



## Brilliant Behaviour

How many rules did you have when you were at school?  
Too many, we suspect! We have had an Assembly where Mr Irons asked the school to list all the rules they could think of and we lost count of how many there were.  
We have decided to make the rules at school really simple.  
Our rules are:

- Be safe
- Be ready
- Be respectful

We talk about these all through the school day and give a great deal of attention to children who are doing these things. We are looking to praise good behaviour first.



### ATTENDANCE GOOD NEWS

Our school attendance in March has been better than last year, so thank you for getting your children into school. We want to beat the Devon target by aiming at over 96.2% but really we want to be as close to 100% as we can.	<b>Last March (two weeks)</b>	<b>This March (two weeks)</b>
	95.73%	<b>96.6%</b>
	95.69%	<b>97.2%</b>



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Our Year 6 children shine at the Primary Bodylanguage performance

News and pictures of World Book Day

Uganda Day

## Who is Franklin?

From Year 1 and Mrs Edwards

We discovered some odd artefacts in our classroom, a hat, a pair of binoculars, a set of cloud pictures, a rather scruffy dog and a letter from Franklin! We didn't know who 'Franklin' was but his letter informed us that he



was a cloudspotter. He wanted us to join his 'Great Cloudspotter Club', take on some challenges and see adventures in the sky so we wrote our letters of application and sent them off and now we belong to the GCC. Inspired by Franklin's photos, we went out to spot shapes in the clouds. Wow! We couldn't believe what we saw, a floret of broccoli, an upside down tree like a reflection in the water, a pizza and much, much more! We are really interested in finding out about clouds -how they are made, the names of the clouds and why do clouds change colour when it is going to rain?



## Have your hair done in our new hairdressers.

No appointment needed but bring your sense of humour

A plea for outdoor play-  
clean tyres & cable reels please!

From EYFS and Mrs Paylor-Sykes

The children in Flampuffs (FS from Flamingo & Puffin classes) have been using all 3 spaces, -classroom, middle room and outdoor area to learn through play. We start each day talking about the things we MUST do and have things we SHOULD and COULD do. Some activities are led by adults; but most are initiated by the children, which makes it much more fun! From observations, the team decided to turn the role play middle room into 'Flampuffs'



Hairdressers'. This has been a great success with lots of speaking and listening taking place, hair being back combed and rollers getting stuck! Most staff, including Mrs Hillman, have been pampered by the young team.



Kingfisher Class , Mr Roberts & Ms Kellman  
In our topic work this half term we are looking at Uganda and comparing what we eat and where we get it from. We have located Uganda on maps and begun to explore more about the country and its culture.

On Thursday we devoted a whole day to our Ugandan Topic. We took part in various workshops including drumming, sewing and cooking.

***"The soup was tasty."*** - Lizzie

***"I liked the drumming the most."*** - Bjorn

***" I liked it when we had sewing."*** -Lauren

***"I liked it when my Mum, Dad and little brother came."*** - Arlo

We rounded the afternoon off with a Ugandan meal and showcase of our African drumming. What an amazing day!



Inspired by Monet,  
Parrot Class made 3D  
waterlilies

Parrot Class and Mr Irons

We have been learning about bad grammar, and how we shouldn't write as we sometimes speak. In class we have had some funny conversations around this, saying things like, "*We done some good things at school,*" "*Mr. Irons ain't ready,*" and "*He weren't cross when we didn't listen.*"

Claude Monet has continued to be our inspirational artist to focus on in art. We have looked at his famous water lilies pictures, but rather than painting our own, instead we made a 3D water colour lily resting on its own river bed. They are on display outside our classroom in the Aviary so please make sure you pop in to have a look if you can. Don't worry if you can't, here is a small picture to show you some of the fabulous work we have produced.

Jay Class and Mr Hedger

We found a mysterious machine in the Hall. We thought about what it was and how it worked but we still aren't really sure what it is! This inspired us to think about our own incredible machines and think about what materials they would be made from. We designed our machines by thinking about what we would like to make our lives easier and more convenient.

By the time you have read this, hopefully we will have made them and would have thought about how they are going to work!

In our maths learning, we have recently been telling the time to the nearest five minutes and even made our own fabulous clocks to help us!

Mrs Wakeley has been helping us learn about the arts and crafts of William Morris and Mrs Nash has helped us work with clay.

*“The fireofficer was good. The uniform was very heavy. The fireofficer taught us how to STOP, DROP AND ROLL if ever we caught on fire.”*



Clay tiles William Morris- style before firing



Clay tiles after firing



## Swift Class and Mrs Dixon and Mrs Jones



Swift Class get hands on at Sharpham Farm

Swift Class have been working very hard over the past few weeks to organise a school **Farmers' Market** as part of our topic work. We have been creating leaflets to put in the community, started writing recipes for our very own recipe books and started to make produce to sell at the market. We have been on a trip to Sharpham Farm where we learned about where our food comes from.

## Skylark Class and Mr Evans

In Literacy we have a new unit based on Dragon's Den. We are learning to write pitches and plan inventions that should have a significant impact on life. We used this clip ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW\\_06x7xtP8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW_06x7xtP8)) to inspire us. As a part of this we have been pretending to be Tim and pitch



Skylarks took part in a rural skills workshops

to the iPad camera. If you have any ideas of inventions, please do let us know. At the end of the unit we are hoping to pitch our ideas to our own panel of Dragons!



Our World War 2 topic is still going strong, we hope to return from the Fleet Air Arm Museum inspired to show more of our learning about the Battle of Britain.

## *Other News*

## *Governor News*

As a school , we will be reviewing the curriculum and will be asking your views after Easter.

If you want to get more involved please contact the School Office and they will put you in touch.

## *FOBS News*

FOBS are always looking for people to help a little, a little more or to take on a main role. If you think you can help with any FOBS event in School, please let the Office know.

### *FOBS Woodlands Camping Trip*

If you are planning to take part in this please could you return your booking forms to the office by the end of term.

Dear Children, Parents and Carers

I am very happy to be the new Headteacher here at Buckfastleigh Primary School.

I look forward to working with all of you to make School a happy place, full of fun and where you all enjoy learning..

If any parents/carers would like to come and meet me, please pop along to any of the Headteacher's tea afternoons. The dates are on the back of the Newsletter.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Jan Hillman

# Thank you

To all of you who have volunteered and helped out in any way in School from those of you who can come in frequently, those who have been part of the Behaviour or Communication Focus Groups, to those who come and help on a school trip or at a club. We love having you all in and you bring a great deal of happiness and support to our children and staff.

As some say, "It takes a village to raise a child".

Please remember to come to Volunteers' Tea, if you can. Date on the back page.

## Primary BodyLanguage Performance



*"It was fantastic! I really enjoyed it!" Matt C*

On Tuesday 27th February, our Year 6 children travelled over to South Dartmoor Community College to take part in the Primary BodyLanguage Festival. They were joined by over 200 pupils from the other academy primary schools, for a day of music workshops that culminated in two dance performances. Our children were great ambassadors, with a stunning performance that made Mr Evans and Miss Sparks so proud of them. Members of South Dartmoor staff also commented on their enthusiasm and their brilliant behaviour.



What a fantastic turn out we had for World Book Day. We had Harry Potters, Alice in Wonderlands, Spidermen, Princesses and, of course, a lot of Wallies! After Assembly, we decided to have a grand parade in the back playground, to see everyone's costumes.

Thanks to Mrs Nicholson and the lovely people at Gnash Bookshop in Ashburton for organising the free books.



# Dates for the diary

Tue 27th March	Parrot Class Music Day SDCC
Wed 28th March	Farmers' Market
Mon 16th April	Y6 parents/carers– Residential Trip Talk 3:30
Wed 18th April	Headteacher's Tea 2:30 pm
Mon 14th May– Fri 18th May	KS2 SATS week
Tue 1st May	Class photos
Fri 18th May	FOBS Discos 5:00– 6:00 & 6:15– 7:15
Mon 21st –Wed 23rd May	Year 6 Residential Trip to Dartmouth
Wed 13th June	Headteacher's Tea/Volunteers' Tea 2:30pm
Fri 15th June	Film Night Y1&Y2 3:30—4:30, KS2 4:45-6:15
Provisional Wed 27th/Thur 28th June	Year 6 Show Evenings
Fri 29th June	FOBS Summer Fayre from 3:30pm
Thu 12th July	Year 6 Barbeque in the Garden (Supported by Y6 parents and FOBS)
Fri 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:00– 10:10
Dates still to be confirmed for	Sports Day (and Back-up Sports Day) Community Art Week Fashion Show/Fund Raiser

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