

# The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Thank you to everyone for ensuring your child/children are adequately protected during this lovely hot weather (although we still complain about it, so typically British!). It looks like this sunshine is due to continue so keep sending them in with their hats and sun cream.

# Morning Drop Off

Morning playground duties in the Key Stage 1 playground have got very busy again - I counted over 25 adults this morning and we only have 22 reception children! Also, adults are coming in the lower gate and leaving it open. Please shut even if you know someone else is coming, then it reminds everyone to shut it. Now is the time to set things in place for September, when we will have 20 new starters and their parents. From next Tuesday all adults need to stay in the top playground if you want to stay with your child until the bell goes, or even better encourage them to be independent and leave them in the Key Stage 1 playground to play and depart before the bell. This would also help with parking and congestion around the school. Whilst it is lovely to see you all we need to ensure the safety of our children, space is at a premium and we are finding it difficult to accommodate 140 pupils alongside 100 plus adults.



# School photos

Last chance to order class photos. Order forms and money need to be completed and sent to the school office by 10.00a.m. Tuesday 2nd July. Don't forget to place both the form and money in a <u>named</u> envelope.

# Musical Instrument Showcase

On Wednesday 18th July at 6pm in Willow Class there will be an opportunity to meet all of our peripatetic music teachers. If you child is interested in learning a musical instrument then please come along - there will be the opportunity to try some out if you are unsure which instrument to learn.

# Baseball Caps

We now have plenty of baseball caps back in stock. Pop along to the office if you wish to purchase one for £2.

# Oak Trip to Paignton Zoo

On Tuesday Oak class hopped on a coach for a fabulous and hot day at the Zoo. In the morning the children were able to attend a very interesting workshop all about skeletons, and the different movements of all the animals at the zoo. The children were fascinated by the large array of bones and skeletons they could touch and admire. The workshop leader, Matt, was able to answer all the questions the children had and was pleasantly surprised by their knowledge on skeletons. Well done Oak.





For the rest of the day we were able to explore the zoo and meet all our favourite animals. Some of the children's favourite animals included the gorillas, the lions and the giraffes. The children were superbly behaved, which meant we had time to visit the play area, and attend a 'Birds of Prey' show. The show consisted of some very large birds skimming over our heads, as they flew around the room. The children did very well not to flinch!

Overall the zoo was a fantastic experience which helped the children understand how important all the different animal's skeletons are, and the reasons for them.





# Art Project Launch at Killerton

All parents and children are welcome to join us at Killerton to see our wonderful banner. Children in

Year 5 and 6 will participate in the march.

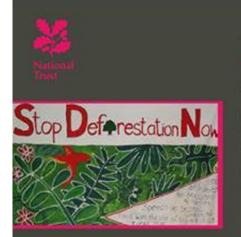
See the programme of events below:

4.00pm onwards - families from the participating pupils have free access to Killerton's 'Votes for Women?' exhibition. Last entry 4.45pm

5.30pm – arrival, drinks and light refreshments in the Chapel grounds

5.45pm - Pupils from participating schools sing 'March of the Women?' by Ethel Smythe

5.50pm - Opening address by Louise Herbert representative of Clyst Vale Learning Community & Eileen Dillon of National Trust Exhibition open until 7pm.



# Voices of Children

Killerton Chapel Tuesday 3 July, 5.30-7pm

You are invited to the launch of 'Voices of Children' an exhibition of banners by the Clyst Vale Learning Community, inspired by Killerton's 'Votes for Women?' project.



## Neighbours of the Earth

Whimple Primary School Artist - Helen Plant

Deforestation: We were very keen to use colour in this banner and wanted the message of hope to come across in the various shades of green, much like the suffragettes 100 years ago.

Poaching: the main focus of this banner is the emblem of the baby elephant and its mother. If we were to expand this campaign further, this would be a central part of the marketing.

# Voices of Children

The seven schools that make up Clyst Vale Learning Community have been working in partnership with Killerton to create banners and sculptures inspired by 'Votes for Women?', the exhibition currently on display in Killerton house.

'Votes for Women?' tells the story of the campaigning that took place at Killerton in the lead up to the passing of the 1918 Representation of the People Act. The act gave the vote to all men over the age of 21 and women over the age of 30, who met certain property criteria.

Two hundred and sixty seven pupils took part in workshops at Killerton where they learnt about the campaigns for both women's and men's right to vote and investigated the early use of political branding adopted by the women's suffrage movement.

Pupils applied the lessons they had learned about the suffragettes' use of colour, emblems and symbols to create a campaign banner or sculpture inspired by the women's campaign for the right to vote or a cause of their choice.

'Although a local issue, the children understand that getting involved in a cause, they can help change the world around them. Small actions can have a great impact. They can see that votes for women needed participation and collective action to bring about change' Peter Grierson, yr 6 teacher, Stoke Canon Primary School

Head into the Chapel to see the Voices of Children banners.





Plastic kills!

Clyst st Mary Primary School Paddleboat Theatre Company

Class 5 worked with Paddleboat Theatre Company on social justice issues. The suffragettes protested about the unfairness of people not being able to vote; the animals in the sea have rights too - to live in a clean and safe environment. After researching the devastation and destruction inflicted on nature, our whale filled with plastic illustrates the damage caused to our planet. We are determined to make charges by reducing reusing and recycling plastic responsibly!

- friendly

Silverton C of E Primary School

After our day at Killerton learning about Gertrude and Eleanor, we realised that there are ways to make a positive difference in the world. In learning about pollination, we found out that bees are under threat. We thought of the suffrage campaign and this developed into us thinking about ways of raising awareness about the threats to bees. Independently children have been active in the community and lots more activities are planned to make our environment bee-friendly.

## Refugees

Rockbeare CE Primary

Our class was inspired to raise awareness of rights for refugees. I have used red to show anger and love, yellow for optimism and green for environmentally-friendiness. We included the countries that most refugees come from (The Democratic Republic of Corpo, Sudan and Somafala and the countries that take the most refugees (Lebanon, Pakistan and Turkey).

#### Flying high

Broadclyst Primary School Arrier - Chice Farrant

The year 5 children at Broadchyst Primary School have created a hanging sculpture capturing the spirit of the Suffragette movement. The children were inspired by the quote

"I would rather be a rebel than a slave" By Emeline Pankhurst,

The bird has been released from its cage and now, a free animal, it is equal to wild birds, dictating its own future and depending only on itself. The bird is adomed in the purple and green colours of the suffragette movement. Hanging undermeath the bird is the remnants of it's caged life; a cascade of feathers and on each feather a word to describe the characteristics of these women and the movement they were fighting for.

# Athletics at Clyst Vale

In the heat of Wednesday afternoon 8 children from across Key Stage 2 were taken to represent Whimple in an athletics competition. The competition involved children from schools across our local learning community. In all, 6 teams took part. All children took part in a long distance and relay race. The other events included long jump, high jump, rounders ball throw, short sprint and 600m race. For these events competitors were selected on age and gender - Year 3/4 girl/boy and Year 5/6 girl/boy.

All the children involved had never participated in activities like the high and long jump before so it was a great experience. Well done to all those who took part, a brilliant team spirit throughout!

Thank you to the parents who helped with transportation and providing shelter.

# Beech Class - Street Dance Workshop

Do you know what a broncho, thread or elbow freeze is? Well ask a Beech class pupil and they can now tell you - or even better- demonstrate these break dance moves! We had a lot of fun on Monday afternoon with Matt, a professional street dancer, training us on some entry level and more challenging spins and flips.



The children all mastered their special pose and aimed for smooth moves, then picked up the pace to join together different actions to perform their own routine in a dance off at the end. Were the girls or boys better? The jury is still out.





# Brave the Shave

Didn't she do well - well done Freya, you were, and are, amazing. So far over £600 has been raised.

Donations can be made via

https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/freyabayley



The summer fair was a great success. Thank you to all involved whether it was running a stall, collecting things, setting up or just being here on the day to spend your money.







# Other things to do and see:



Musical Director - Emma Palmer

# 'In Concert'

with

Hannah Bown, Soprano and John Draisey at the piano

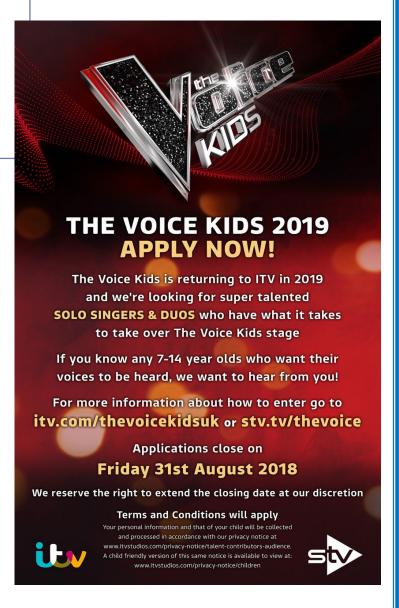
# Sunday 1st July, 2.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Whimple, EX5 2TB

Come along and be entertained!

Tickets available from:

Whimple Stores, Talaton Village Shop,
Whimple History Society
£5 - adults, children free
Refreshments available



# Dates for your diary

## New dates added in bold.

# July

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

Tuesday 17th July Talent Show Final 3pm

Wednesday 18th July Music Showcase - learning an instrument

Thursday 19th July Music assembly - choir/recorders/guitars 2.30pm
Thursday 26th July Leavers Assembly and party at the Cricket Club

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