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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

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Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who has supported the School Council's Comic Relief theme this year- **Dress to Make Someone Smile**. So many people have made a real effort and there were LOTS of smiles this morning in the playground. We have managed to raise **£169.10** as a school. It is always important to play our part in these national events and for the children to see how they can make a difference to others.

Interhouse PE Competition

This week was the second day of our Interhouse PE competition. As part of the PE curriculum, it is important that our children are involved in activities that have a competitive edge and this format works well to develop those skills and give our children positive experiences. KS1 children took part in a rotation of activities which involved lots of the skills they had learned in PE. KS2 children played a competitive dodgeball tournament. All children were really supportive of one another and cheered on their own houses, but also their friends in other teams. The children were very resilient and demonstrated excellent collaborative skills when competing in their houses to earn points. A big thank you to our Dynamic Sports Coaches and Mr Jeffery for organising such an enjoyable event. A big congratulations to EXE who scored a grand total of 1389 points and earned a star for this term's house point competition.



Voyagers and Discoverers Trip

To support their learning of the Egyptians as part of our 'Pictures of the Past' topic, the Voyagers and Discoverers visited Torquay Museum last week. The children were fully immersed in lots of great learning during a busy day. They all took part in a realistic embalming workshop and role played how a body would be mummified. They had some freedom to explore the museum and its artefacts at their own pace. They also took part in lots of great hands-on activities including making scarab beetles out of clay, painting their name in hieroglyphics, playing realistic Egyptian board games and making masks and headdresses. It was great to



hear lots of children talk about coming back to the museum in their own time. Thank you to FOBS for their contribution towards this trip that meant we were able to keep the costs as low as possible.

The School Library Van Visit

Today, the Devon School Library van paid a visit to the school. Junior Librarians from KS2 were able to choose more than 100 new books for the school, ranging from Dr Seuss to the latest novel from Ben Miller. They will then work with Mrs Smith to process and label the books so they can be put into our year group libraries next week. Thank you to our Junior Librarian for keeping our library up to date with fresh and exciting books!



Preschool Update

Physical Challenge! The children at preschool have been experimenting with different ways of moving. We have been setting challenges with balance boards, stilts, hoops and tunnels! The pictures show the progress we are making and how we have improved our skills!

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



Pupil Voice

We had a focus on INTEGRITY in this week's assembly- doing the right thing when nobody else is looking. This started with a conversation around what you would do if you found £5 on the playground and nobody was with you or saw you. A lively discussion as you can imagine! The children were asked to think about why having INTEGRITY is important and I am delighted to share some of their reflections as ever.

'I think it is important to have integrity so you can do the right thing all the time. Just like in the money example in assembly, I would give the money to a staff member because it is kind to do good deeds and someone might really need their money back. It can be hard to show integrity when no one is looking and

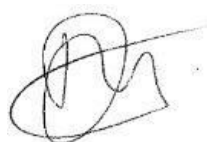
you would probably just feel like taking it and keeping it, but you need to think about who it belongs to and how they would feel.' Oscar- Y5

'It is hard to have integrity when nobody is there because of peer pressure; if your friend is telling you to do something you feel like you have to do it to keep the relationship going even if it means not having integrity.' Georgina- Y6

'Making the right choices can be tricky but you still have to do the right thing even if there are no grown-ups, because when you do the right thing it makes you feel proud.' Orlagh- Y1

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 27th March	Reports out to parents/carers (except Explorers)
Wednesday 29th March	Optional Parent Meeting following reports
Monday 27th and Thursday 30th March	Explorers Parents' Meetings
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 17th April	First day of Summer Term



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



February 10th: Cake sale (PIONEERS)

March 24th : Cake sale (ADVENTURERS)

May 19th : Cake sale (INVESTIGATORS)

June 16th : Ice Pop sale by FOBS

June 16th and 23rd : Fair Donation Days

June 30th : Summer Fair

September 28th : Bounce Off