

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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I think this week may have been the busiest yet! Many items are in this edition but some have been kept for next week.

We appreciate your cooperation with all the things going on and where possible we try and give as much notice as we can. However, sometimes we do have opportunities offered to us at quite short notice which are often free or at a greatly reduced price, like the cricket next week, so we like to grab these chances too.

Artist Working with Willow Class

At the beginning of this week, an artist came into school to work on producing a couple of banners using the ideas from the children they would like to campaign about. This followed on from learning about the suffragettes last week.

Two of the topics chosen to work with were poaching and deforestation of the rainforest. Here is a sneak preview of one of them; to see them in all their glory come along to the opening at Killerton on Tuesday 3rd July. More details to follow.

Whimble's Got Talent Update

Seventy six children from across the whole school have offered up their skills to take place in our contest. Unbelievable!



To accommodate all and their talents, children have been allocated one of six heats which will take place in the first two weeks of July. These heats will be judged by all the children and adults present. The idea is then to invite parents to come a watch and judge the finalists (for a small donation). More details with confirmed dates to follow.

Ash and Elm Trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park

The weather was suitably kind as our youngest children went off on their annual school trip on Wednesday. There was a great feeling of excitement and anticipation of what the day would bring.



Whilst at the wildlife park the children had a hands-on workshop and were able to handle lots of different creatures including a bearded dragon, snakes, a tree-frog, an armadillo, stick insects and even high-fived a tarantula.



We learned all about Australian animals as well as exploring the other animals at the park. The children behaved superbly with everyone getting involved and showing interest and respect to the creatures who were so kindly letting us handle them!



Play at Killerton

Our Year 4 and Year 5 children were very lucky to be able to watch a play performed by the Year 5 children from Broadclyst Primary School. The play was called 'Gertrude's Garden Party'. It was performed in short scenes around the gardens of Killerton House. Each scene told a little story from the prospective of different groups of people working at Killerton at the time, gardeners, housemaids and their family.

With Gertrude Acland being an anti-suffragist and campaigning against women obtaining the vote and her daughter Eleanor being a suffragette who believed women should have the vote, I am sure there were many heated conversations around the dinner table.

The final scenes involved the arrival of special guests in an old Austin car up the drive and then a number of speeches by Gertrude and other dignitaries of the time, who were then interrupted by many suffragettes and their placards. (A herd of cows also came to listen to the speeches from the other side of the ha-ha much to the amusement of the audience).

There are several displays on the suffragettes at Killerton throughout the summer.

Writing Competition

Every year we send off some entries to Radio 2s '500 words' competition. This year there were 135,000 entries. So far, we have been unsuccessful, however, this year, one of our children got selected via a draw to attend the final at Hampton Court Palace.

Elliot Clayton and his dad spent the day with lots of celebrities. He was lucky to be able to enjoy hearing all the winning stories read by various celebrities, and got to meet the actor who played Lucius Malfoy, as well as David Walliams and Jim Broadbent

Now it is time to enter into our own competition - details below. Children have been given some time in school but may well need to add their finishing touches at home. All shortlisted stories will be compiled into our final Way with Words for this school year.

Whimple Primary School's Summer Writing Competition



Write a story which is no more than 500 words
(1000 for children in KS2) and hand it in to your
teacher by Tuesday 19th June.

These will be marked on plot, language used and overall enjoyment.

The winners will receive book tokens, notepad and pencil set and other great prizes!

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Teachers, parents, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome.

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Topic: The link between Anxiety and Executive Function

Date: Friday 15th June

Anxiety can be caused by a lack of any of the following: Impulse control, Emotional control, Planning/Prioritising, Flexibility, Working memory, Self-monitoring, Task initiation, Organisation.

Also looking at Thinking Errors.

Topic: Why does my child misbehave? Is it due to ADHD or poor understanding/language?

Date: Friday 22nd June

Is your child inattentive? Impulsive? Hyperactive? We will look at managing/changing home and classroom behaviours.

Both ADHD and undiagnosed language issues can cause chaos in the classroom and at home.

Topic: The Out of Synch Child - Sensory issues and dyspraxia

Date: Friday 29th June

Dyspraxia can affect language, speech, maths, PE, reading, social skills and handwriting. Find how to support those with what is now called developmental co-ordination disorder.

Topic: Handwriting and Fine Motor Skills

Date: Friday 6th July

Looking at basics with resources to take away. Ideas for left-handers, printing, joins, cursive, strengthening muscles for improving fine motor skills.

Topic: How to talk so kids will listen and learn

Date: Friday 13th July

How to listen so kids will talk "Will bring about more co-operation than all the yelling and pleading in the world." How to have co-operation without nagging. Specific solutions to difficult situations and challenging behaviour.

Topic: How to avoid a drop in children's reading levels over the holidays

Date: Friday 20th July

Reading workshop for parents, volunteers, teaching assistants and teachers.

NO CHARGE - REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS

To book a place or ask for further information, please phone 01395-263397 ext 2 or email

chollingsworth@wrpschool.org and I will get back to you. Thank you



Parent Survey

Thank you to all those who have sent in completed surveys. There is still time if you haven't. Please complete the survey and return to school by Friday 22nd June. In advance, can I thank you for your time and effort, it is most appreciated.

Fantastic Friday - apologies year 3 and 4 were the wrong way round in the last Contact

This will commence on Friday 15th with the children participating in the following:

Year 1 and 2 - either drama or Olympics/Relax Kids

Year 3 - cookery

Year 4 - Relax Kids/Olympics

Year 5 and 6 - either art or Forest Schools.

Year 1 and 2, along with Year 5 and 6 have swapped their activity from last term so if you are unsure just ask them what they did before half-term.

Whimble Primary School Summer Fayre Raffle Prizes

Here is a selection of fantastic raffle prizes on offer at
the summer fayre on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 1.30pm

£20 Gift voucher for The Thirsty Farmer

1x Free bounce at iBounce Exeter

2x Bottles of Ale from The Cranberry Farm pub

Free MOT from Moorview Motors

Free ½ hr PT session at the Oliver Joseph Gym

Free Cut and Blow Dry at Halos' Hair salon

Coffee & cake for 2 people at Cafe@143 in Cranbrook

2x Free entry into The Bear Trails at Cullompton

**Free 30 min Hot Stone or Sports Massage from East Devon
Sports Massage**

**Gift wrapped Plant courtesy of Otter Nurseries Garden
Centre**

2x Free Climbs at Clip n Climb Exeter

2x Match Tickets for Exeter Chiefs Game

Saddles and Paddles voucher for free activity

2x Adult entry tickets to Woodlands

Tobogganing voucher for Plymouth Ski & Snowboard Centre

4x Free admission tickets to Pecorama

4x Free admission tickets to Pennywell Farm

£15 Trago Mills voucher





WHIMPLE YOUTH CLUB



JUST £1

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- TASTER SESSIONS -



TUESDAY 26TH JUNE
TUESDAY 17TH JULY
5.15-6.30PM
WHIMPLE VICTORY HALL



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FOR CHILDREN GOING INTO YEAR 3
IN THE AUTUMN, & YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

WHIMPLE CHURCH IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE YMCA
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT RACHEL POVEY - 01404 822799

Don't Forget

- To complete and return 'This is me' forms if you are a parent of a child in Reception.
(Thank you to those who already have)

Dates for your diary

June

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| Wednesday 20th June | KS2 watching cricket at Somerset Cricket Ground |
| Saturday 23rd June | Summer Fair - see posters |
| Monday 25th June | Street Dance workshop - Beech Class |
| Tuesday 26th June | Oak class trip to Paignton Zoo |
| Friday 29th June | Year 6 trip to Crealy |

July

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| Monday 2nd July | Non-Pupil Day |
| Tuesday 3rd July | Year 6 Life Skills |
| Tuesday 3rd July | Arts Project Launch at Killerton 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 4th - 6th | Clyst Vale transition days |
| Thursday 5th July | Transition morning |
| Monday 9th - 13th | Kings School transition week |
| Thursday 12th July | Orchestra/Soloists Assembly 2.30pm |
| Thursday 19th July | Music assembly - choir/recorders/guitars 2.30pm |
| Thursday 26th July | Leavers Assembly and party |

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