be holding an Eisteddfod across the federation. During the course of the week the children will participate in a wide range of music, prose, drama and art activities. Once again, we are asking for your help. If you are an author, thespian, musician or artist we would love it if you could run a short workshop with some of our children during the course of the week. If you would like to be part of this wonderful week, please get in touch with me via Lynton Primary School. We will be rounding off the week with a visit from the Liverpool poet, Brian Patten, who is regarded as one of Britain's leading contemporary poets.

Kind Regards,

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