



Remember to
keep reading to
your child.
Children who are
read to build a
stronger vocabulary
and can express
themselves better.

What a wonderful life!



Skylark Class

Year 6 had an amazing time at Young Spirit near Dittisham on their residential.

The theme was survival and they learnt to work in teams to build shelters, light fires, collect water, build pizza ovens, make pizza and much, much more. The class enjoyed working together to collect jewels and buy treats with them - the food was very popular!

They are now busy preparing for the Year 6 show and Sports Day.

On Monday 9th July, the children who will be attending South Dartmoor Community College in September, will begin Transition Week at the College where they will get to know their teachers and new classmates in preparation for the start of the new term and their new school. We know they are ready for this new challenge.

Building Buckfastleigh's Curriculum

Please see inside for
more information on
how you can be
involved with only
15/20 minutes of your
time.

Nut Awareness: Please remember that we have children with nut allergies in school, so we ask you to not send nuts/nut products into school. Thank you for understanding.

Flamingo Class have had the busiest and best week ever...so far!

Last Tuesday we had our first swimming lesson at the pool with Mrs Kay -Savage, we all got in and had great fun! We even chatted about all the different costume designs.

On Wednesday we greeted the children who will be coming to school in September, we remembered what it was like when we first came, it seems such a long time ago.

On Thursday we went by coach to The Miniature Pony Centre where we were so busy that half of us fell asleep on the bus home. We brushed and rode a pony, we climbed, bounced, swung and ran. We pedalled tractors and talked to goats. We held a rabbit, guinea pig and hissing cockroach, Mrs P-S bravely watched and took photos! It was a fabulous day, the children's behaviour was impeccable and it was a pleasure to take them.



Puffin Class have also had their busiest and best week ever...so far!

Last Tuesday we had our first swimming lesson of the year at the pool with Mrs Kay-Savage. We all got in and had a brilliant time.

In phonics we have been practising our split digraphs and blending ready for our Y1 assessment next week.

We have also been practising our handwriting and how to present our work well. We discussed the fact that we could also practise at home.

This week we have started the artwork for our new Theme 'Moor to Coast'. So far we have done foot-prints and kites .

We are looking forward to Keeping Healthy Week and next week's Art Week.





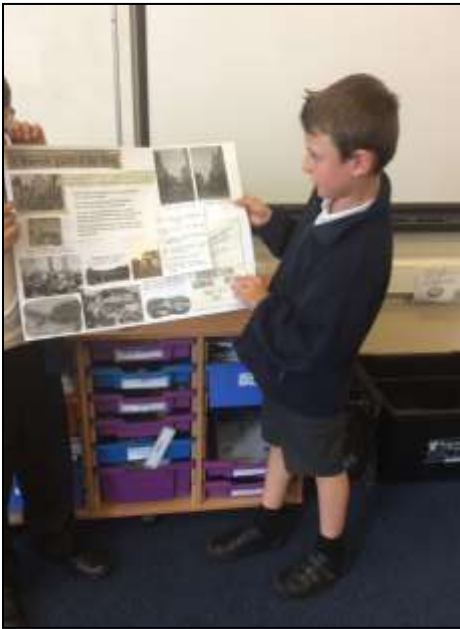
In Jay Class, we have been reading a hilarious book in Literacy recently which is called 'No-bot'. It is about a robot who loses his bottom! Using the ideas from the book, we came up with our own stories about a robot who loses a different body part and learnt about speech marks. We really enjoyed writing our own stories! For home learning, we had to design and make a robot. The results were spectacular and some of the robots moved and had a specific purpose! We had robots that could blow up balloons, some that could answer questions, robots that could light up and make sounds and others that could even draw on a piece of paper!



In Kingfishers, we have just finished our non-fiction writing on 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' and begun to look at a short story called 'The King of the Birds'. We are learning the new text at the moment and will be working hard at remembering the plot and main features of the writing. Soon we'll be looking more closely at using speech in our stories to really make our characters come to life!

In our Maths we have been looking at shapes, rotation, turns and angles and have been plotting routes and hunting for right, acute and obtuse angles around the school using our 'angle eaters' (or 'Pac-Men'). We've been finding treasure on maps and occasionally accidentally guiding Pirates to their death.

In other news, we've managed to germinate an avocado stone from an avocado that Mrs Martin had for a lunch, we've begun our swimming (it's amazing to see them all so confident in the water) and lastly we've begun to adapt our 'Sweet World' stories so we can eventually use the iPads to put them on the big screen.



Swift Class have been exploring the History of Buckfastleigh and have visited a number of local places to discover more about the area. The class visited Pengelly Caves, the Train Station, Buckfast Abbey and The Valiant Soldier. The children were inspired by these trips, and as part of their home learning, researched some of them in more detail. They then shared their learning with the rest of the class.



Parrot Class have had lots of fun in English this week learning about the Ancient Egyptians. First we had to learn a piece of text off by heart using pictures called Talk for Writing. Then we were hot seated, pretending to be Egyptian pyramid professors to show off our knowledge that we learnt.

See if you can work out what the Talk for Writing is saying.



School Council—Alana—

was part of a very small group of people who with Deputy Chair of Town Council and Deputy Town Mayor, Janet Jones, voted on who should be awarded the important Heart of Buckfastleigh Awards. Alana made sure she gave her opinion. She was very brave and mature in what would have been a daunting situation for most adults. She is a great ambassador for the our school.



Arts Week– Next Week

Next week, we are having Arts Week where our children will work with professional artists to create artistic works around the theme of 'Respect'.

The work will then be displayed/performed at School and in a community based art gallery.

If you have chosen School as your Cooperative Community charity, thank you, you have helped to fund the activities for Arts Week. The Devon Guild of Craftsmen have also supported us.

On Friday 22nd June, we will have some sessions where you can come and see what the children have created. You will be very welcome to come in:

- Morning, after Register at 9:00 – 10:00
- Afternoon, 2:00 – 3:00 (so we can dismiss as normal)
- After school, anytime up until 5:30.

News from the Kitchen

Sue from Chartwells came in last week to work along side Mrs Mc Jury, Mrs Watts and Mrs Tuckwell, to oversee the introduction of the menu.

The children have been full of praise for some of the new dishes on the menu.

'The dinners are lovely. I love the salad', ' said Jaeanne.

' The fish and chips were really nice,' commented Harry.

'Mrs Hillman, you have to taste the pasta in cheese sauce. It's delicious', said Charlie P ,as he got out of his seat to make sure she did.

She did and it was!



Come and have your say about your **child's future curriculum at Buckfastleigh Primary School.**

How would you end these statements?

You all have children here, so your opinions and thoughts (however small) are really important to us. We want to develop the best curriculum for your children and need your help to do that.

There are two sessions on Thursday 21st June. If you have child care issues, you can bring your children along too, as it will not be a presentation type event. The times are 2:30 - 3:15 pm and 6:00 - 6:45 pm

By the end of their time at Buckfastleigh Primary School, I would hope that my child will have developed ...

By the end of their time at Buckfastleigh Primary School, I would hope that my child will be able to ...

By the end of their time at Buckfastleigh Primary School, I would hope that my child will have had experience of ...

Come along and give your ending to each of these three speech bubbles That's all you have to do!

Meeting and parting...

Mrs Dixon has decided to leave us at the end of Summer Term. As much as Mrs Dixon loves all of the children she has taught, she wants to spend time with her own beautiful son, George, and make the most of the time with him while he is young and doesn't have to go to school! We wish Mrs Dixon and her family many happy days on the beach while we are working on the use of the semi-colon. Thank you to Mrs Dixon for all of her hard work and commitment over the years, including her service to School as a governor. It goes without saying, but I do need to say it, that we will miss her.

Mr Hedger has also decided to leave us at the end of Summer Term. He is looking for new challenges and has talked of travelling and perhaps we might find him teaching abroad sometime. We hope he keeps in touch with us and if he going around the World that he sends us a few postcards. We thank Mr Hedger for his many contributions to School life, including the Sports Premium work that he has done. We will miss him and wish him all the best.

We are sad to see staff leave but we are absolutely delighted to say that Mr Sam Roberts and Mr Dominic Waites will be joining the teaching team on a permanent basis from September. I know that you will join with me in wishing them a great start at Buckfastleigh Primary, where life is always exciting. Please go over and **chat to them on the playground. If you don't know who they are, just ask a member of staff to introduce you to them.**





Congratulations to Mrs Belinda Martin, our own Eco Schools co-ordinator, who was selected **Healthy Life Hero** by the judges of this year's Heart of Buckfastleigh Community Awards. She will be presented with her award at the community presentation event on Saturday 16th June..

We love working with Mrs Martin and are so proud that others have recognised her for the heart and soul she puts into all her work with us. Mrs Martin— You are amazing!

British Nutritional Foundation Healthy Eating Week

To try and highlight the importance of healthy eating, as a school, we are taking part in this event.

Over the coming week each class will focus on a component of healthy eating.

Tuesday - Swifts will make soda bread and hummus with vegetable sticks. □

Wednesday - Jays will be playing Healthy Food Games, focusing on Getting Active.

Puffins will focus on peas, and make a Ugandan Bag Garden.

Thursday: In the morning, Skylarks will be making smoothies to share at morning break. (Thank you to the Co-Op who are sponsoring this session)

In the afternoon, Kingfishers will look at where in the World food comes from and make fruit kebabs to share in their class.

Friday: Parrots will make homity pies, using onion and leeks grown in the school garden. They will make fruit lollies, and carrot and sultana muffins. These will be for sale after school, and parents are reminded to bring money to buy these lovely, healthy treats.

Mrs Belinda Martin



Dates for the diary

Wed 13th June	Headteacher's Tea/Volunteers' Tea 2:30pm
Friday 15th June	Film Night See separate note
Friday 15th June	Last day for Class photo orders
Monday 18th June-Friday 22nd June	School Art Week
Thursday 21st June	Parent/Carers New Curriculum Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm & 6:00-6:45 pm
Tuesday 26th / Wed 27th June	Year 6 Show Evenings
Thursday 28th June (new date)	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 29th June	FOBS Summer Fayre from 3:30pm
Monday 9th July-Friday 13th July	Year 6 Transition Week to South Dartmoor CC
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Barbeque in the Garden (Supported by Y6 parents and FOBS)
Friday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:00 -10:10am
Friday 20th July	Last day of Term



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