

Jolly July

The Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

Welcome

This is the final monthly edition of our monthly curriculum newsletter for this school year - where did that go! Enjoy reading about the last events and activities of the term.

Visit From Clyst Vale Mental Health Ambassadors

Students from Clyst Vale Community College, who are ambassadors for mental health, talked to the Year 5s about the importance of looking after your mind. In a rotation, the children took part in some activities, which included passing string around the group as they found connections about a subject. This empathised that you can find something in common with most people.



Sports Day

A huge congratulations to everyone who took part in Sports Day last week. The weather was glorious and we were treated to a great mix of friendly team games and some gentle competition.



The Tug of War was a close run thing this year!



Thank you to all the parents who came (third time lucky) to cheer on everyone involved.



Fantastic Friday

Forest School - Year 5

Despite the weather, two wet and two hot Fridays, year 5 enjoyed their Forest School. They made masks, sawed and drilled to create wood cookie men and got wet playing team water games.



Crafting - Year 1 and 2

Over four weeks the children have been challenged to make shells from clay, pom poms from wool, carefully place Hama beads onto a stencil and fold some paper to make origami creatures. At times it was a test of their patience and resilience, but with some encouragement they all got there in the end.



Cooking in Early Years

Eating soup made by us from the vegetables grown in the school garden.



Beech Class Trip to Lyme Regis

On Wednesday 3rd July, Beech Class along with the Year 5 pupils from Willow, all visited Lyme Regis.

We all had a great day exploring the upstairs and downstairs levels of the museum, including learning about ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus and about the life of the famous fossil-hunter, Mary Anning.



Later on in the day, we went to the beach and learned how to find ammonites, belemnites and other types of fossils by listening to our guides, Richard and Rosemary.



Also, we managed to have our lunch on the beach and some time to explore the rock

pools on the shoreline before walking up 114 steps to get back to the coach!

Thank you to the Beech Class staff team and Mr Spicer for all their hard work and thank you to all the pupils for being so interested in all we did on our trip.



Residential Visit

Residential for the children in year 6 was to Pixies Holt, Dartmoor for a week. Children left school on Monday morning full of excitement, together with a few butterflies, uncertain of what was coming and how they would cope, (perfectly normal emotions).

Throughout the week they participated in a range of activities including caving, archery, mountain biking, orienteering and weaselling, all of which challenged them both physically and mentally, whilst encouraging them team participation and looking out for each other.



Much of the week included discussing the importance of respecting each others' emotions and taking care of their belongings, (you'll be amazed at how tidy their rooms were!)

A good week was had by all. A massive thank you to Mrs Vanstone, Mr Brown and Miss Clarke, without their dedication such activities could not take place.



Religious Education

Year 2 have been learning about Creation stories from around the world in RE. Please have a look at their work on the wall behind you when you visit the office.

Maths Competition

Two teams of four children (Year 4 to Year 6) attended a maths competition at Colyton Grammar School along with four other schools. The competition was fierce and children had to compete in a range of mathematical tasks together throughout the day. One team was pipped at the post and came second, losing out by one point! Well done everyone.



The workshops involved learning about their culture and traditions including their language, food and making things like Mertzishor cards (best wishes).



Diversity Workshops

Last week we had three visitors arrive from Romania, Poland and Egypt (Arabic) to work with the children across the school.



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