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Dear Parents and Carers,

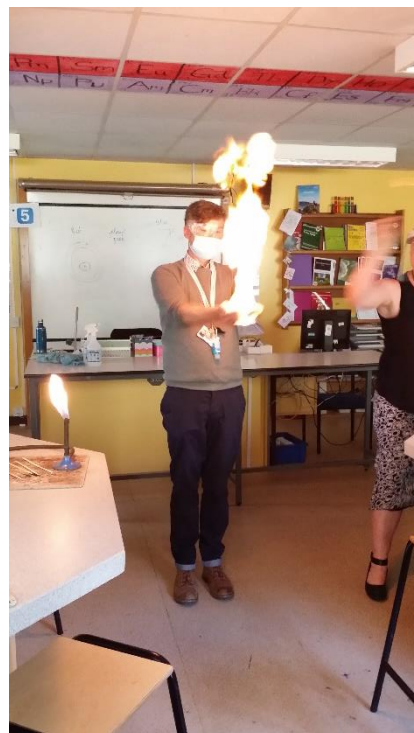
What's Been Going On?

This week, our Year 6 children visited South Dartmoor college for the first time. It was part of a taster session in the science lab. The children got to do some exciting science experiments and enjoyed some snacks. Apparently, they almost set Mr Roberts on fire with an explosion!!

Jen Veal, the new Headteacher at South Dartmoor, met them and was very impressed with their knowledge, enthusiasm and positive attitudes. They were an absolute credit to the school.



Well done,
Year 6!



Volunteer Readers

The children have come back to school after lockdown really well. Everyone had a different experience over that period and we are looking to support the children in the best possible way to get them back up to speed with learning at school. A big part of this is supporting children with their reading. This is where you can help. Are you available for an hour or two a week when you could come in and read with individuals? This is a rewarding experience and one where you can see the positive impact on the children over time. Any volunteers will stay with the same class bubble and support as part of the year group team.

If you are interested, please speak to a member of staff or call the office on 01364 643304.

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Doodle Maths

We would like to encourage more children to use Doodle Maths at home. It is an excellent app that supports children's maths learning from Year 1 onwards. Children can use it for as little as 5 minutes a day on a phone, tablet, laptop or PC.

Over the last few years, we have seen the positive impact Doodle Maths can have on children's confidence and ability in maths. In fact, those children that use it regularly for a short amount of time make excellent progress in maths.

Most children in school have a Doodle Maths account. Please encourage your child to use it on a regular basis to support their learning in school. If you need any help accessing Doodle Maths or are not sure whether your child has an account, speak to your child's class teacher or send them a message on Class Dojo.

Information Updates

Next week, we will be sending out a couple of surveys. They will be:

- A short parent survey which can be completed online. We'd like to find out what the school is doing well and what you feel we can do even better.
- A technology survey – Some children are likely to need to access remote learning in the coming months and the school would like to find out if any families need support with this.

Please look out for both surveys and complete them at the earliest opportunity. The more information we have, the better position we will be in to support the children.

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

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