



# Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

## (Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Congratulations

Well done to Liam for getting a scouts award last week. Congratulations are also in order to many children for swimming achievements: Amy (10m), Charlotte (1000m), Joshua (500m), Sarah (200m) and Shaun (1648m or 1 mile).

### G&T Art Day

On 12<sup>th</sup> March, William, Luke, Liam and Charlotte went to Lynton to work with Jo Owston from Ilfracombe Juniors. The children produced a fantastic wall hanging on the topic of Planet Earth. Please keep an eye out around school to see the finished product!

### Red Nose Day

Thank you so much for all your support with raising money for comic relief. It was lovely to see so many children getting into the spirit of things.

### Science Week

Science week was a huge success. I would like to thank Jim Doherty on behalf of the school for organising it for us. We enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Cliff Railway and Glen Lynn Gorge as well as a number of activities in school. Thank you to all of you who came in to help your child / children with the experiments and for putting in so much time at home to get the children prepared for the weeks activities. The children of the Federation are featured in this week's North Devon Journal and will also be present in next weeks (a copy of this weeks articles are on display in the school). Thank you also to Mervyn Mugford for coming into school for extra sessions last week to help run science week and for bringing in all his tools to help the children make bird boxes for the pond area.

### A Huge Thank you

Thank you to all of you who came in at the weekend to help tidy up the school grounds and work on the pond area. It all looks so much better! Thank you also to Jayne and Colin Peacock for providing refreshments; St John's Garden Centre and the Pre-School for donating bug

hotels; Tamar Trading for donating wood; Brian Fords for donating some pallets; David and Sue Pocock for donating a bird bath and some wood and Linda and Jim Watt for donating some logs for the children to sit on.

### Book Donation

Thank you also to Wendy Russell for donating some books for the Infants.

### Dragons for Arlington Court

On Wednesday, Michelle from Arlington Court came in to talk to the children about St George. She read the children some stories and then talked about the dragon hunt which will be held at Arlington in the near future. She asked the children to make some dragons as they did last year to be used on the day.

### Competition

PC Karen kindly encouraged the children to take part in an Internet safety competition. Amazingly all the children who entered won a prize! Yesterday a police officer from Exeter came to school to award the children their prizes. First Prize was won by Joshua, Lewis, Amy R, Jake and Kieron who all received an Ipod; second prize was won by William, Jacob, Amy M, Tom, Sarah and Lee who all received a memory stick and third prize was won by Charlotte, Shaun and Vicky who received a personal attack alarm.

### Police Dogs

PC Karen has organised for us to be visited by the police drugs squad. They will be coming into school to show us what they do on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to be suitably dressed for the event in coats and wellies as the dogs will come in regardless of the weather! The North Devon Journal will be coming to document this special event for us.

### Eyeshine

PC Karen has picked up a leaflet which she thought might interest you. It is about a free family weekend on Dartmoor! Please come and read it - it is on the notice board in the entrance hall.

### Flora

Thank you for all the Flora tokens you collected last year. We have redeemed

the tokens and last week received the cooking utensils we chose. We are now collecting tokens for the 2009 round of 'Cooking with Schools'.

### Surfing

We have received a flier about a surf school on Wollacombe beach for children. If you are interested please see it on the notice board in the entrance hall.

### Football

North Devon Centre of Excellence is offering football training for under 9s starting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Details are on the notice board in the entrance hall. May I also remind you that we are offering Brazilian football training as a Federation. The sessions will be held at Lynton. For details please see me.

### Cello Lessons

Emma Collingham has written to us to say that she offers Cello lessons. She is going to come into school to demonstrate some stringed instruments and then like Sarah if there is enough interest she will offer lessons in school.

### Eco-School

As part of our continued efforts to be an eco-school we have been looking at how we can reduce the amount of greenhouse gases we produce on a daily basis. In our topic lessons we researched 'Earth Hour' and found out that on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30pm people around the world will be switching off their lights as a symbol of what we can do to help combat Global Warming. Why not join in at home? We are having an Eco- School Assessment on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to see if we are a green flag school.

### Dates for your Diary

Puppet Power Assembly - 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Joseph Musical Trip to The Queen's Theatre - 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Singing Celebration @ Ilfracombe College - 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Easter Egg Hunt and PTFA Easter Fayre - 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
End of Term - 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
PTFA Quiz Night @ The Hunter's Inn - 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Kind Regards, Clare Cooke

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