



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Out and About

The children have been incredibly busy since the last newsletter.

The Infants visited the Watt's farm and had a most enjoyable morning. Thank you very much Linda for hosting the event for us.

The September starters have been joining us for lunch and afternoon sessions which has been great and Mrs Davie did a very informative talk to the new parents about the Foundation Stage. It was great to have a full turn out so thank you very much for giving us your time to attend.

Year 6 have been visited by Julia Tilley, Heather Wheeler and our old year 6s. It was great to have Joseph and Lizzie back and for the current year 6s to learn all about the college. Year 6 also attended the Life Skills afternoon at Fremington Camp and had a fabulous time learning invaluable lessons about fire safety, alcohol, recycling, first aid and electrical safety to name but a few. Today at 3:00pm Sharon Barnes, the Acting Headteacher of Ilfracombe College will be meeting with the year 6 children and their parents.

The school was visited by Bishop Michael on his tour of local schools. He questioned the children on their learning and spend some time talking to Mrs Peacock about federation.

The year 4 and 5 Mix for Six ensemble played at the Landmark Theatre and did themselves proud. The children had been working with the Wren music team where they experiencing a range of different instruments and used these to accompany the lead musicians to create a rendition of the traditional French arrangement 'An Dro'. Well done to Charlotte, Joshua, Lee, Shaun and Luke for coming back to school and performing and thank you to those of

you who came and watched the performance.

The juniors enjoyed their 5 mile walk with Park Ranger Ione where they learnt about the many different Geographical features of the area and were able to see evidence of the old Iron-Age fort. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and accompanied us on our walk.

Well done to Tom, Liam and Will who represented the Federation at the annual Small Schools Tag Rugby Festival. The Federation team came 5th out of 22 teams!

The whole school took part in a tri-golf festival at Ilfracombe golf club. The children had great fun and it was a perfect end to the coaching sessions they had last term.

Federation open Day

May I please remind you that it is very important you order your school lunch if you will be joining your child for the open day. Also please remember that sports day will be at Parracombe in the afternoon, so you will need to collect your children from there. Luckily parking at Parracombe will be a lot easier now as the owners of Headdon Hall are kindly allowing us to use their field for parking on the day.

Congratulations

Well done to Joe Cook from Lynton who won a prize in the 'First News' competition. '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.

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. On June 19th two lucky pupils will attend a special presentation ceremony in Plymouth to collect the school's certificate.

Finally Kentisbury has been awarded a conservation award from Barnstaple town council. Miss Connibear and myself will be attending the event at 7:30 on Friday 19th in the Guildhall where we have been asked to share our good practice. We would be delighted of some of you would join us to share this special event.

Internet Safety

South West Grid for Learning (who provide internet services to the school,) have asked me to notify you that they have produced a Parents' Pack containing a comprehensive guide on internet safety. The pack contains a 34 page "Family Fun Book" with over 50 games and activities for the family, all of which help to make the internet a safe place for children. If you would like a copy of the pack you can buy it on the internet at www.swgfl.org.uk/Staying-Safe/Family-Toolkit. There is a charge of £4.50 to cover printing, postage and packing.

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.

Dates for your Diary

18.06.09 - Federation Open Day
19.06.09 - Yr 6 at Oceanfest
22.06.09 - Yr 5 'Jungle Voices' at WBS
24.06.09 - Federation trip to Westport
25.06.09 - Arlington art day
25.06.09 - PTFA tidy up evening - 3:00pm onwards to stain fences and sheds
30.06.09 - KS2 trip to Arlington Court
01.07.09 - Yr 6 induction day to IC
03.07.09 - School Reports out
10.07.09 - Sarah doing a music celebration assembly with all her students at 9:00am
17.07.09 - End of Term - picnic lunch, school v parents rounders match, leavers presentation and the school's 80th birthday celebration

Kind Regards, Clare Cooke

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