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Believe in ourselves; be the best we can be

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Harvest

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions towards our Harvest Festival collection. We have once again decided to support the local HITS charity and they were delighted when I spoke to them as they explained their donations have been down on previous years and therefore the items were very much appreciated. The children thought carefully about our school value of Empathy when considering those that are less fortunate than ourselves and the difference they can make through their generosity.



Y6 Heatree Residential

Our Y6 children have had a fantastic week on the Heatree Residential. This is a big moment for our children (and parents!) as they spend a whole week away from their families. We were so proud of how the children not only coped at Heatree but thrived and embraced the challenges and opportunities they were experiencing. I am sure they will all be ready for a big sleep after they have finished telling you about their adventures! A big thank you to all of the staff involved and spent time away from their own families as without their support these trips would not be possible.



Village Show

Every year, Mrs Maslen co-ordinates a school wide art theme that sees the children produce some amazing artwork that is then displayed as part of the Bishopsteignton Village Show. The pieces are judged and some children receive prizes but more importantly, all of our children have their work celebrated and enjoyed. We also contribute towards an event in our community which remains an important role that we feel we play as a school. We received some lovely feedback (and a £100 donation!) from Natasha Geldard and the Village Show Committee that I wanted to share with you.

'Please pass on our thanks to all the children and staff who helped to contribute to the show, we are thankful that you remain an important part of showcasing what the village has to offer. We had so many lovely references with regards to the artwork from the school; they were impressed with the talent and imagination to create such pictures. And congratulations to the category prize winners - the judge always has a very hard time deciding!'

The majority of the proceeds from the show go to the community centre for its vital repairs, but we were keen to make a donation to the school to say thank you for all the time and commitment put into supporting us.'

KS2 AR Competition

We have been running a competition between KS2 classes to see which class would be this term's 'AR Stars' with the most AR quizzes taken with a 100% pass rate. This half term's winners are Discoverers and will be rewarded with some treats in the library followed by a special reading session with Explorers!

FOBS Disco

The FOBS Disco was a huge success and saw the majority of our children coming back into school to have a dance with their friends. The children were so excited! It was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves and being with their friends as well as wearing some pretty impressive Disco clothes! The event managed to raise an impressive £335 so many thanks to our FOBS team for organising another great event for our children to enjoy.

Preschool Update

At Preschool the children have been enjoying choosing from a variety of activities that encourage teamwork and forming friendships.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



Pupil Voice

We recently had our School Council elections which saw many children presenting their ideas to their classes before voting for the person they wanted to represent them for this academic year. The enthusiasm, support for each other and amazing ideas made this another enjoyable and rewarding process. Before starting, the children reflected on why leaders were important-

***'It's important to have leaders so they can help out and make things easier and so you can be a role model to the younger children.'* Perri– Y5**

***'Stick with your leader, they will keep you safe.'* Eleanor– Explorers**

***'It is important to have leaders so they can help handle arguments and solve problems and just make the world a better place.'* Harry– Y5**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

23rd-27th October	Autumn Half Term
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Autumn Term