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London's Burning

The children in Elm experienced a little of what it may have been like in London in September 1666. After making a cardboard Tudor house it was taken to the fire pit at the Orchard and the children observed it as it burnt to the ground. This was to support their History topic this term.



Amnesty International Project

Four children went along to Clyst Vale to join a number of other primary schools to attend some workshops led by their Amnesty International representative.

The day involved learning that humans should have 30 rights but that not all countries in the world honour these rights. The pupils were involved in games about the importance of fairness for all, watched a play about the difficulties of being a refugee, made a badge promoting peace in the world and wrote a promise

to move to stand up for all the rights of all citizens everywhere.

Finally, everyone gathered on the school field to make the shape of the Amnesty International Emblem and a drone took a photo. It was a fun and thought-provoking day. We will be sharing what we have learned with others next term.

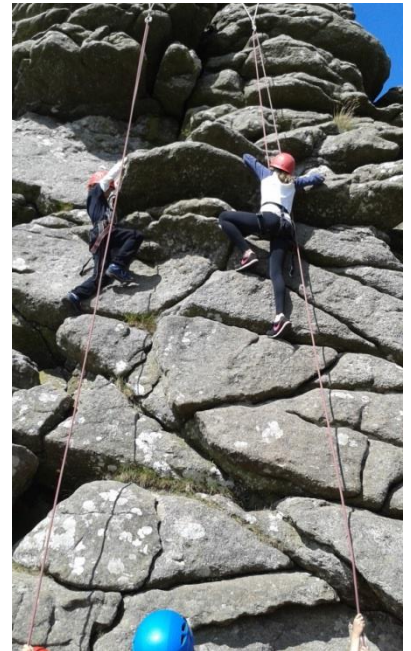


Pixie's Holt Residential

On Monday 30 excited children boarded the coach and travelled to Pixie's Holt. The view was amazing on the way across the moor. After unloading the coach we were shown around the base and unpacked in our rooms. Beds were made and rooms tidied ready for the first room inspection of the week. Team building activities took place in the afternoon and included taking water up through the tunnels, building a bridge across pretend lava and a balancing task. In the evening everyone went on a night walk along the river with the midges at Badgers Holt.



Tuesday we woke up to rain. Waterproofs were essential for mountain biking and orienteering in Soussons Wood. Teams had to find a variety of posts to claim points in a given time whereas mountain bikers pedaled around forest tracks and through a stream.



Hound Tor was the location for day three. Activities included weaselling, scrambling and climbing. Weaselling involves squeezing through tiny holes between the rocks, ranging in difficulty including three extreme ones named 'King Kong', 'Toblerone of Doom' and 'The Triangle of Terror'.

Everyone pushed themselves out from their comfort zone and were pleased and chuffed with their achievements.



Thursday involved two very different challenges, archery and caving. After putting on overalls and a helmet with a headlight, we crawled into dark, cold and wet caves. Some took on the underground weaseling challenge and then we experienced extreme darkness by turning off our lights. After being shown how to use a bow and arrow teams competed to score the most points. Flaming arrows won overall with 74 points in total. To finish the sessions we tried to pop a balloon with an arrow. Freddie was the only one who succeeded.



The final day started with a good clear up. Bags packed and rooms cleaned. Then it was off to take part in bush craft activities. Children were placed into 5 teams to build a den which they could shelter in overnight. During this time each team also got to toast marshmallows on an open fire - some more successfully than others! The completed dens were fabulous and all varied in design.



All children ate well and daily room inspections took place so, yes, they can keep their rooms tidy - here's the proof! Evenings were spent relaxing without technology - crafting, puzzle making, sketching and table tennis were regular activities of choice.



A good week was had by all; children were challenged to move out from their comfort zones and cope with the emotions that came with that. They all coped tremendously and we are all really proud of them and their achievements. A big thank you to Mr Brown, Mrs Vanstone and Mrs Wall for all your time and effort.

Local Learning Community Art Project

The project opening at Killerton on Wednesday 19th July was a great success and the rain just about stayed away. Groups were shown around the trail to find some of the magnificent pieces of artwork.

The trail is open all through the summer so do pop along and take a look at the lovely pieces produced by each school.



New Whimpe Flag - community project

On Wednesday, Mrs Ayres from the Heritage Centre came in to show the children two old restored flags from the scout group. A competition has been held and a new Whimpe Flag has been chosen and is currently being made.

In September, there is going to be a parade through the village to launch the new flag and the school will get involved as well, probably by producing our own flag to fly. The holidays will give us all time to start thinking about our design.

Salsa Time

What a fabulous celebration of music and colour – congratulations to all the children in Beech class for producing a lovely salsa display enjoyed by all.



Tiger Karate

Despite the instructor being unable to attend, the children from Tiger Karate put on a fabulous performance to perform some of their skills and routines to the children in assembly on Wednesday. If you would like your child to join the club, details are below:



Martial Arts exclusively for children aged up to 14 years old. Help your child gain the confidence to exceed in life!

- *Improve your fitness*
- *Learn self defence*
- *Improve flexibility*
- *Improve focus*
- *Discipline*
- *Team work*
- *Improve self-confidence*
- *Regular gradings*
- *Anti-bullying*
- *And most of all have fun!*



This club runs after school on a Friday until 4.45 pm and has spaces for next term. If you are interested or have any further questions contact:

Gurmure (chief instructor) on 07748992776

or e-mail: tigerstylesportskarate@yahoo.com or visit www.tigerstylesportskarate.co.uk.

Leavers' Event – please note changes

Due to the weather forecast the arrangements for the leavers' party after school have been altered. Ozzie D magician 3.30 – 5 pm will be in the hall with the 'Photo Booth' with Sue Draycott in the committee room. Cds of all the photos taken can be ordered for £1.50, she will leave them in the village shop to collect.

The barbeque with hot dogs, squash and ice pops for all the children will be under a gazebo in the pre-school garden. The party will end at 5 pm.

Final Days

There are always rumours around at this time of year that children come to school and watch films all day! That may well be a small part of the day that children remember but there are lots of other things happening too. All children have participated in a handwriting competition whilst others have written stories and taken on some maths challenges, including 'Countdown'. As children become more and more tired, teachers try to make lessons as appealing as possible (sometimes with the enticement of food!). Admittedly between this, and our great assemblies this week, there has been the occasional tea party!

Here is just a snapshot of what has been going on this week:

Graphing with 'Haribos'



Creature Designs with Batik



Treasure hunts and bug finding

Design an outfit with bin-bags (walk the cat-walk)



Music Clubs

Club	Age Group	Day/time	Cost
Advanced Recorder (ARC) current group + this year's	Various	Mondays 3.30 - 4.30 pm	£2.50 per session
Beginner Recorders (BRC)	Year 2 +	Tuesday lunchtimes	£2.50/session
Advanced Guitar Club (AGC)	Year 5 and 6	Tuesdays lunchtimes	£2.00/session
Beginner Guitar Club (BGC)	Year 3 +	Tuesdays lunchtimes	£2.50/session
Choir	Year 2 +	Tuesday 3.30-4.30 pm	£10/term, £17.50 for a family

For further information contact Emma Palmer at empal1@icloud.com

Winning Team

The team with the most team points collected across the whole school year is.....

THE SQUIRRELS



Message from Alyson Smith, Jayne Lindsey and Miranda Killen

It was so lovely to see such a variety of new and old faces (both ex-pupils and their parents) at the cricket club to celebrate our retirement.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions towards our fabulous gifts. Whimple Primary School is a special place and it has been such a privilege to have been part of so many children's learning journeys. Thank you for allowing us that honour.



FOWS

I would like to thank you for all your support this year, we've had a fantastic fundraising year, but just as importantly we've put on some really fun events as I hope you will agree.

I will be leaving you all in peace for the next few weeks, but don't worry, there'll be more cake requests before you know it!

Have a fabulous summer everyone.

Katie Williams xxx

And finally:

All the staff would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and we will see most of you on September 6th.



Dates for your diary

Friday 21st July

Wednesday 6th September

Leavers Assembly, last day of term for children.

First day back for pupils

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