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Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week it has been, especially for our Key Stage Two children. They have continued to enjoy their swimming sessions with a number of non-swimmers now swimming with a good degree of confidence – a real achievement! Our more competent swimmers have been exposed to an hour of intensive coaching each day and are really being challenged to improve their technique and stamina. Louise and Carole, the swimming instructors, have both commented on how well behaved the children have been – a real credit to the federation, themselves and you!

The Key Stage Two children also represented the federation at the Remembrance Service at Woody Bay Train Station on Tuesday 11th November. The service was led by Rev'd Jean and provided the children with a poignant opportunity to remember those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. As has now become tradition, the locomotive AXE provided a focal point for the service, creating a very real link with those who served on the front line and following the service the children all enjoyed a ride on the train. I'd like to thank everyone at the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway for their hospitality on the day; it is very much appreciated.



Across the three schools we have recently purchased new 'Huff and Puff' equipment. 'Huff and Puff' is an active playtime programme that we have been running for a number of years, although over the last couple of years the play equipment has become a little tired. We have used some of our Sports Premium funding to rejuvenate our resources and the children certainly seem to enjoy using the new kit.

I am also absolutely delighted to announce that Lynton has been successful in securing a Primary Spaces grant from Sport England. This will enable us to completely transform our back playground area into a multi-use sports area for use by children from across the federation. A full press-release regarding this project is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Thank you to all those parents who have now completed and returned the medical information forms that have recently been sent home. If you have yet to do so, could you please endeavour to return the forms by the end of next week at the very latest; this will enable us to ensure that our records are fully up-to-date. Thank you.

With Very Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock, Executive Headteacher

Within Collective Worship our thoughts are currently with those who have lost their lives in war; those whose homes are in danger from the lava flow on the island of Hawaii; and for our families, food and water.

Class news – Streams

Our literacy work has been all about instructions based on the book “How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth”. The children have been learning about how to set out instructions, how to use ‘bossy’ verbs and to think about putting instructions into the correct sequence. The children will then be writing their own set of fiction instructions.

This week in our maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes – we have been learning about symmetry, and thinking about which shapes have symmetry and which don’t. The Year 2 children have also been exploring how to use a square to find right angles in different shapes. We are also learning about position and direction – giving each other instructions as to where you need to go on an obstacle course, for instance, – making a direct link with our literacy learning.

Our theme learning continues to be of great interest to the children. We learnt about what our muscles do and how they support our movements. This week, we have experimented with our hearts– tried to count our pulse before exercise and then again after exercise. The children had fun doing this. We have also been learning about Remembrance and thinking about the significance of poppies – especially at this time of the year.

Thank you for continuing to support our policy on not bringing toys into school other than a Monday when it is show and tell day.

Mrs Kirby

Class news – Rivers

In literacy we have been writing instructions on how to mummify a body; a particularly gory and messy task! The children are now expert Egyptian embalmers. Next week, the children will be independently applying the skills that we have been developing in shared writing to write their own instructions. In maths we have been using place value to support addition and subtraction. I have been encouraging all of the children to use base ten equipment; units, tens, hundreds and thousands cubes and sticks, these help the children to see the calculations differently. It has been shown that using this equipment not only supports children who find maths tricky but also extends and deepens the understanding of those children who are very able in this subject. In our theme learning we have been reading the myth of Osiris and Isis, the first recorded mummification. I challenged the children to work with a group to present the story to Streams class. The children came up with a range of presentations; drama, picture book, PowerPoint and puppet show. Streams enjoyed watching and gave the children some valuable feedback.

We went to Ilfracombe Academy this week to take part in an afternoon of problem solving and team working activities. The children were in groups with children from other local schools and really enjoyed working together to complete each task.

Stargazing journals

I have heard from Francis Harrison who led our Dark Starry Skies Workshops last year. She is preparing an exhibition based on her work with local schools for Lynmouth Pavilion in December. If you still have your stargazing journal could you please bring it in to school next week so that she can collect them and incorporate them into the presentation. It doesn’t matter if you haven’t finished the whole book, just bring along what you have.

DARK STARRY SKIES

LYNMOUTH PAVILION

Dec 6th, 3pm

invitation

Frances Harrison and ARTlife warmly invite you to the finale of **DARK STARRY SKIES** at Lynmouth Pavilion on **Sat 6th December**

Join us in the café for a tea/coffee from **3pm** and view the exhibition of star inspired artworks by Frances and participants in the project – poets, community groups and Exmoor school children. The exhibition continues in the National Park Centre.

7.30pm: In the film theatre: premiere of the Dark Starry Skies film, & display of astrophotography. Then –

DR. ANDREW MORSE from the internationally renowned **ROSETTA PROJECT** will give a talk about the Rosetta mission and comets.

Followed by refreshments and guest performance by Skintight Samba

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Dark Starry Skies is part of ARTlife's Landscape Art programme and is funded by E.N.P. Partnership fund, Lynmouth Pavilion, Exmoor Trust and E.D.F. Energy (as part of the planning agreement with Somerset County Council for the Hinckley C. development.)

Mr Doherty

Class news – Oceans



Our first week of swimming lessons kicked off with great success! We have all made lots of progress; many of us facing our fear of water. Louise, our instructor, said that we were incredibly well behaved and as a group we all supported each other, listened and applied new techniques. She seemed very impressed with us as a Federation.

We are joining the rest of the country at this time of remembrance, by taking a brief look at 1st world war poets and their choice of language, use of personification, simile and metaphor. On Friday we explored the school records at the time of the war and visited the wonderful display commemorating local community members who served in the forces during this time. We also explored local monuments that stand as tribute to them. Over the next few days we will use this subject as a vehicle for us to develop our own use of descriptive techniques.

As a class Oceans are continuing to measure the world in time and space. We are graphing time and temperature but also looking at efficient methods of finding the difference between amounts. Practical sessions are grounded in real life scenarios, as pupils chart temperature and climate changes, speeds, distances, heights and weights over time.

How can you help at home?

Literacy:

Ask children for comparisons between things, focussing on the accuracy and inference of their choices e.g. If you see a big dog, ask them how big it is and ask for an object or another animal that they could compare it to when describing it to someone.

Reading:

When listening to your children read, ask them why the author has chosen specific descriptions, what

images these descriptions put in the reader's mind and what these descriptions tell you about the character.

Maths:

When possible ask children what the time is and how long it will be until dinner, until you reach your destination, until you are going out or how long a journey / activity will take.

Sincerely,

Miss Adams.

Class news – Oaks

Children in Oaks class have been learning and improving their swimming and life saving skills over the last two weeks, with one more week to go! Already most children have made huge improvements, with some children now swimming independently.

Last Friday, all children visited the planetarium at Lynton Town Hall which they thoroughly enjoyed and provided them with an insight into our next topic after Christmas. Children asked a variety of inquisitive questions and listened carefully to the answers provided.

Children have started bringing in a variety of home learning which is has been presented at a very high standard. When home learning is completed, please bring it in to be displayed. We will have a presentation of home learning on Friday 12th December.

Next week, we will be looking at different types of measure in maths and will start to write instructions on how to mummify a body – along with our final three swimming sessions!

Many Thanks,

Sophie Hill

Dates for your diary & Community news(details will follow nearer the time for events)

Wednesday 19th November Year 6 Friendship day at Ilfracombe Academy.

Wednesday 26th November Fire & Rescue Talks across the federation

Wednesday 3rd December Christingle Service at Christ Church, Parracombe, 5pm

The Mugambi Family would like to wish everyone farewell as we start our adventure in Kenya! We will miss school life very much indeed and we hope many of you will be able to visit us in Nairobi. Please join us on Sunday 7th December from 3pm in Kentisbury Village Hall to say goodbye!

Admin

Do any parents require some hardcore?? (We would like to demolish a small block/concrete store at Parracombe School, but it will be costly to have the material taken away (It is asbestos free). Please let us know if you could take this away and make use of it.

Federation Staff Vacancies

We have the following vacancies available. Should you be interested in any of these positions, please speak to either Jayne or the admin team for further information:-

1. Catering Assistant for Parracombe School for 6.25 hours per week. For further details of this post please contact Stephan at Devon Norse (Catering Company) on 07789 032965.

2. Cleaner for Kentisbury School for 9.5 hours per week, at £6.50 per hour, for term time plus 3 weeks during the school holidays. For more information please contact Gavin Goatcher at Devon Norse on 01392 351160.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Welcome to Vicky as our new Dining Centre kitchen Assistant and also to Katie and Haley as lunch time Assistants at Lynton and Laura at Kentisbury.

Christmas is approaching us fast, and there will be a revised menu for the last week of term to

accommodate the Federation's Nativity, Pantomime and Christmas lunch, this menu will be sent home in due course.

It is lovely to see so many KS1 children having the governments "Free school meals", our numbers have risen considerably since September.

In keeping with the Federation's healthy eating policy I would like to advise all parents/carers that since September we have gradually introduced wholemeal bread, wholemeal pasta and rice to our dishes, the children seem to be enjoying them. Also our daily menu offers Muller yoghurt and fresh fruit.

Please watch out in the newsletters for our monthly promotions (this month Pudsey Bear biscuits).

If your children have any specific dietary needs or you would like to discuss the menu, please feel free to pop into the kitchen for a chat or ring Lynton school and Betty will put your call through to the kitchen.

Jayne Hoskins

Kitchen Manager

Primary Spaces – Press Release Guidance 2014

LYNTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL GIVEN FUNDING BOOST TO IMPROVE OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

Lynton CE Primary School is set for a major boost after it was successful in gaining £22,500 to develop new outdoor sports facilities at its site.

The funding is part of Sport England's £18m National Lottery funded Primary School Facilities Fund which is helping more schools to provide outdoor multi-activity play areas across the country.

The investment is designed to support those schools which are in greatest need of facility improvements and will benefit both pupils at the school and the local community who will have access outside school hours.

At Lynton CE Primary School the new investment will go towards creating a 6m x 7m games space on our rear playground. The games space will have safety surfacing and floor markings, a free standing end enclosure, hoop and back panel, mini goal and graphics panel. Additional activity surfacing will also be provided to match and supplement the main activity area. On our front playground, an activity track will also be created. Jayne Peacock, Executive Headteacher, said, "This is an incredible boost for Lynton School and the wider federation. It will completely transform our playground environment and provide a bright space within which children can enjoy active playtimes and teachers can deliver high-quality PE lessons. This would not have been possible without funding from Primary and for which we are extremely grateful".

Nick Bitel, Sport England Chair, said: "Having the right space to play sport and be physically active as a child is vitally important. We are delighted to be investing this funding in Lynton CE Primary School to improve the spaces that will give children the space to start enjoying PE and sport.

Sebastian Coe, CH KBE, the Prime Minister's Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Ambassador, added: "A positive first experience of PE and sport at primary school is crucial to encouraging young people to be active throughout their lives, but for those schools with little or no outside space this can be extremely challenging to deliver.

"This funding will provide better outdoor multi-activity play areas at Lynton CE Primary School that can be used both within the curriculum and outside school hours by local communities. I am convinced this will boost the opportunities for young people to be physically active.

This fund builds on and complements the Government's £150 million a year Primary PE and Sport Premium.

