# 1974 2024 PONITON

# LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

O Honiton Bottom Road, Honiton, Devon, EX14 2EG

**O** 01404 548749

admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Littletown Primary Academy



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** 

PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy first full week of term this week. Some Year 4 children started their swimming session on Tuesday and today some KS2 children have visited Honiton Leisure Centre for a Honiton Learning Community coordination event. Today, you should have received curriculum newsletters outlining all the key information for the term and some insight into all the amazing topics the children will be learning this term. Make sure you get in touch if you have any questions.

In assembly today we celebrated more successes of OPAL. The children enjoyed seeing lots of photographs and we spoke about projects with the University of Exeter and visits from other schools coming up this term. We also launched our new outdoor mobile library!

Next week, on Monday the space dome returns to Littletown for our Reception children. On Wednesday we welcome lots of visitors to Littletown. We welcome staff from Axminster Primary school to observe our OPAL lunchtime and also assessors from Rights Respecting Schools to see our progress. On Friday, PCSO England and PC Dell, Youth Engagement Officer, will be visiting to speak to Year 5 and 6 children. On Friday evening we have our first school disco of 2024. Please make sure all forms are returned as soon as possible so tickets can be issued, if anyone is able to help then please email the PTFA at <a href="mailto:ptfa@littletown.devon.sch.uk">ptfa@littletown.devon.sch.uk</a>.

Many of you will remember completing a parent questionnaire before Christmas. Results have been shared with Governors and over the last two weeks, the Senior Leadership Team and I have been considering the results, comments and suggestions and considering changes and developments as a result. Questionnaire results and actions the school will be taking as a result will be shared with you in next week's newsletter.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins Principal

#### Children's news

Nursery: We made vegetable cheese muffins and went on a hunt to find a stickman.

**Reception:** Reception have been learning all the ways to make 6,7 and 8.

**Year 1:** We have been building things and learning our teen numbers.

Year 2: Year 2 are learning about the physical and manmade features of coastlines.

Year 3: We learnt how to crosshatch in art and also did fielding and striking in P.E.

**Year 4:** In Science, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases.

**Year 5:** We have started our new topic; sow grow and farm and also multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers in Maths.

**Year 6:** We made elixirs for clay pots and have been painting the clay pots.

#### **OPAL**

In assembly today the children revisited some risk benefits for OPAL areas such as the trikes, big tyres and pirate ship. Children made suggestions as to how these can now be changed. The children were also shown the new mobile outdoor library which will be added to OPAL next week. There are a few things we do need so if anyone has any toy cars, wooden blocks or dolls that are no longer needed we would be very grateful for them. Any donations can be left in the lobby marked OPAL or handed to your class teacher. Thank you for all the dressing up clothes we have received, we are now at capacity so we are no longer able to accept donations of dressing up.

#### **Newspapers wanted**

Mrs Rawlins has asked for newspapers to be donated to be used by the After School Club. If you have some please bring them in to Mrs Rawlins at the school office.

#### Littletown School Pond - HELP!!!

Do you know anyone or any companies who may be able to help us, by advising us regarding restoring our school pond? We have a large pond area, which once a haven for plant and animal life, needs restoring as the pond liner has split. We know that some grounds work may also be required to make the pond shallower. Over the winter we also had to remove all the decking surrounding the pond, which after many years had become rotten and dangerous. Do you know anyone or any companies who may be able to help us with replacing this decking once the pond is restored?

We are desperate to bring our pond area back to life and an accessible area for the whole school to use. The pond area supports so many areas of our school curriculum!

If you have any contacts or think you may be able to help us with this project, please email admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk FAO - Mrs Jackson.

## Week Beginning 15th January 2024 events

Monday 15th January	Tuesday 16th January	Wednesday 17th January	Thursday 18th January	Friday 19th January
Space dome Reception		OPAL visit Rights Respecting Schools visit		Police Youth Engagement officer Y5/6
				PTFA disco

## **Community news**

# Family screening at the Beehive

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 4pm.

THE INSEPERABLES (U)

Based on an original idea by the Oscar-nominated writers of "Toy Story", THE INSEPARABLES follows the misadventures of Don, a runaway puppet with a boundless imagination and, DJ Doggy Dog, an abandoned stuffed animal toy in need of a friend, as they cross paths in Central Park and pair up against all odds for an epic adventure of friendship in New York City.

Tickets: Adult £8, Under 16's £7

Head to the website to book: beehivehoniton.co.uk or call the box office 01404 384050.

All tickets include a £1 booking fee

Accessible seating can be booked via the box office on 01404 384050

The bar will be open 1 hour before the start of the film