



# LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying a well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have worked really hard on practice assessments in the hall this week in order to prepare them for Government tests coming up in May. Y6 teachers and I have been really impressed with their attitude and focus. There is a meeting for Year 6 parents and carers at 5pm next Tuesday.

Also this week, Year 1 had outdoor classroom on Tuesday where they looked for signs of Spring and made some transient artwork and Year 3 had outdoor classroom on Wednesday where they made fires and cooked marshmallows. On Tuesday some Year 5 and 6 children took part in the final Honiton Learning Community TAG rugby competition where they came in third place overall.

Yesterday we hosted another visit from our external school improvement partner. We explored together the provision for pupils across the school with special educational needs (SEN), observed learning behaviour in classrooms across the school twice and evaluated the quality of the Early Years provision in Nursery and Reception. The children we visited and spoke to were fantastic, we observed some amazing learning and it was an extremely positive visit.

Next week, as you know, we hope to have our whole school photograph on the field to mark the school's Golden Anniversary this month. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Also next week, some of our children take part in the Devon gymnastics finals on Monday via zoom in the school hall. We have outdoor classrooms for Year 4 on Tuesday and Year 5 (3rd time lucky!) on Thursday. We also welcome Nursery parents to a stay and play session at 2:30pm on Thursday afternoon.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, on Thursday next week we are wearing bright rainbow colours to mark Autism Awareness Day which actually falls on 2nd April which is within the Easter holidays. We have many children on the autistic spectrum and I will speak about this in assembly with the help of some of these children as part of the day.

Next week, there will be a short newsletter on Thursday as there is no school on Friday as we start the Easter holidays.

Finally, my thanks to the PTFA for organising the bingo evening tonight. I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Yours faithfully

David Perkins  
Principal

## Children's news

**Nursery** - This week, Nursery have been making salt dough fossils. They have also been printing dinosaur scales out of bubble wrap.

**Reception** - This week, Reception have been learning about the story of the fox and the gingerbread man.

**Year 1** - This week, Year 1 have had outdoor classroom and have been measuring rain fall.

**Year 2**- Year 2 have been learning about healthy foods in PSHE.

**Year 3**- Year 3 have had outdoor classroom where they cooked marshmallows and made art out of sticks .

**Year 4**- This week, Year 4 have been learning all about the Somerset levels flooding in Geography and decimals in Maths.

**Year 5**- Year 5 have started their new Maths unit and have also been finding out all about food miles.

**Year 6**- This week, Year 6 have been taking their Mock SATs in the hall and have been learning how to play Handball in outdoor P.E.

## Staff news

### Goodbye Mr Coombs

Today we say goodbye to Trainee Teacher Mr Coombs who has been working with class 5RB/GA over the Spring Term. The children have really enjoyed having him teach them and we wish him all the best for the remainder of his training and his teaching career.

### Read Write Inc News

Next week marks the end of our Spring term of Read Write Inc in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We are all really pleased with the progress that children are making and would like to thank parents and carers for supporting this scheme. It has been a joy seeing the children develop their confidence reading and writing and using their storyteller voice to ensure their reading is exciting to listen to.

We know the Easter break is often busy for a lot of families so in order to minimise the stress of losing books over the holidays we will be **collecting in all Read Write Inc reading books by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Please ensure Reading books are in book bags daily. The Littletown website has videos available for all Read Write Inc levels – please use these over the holidays if you would like to continue to support your child with their sounds and words.

Remember, due to funding from the English Hub our children have access to eBooks on Oxford Owl <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>. This allows your child to continue to read over the Easter. Your child came home with a login at Christmas - this should be in their Reading Record (if you have

lost your child's login please get in touch asap). All of the books they have read this term will be available to practise reading over the Easter, showing their family and friends their storyteller voice and how quick they are at using Fred in the Head! If you have any problems with login please contact our Early Literacy Lead, Miss Croft: [ncroft@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ncroft@littletown.devon.sch.uk)

## OPAL

Today in the whole school assembly the children were told about the new welly station and how they can borrow wellies when the welly post tells them wellies are needed to go on the field or in the small world area. As we are opening up more areas such as water play and mud kitchen you might want to provide your child with a spare pair of socks and trousers/skirt to keep in their bag just in case! The children were also told the rules about using the new ropes safely on the slope outside of Year 3. These are only to be used during OPAL lunchtimes and not after school.

So we are ready for the nice weather that is surely coming our way very soon, we are on the hunt for the following items for our OPAL lunchtimes; cable drums, bread/milk crates, scaffolding planks, small toy cars and logs for sitting on. If anyone is able to help with any of the larger items please email [admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk). Any of the smaller items can be put in the entrance labelled OPAL. A massive thank you to everyone who has donated anything to OPAL so far.

## OPAL playleader vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Playworker/Mealtime Assistant to help lead our Opal Play 12.00 – 1.15pm. – 6.25 hours per week, term time only rate of pay £11.60 per hour. If you are interested or know anyone who may be please contact [admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littletown.devon.sch.uk)

## Mental Wellbeing

The wellbeing ambassadors led the assembly on Thursday to KS2 children reminding them about how to look after their mental wellbeing and the different listening styles. The ambassadors also spoke about how children can sort out playtime disagreements by listening to each other and compromising.

## School uniform (PE hoodies)

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation in children wearing jumpers on non PE days. This has made children look much smarter and has had a positive impact on behaviour too.

## Week Beginning 25th March 2024 events

Monday 25th March	Tuesday 26th March	Wednesday 27th March	Thursday 28th March	Friday 29th March
Devon gymnastics finals	Year 4 outdoor classroom	Whole school photograph on field - All in normal uniform please	Autism Awareness day rainbow colours non-uniform	Easter Holidays start no school
	Year 6 SATS information meeting for parents 5pm		Nursery Outdoor classroom and Stay and play 2:30pm	
			Year 5 outdoor classroom	

## **PTFA News**

The PTFA will be holding their Easter Bingo tonight. Doors open 5:30pm eyes down 6pm suitable for all ages.

## **Community News**

Please see the below link for a round town Easter Treasure hunt taking place on Good Friday, organised by Honiton community Church

<https://www.thecommunitychurch.co.uk/event/easter-treasure-hunt/>