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PRINCIPAL: MR DAVID PERKINS

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Year 2 have enjoyed outdoor classroom where they look for early signs of Spring in the school grounds. On Tuesday afternoon some Y5 and Y6 children went to Honiton Primary School to take part in the next round of the TAG rugby where they won nearly all of their games. Yesterday we welcomed our external School Development Partner Mr Herbert to school for his half termly visit where we explored with staff and children the Art in their sketchbooks, the use of the chromebooks for Computing and the development of Reading in the school. We also observed children's good behaviour in the dining hall. In assembly today we revisited the British values of mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance, democracy, rule of law and individual liberty and what these look like in our school.

It is hard to believe that next week is the last before half term and marks the halfway point of the academic year. It is also Children's Mental Health Awareness Week which focuses on the theme 'My Voice Matters'. You can read more about this below in this newsletter. On Monday we welcome Devon Cricket to have an assembly with Reception to Year 3 children. On Tuesday we mark Internet Safety Day where the children will engage in learning activities about staying safe online including a live Key Stage 2 lesson with Techshecan - a charity inspiring boys and girls towards careers in technology. Our Digital leaders did an excellent job of sharing this with the children this afternoon and you can find more information below.

On Wednesday afternoon we have a Nursery stay and play at 2:30pm for the children who are in this session and some of our runners will travel to Stockland for the next Cross Country race of the year. On Friday some of our Year 5 and 6 girls take part in the 7 aside football competition. There are several year groups having outdoor classroom next week with Year 1 on Tuesday, Nursery on Wednesday and Year 5 on Thursday.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery -We have been learning how to draw owls and about the number five.

Reception - We have been writing and drawing about the Planets.

Year 1 - We have been drawing the planets using crayons and learning our numbers to twenty with addition and subtraction. We have been learning about the seasons in Science.

Year 2 - This week, Year 2 have had outdoor classroom where they were finding clues for Spring and decided it was still Winter. They have also been writing their own stories and in Maths they have been learning about shapes.

Year 3 - This week, in Computing we have been touch typing and in Art we have been developing our motifs and using Clay.

Year 4 - This week in, Art we have been exploring warm and cold colours and in Maths we have been learning about perimeter.

Year 5 - This week, in Maths we have been learning about fractions and have had a multiplication test. We have also been writing our own Norse mythology.

Year 6 - This week, in Year 6 we have been dissecting pig hearts. In Dance we are starting Bhangra.

Mental Wellbeing

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The Wellbeing Ambassadors will be leading wellbeing assemblies and all the children will be having a go at various activities connected with the theme 'My Voice Matters'.

Internet Safety Day 6th February - The UK's Biggest Celebration of Online Safety

We are all looking forward to participating in Internet Safety Day 2024 next Tuesday. Our Digital Leaders have been busy making Internet Safety posters to display around the school and they have shared our plan for Internet Safety Day in our whole school assembly this afternoon. The theme this year is '**Inspiring Change**' **making a difference, managing influence and navigating change on line.**

Our youngest children in the Nursery and Reception classes will be taught how to keep safe with the help of Smartie the penguin. KS 1 will learn about keeping safe online, and not sharing personal details on line with the help of Digiduck. Both of these resources, and more, can be found on the UK Internet safety and ChildNet websites.

Our KS2 children will be participating in TechSheCan's live assembly. TechSheCan is a charity, working together with Industry, government and schools to improve the ratio of women in technology. Their mission is to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in developing technology. The live assembly looks at AI, how it can be used in their daily lives and how it might develop in the future, whilst keeping themselves safe.

Timid to Tiger parenting course

We are again going to be offering an opportunity to come to our very popular parent based group Looking at children's anxiety and behaviours.

Do you need ideas to build your child's self confidence?

Want to help your child with their fears and worries?

Do you need strategies to help with behaviours you find difficult?

Areas we cover are: play, building bonds, understanding fears and worries, managing worry, praise and reward, setting boundaries and attention and consequences.

There are six sessions which will take place in our Community room on one afternoon per week. Dates to be arranged.

Parents who have attended have said that they felt this was an excellent course for all parents as well as a space to talk about ideas and practical strategies.

We follow the 'Timid to Tiger' manual for parenting of anxious children.

If you would like more information:

Nursery parents - please speak to staff.

School - Please email pastoral@littletown.devon.sch.uk , ask to speak to Mrs Canniford directly or drop in the slip below to the school office.

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I am interested in attending the Timid to Tiger parenting course.

Please circle afternoons you could attend.

I would be able to attend on a Tuesday, Thursday afternoon.

Name.....

Contact number

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in school the week beginning 26th February. Next week your child will bring home a form for you to select your preferred choice of dates to meet with your child's class teacher.

Littletown Nursery Open Morning

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2024? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 24th February 2024, from 10am-12pm. We would love to welcome you to our Nursery to show you our wonderful environment, to enable you to meet our staff and to let you discover what we can offer your child and family. Our Nursery is open from 7.50am-6pm and offers the Government 30 hour extended entitlement. We look forward to welcoming you!

Week Beginning 5th February 2024 events

Monday 5th February	Tuesday 6th February	Wednesday 7th February	Thursday 8th February	Friday 9th February
Cricket assembly R-Y3	Internet safety day	Nursery outdoor classroom	Year 5 outdoor classroom	Year 5 and 6 Girls football
	Year 1 outdoor classroom	Nursery stay and play 2:30pm		
		Stockland Cross Country		

Community news

Upcoming events at the beehive

Saturday 3rd Feb at 4pm.

THE INSEPARABLES (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

Intensive swimming lessons at HLC

Please also see a flyer attached about intensive swimming lessons on offer at Honiton Leisure Centre.