



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

## Monthly Family Newsletter



May 2022

Together we Grow in Knowledge, Serve with Joy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another month of incredible progress and learning across the school, it really has been a joy to see pupils across the school developing their attitudes to learning and gaining so many life-long skills along the way and as such, making great progress. Well done to our Year 2 and 6 pupils for demonstrating all the learning dispositions in their recent SATS assessments. We are incredibly proud of you all.

We are all looking forward to the next half term, when pupils will be embarking on trips and enrichment opportunities, Sports Day and the Summer Fete, the Trust Art Show and transition fortnight. Please look out for Meet the Teacher dates which will be held during this time. Hopefully, this will fully prepare all pupils, families and staff for September.

Thank you for your continued support and care for our school, it is greatly appreciated.

Miss Davy

### **School Improvement**

Recently, we had an external visit from Mrs Delf who was looking at how our pupils develop as learners and the strategies that they know and apply to help them progress. As a Trust, we have used the Visible Learning approach to develop staff CPD and support the development of our learners for a several years. As Lew Trenchard joined the Trust a few years after some of the original schools, we weren't part of the original accreditation, so Mrs Delf came to see how far we have come along in our journey.

She was incredibly impressed by how eloquently the pupils across the school could speak about themselves as learners and how self-aware they are, what learning looks like in our school and the progress that we have made so far in our Visible Learning journey. Mrs Delf was particularly impressed by the entrepreneurial learning that has taken place and the life skills that are being developed as such.

## **Yes Tor News**

What an amazing few weeks we have had in Yes Tor! The children have really enjoyed learning about the queen and where she lives, and their enthusiasm has shone through in their amazing artwork.

We are all so proud of our school starters and their incredible reading, not only have they learnt most of their sounds, but they have all been reading the sound blending books, these will be coming home with them soon.

What a great turnout we have had for our baby and toddler group; we hope the numbers keep on increasing during the Summer term. Everyone is really enjoying using the new outdoor space.

We are all looking forward to the Jubilee party this afternoon and we hope you all have a wonderful half term.

## **Brentor News**

This term, we have been learning about the history of the seaside. We discovered that there were lots of difference and similarities between seaside holidays now and in the past, for example people didn't like to sunbathe but instead sea bathed and people would get changed in bathing machines which would be pulled into the sea by donkeys. In maths, we were introduced to Reknreks which support us with our counting and subitizing, we are becoming very independent when using them! Year 1's have been practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times table and from this we have been exploring the introduction of multiplication and division. In art, Matt has been teaching us techniques in collaging. We chose a picture of Bude beach and had to have a sharp eye to look for the shapes we could see. When we had sketched out our simple outline, we thought about the colours and shapes we needed to create our picture through cutting and tearing. Through RE we have explored Judaism. We have all been fascinated with learning new traditions and artifacts which are celebrated and used within a Jewish household. We have learnt about Shabbat which is the Judaism Day of rest and we noticed that the celebration of Shabbat is similar to that of the Creation Story. Brentor are becoming very good and noticing links and connections between certain religions. Next term, we will continue our learning about the seaside but with a focus at what are coastal environmental issues are coastlines are facing. Alongside this we will be wondering and investigating how we should care for our world and why it matters.

### **Fox Tor News**

This term Fox Tor have excelled all their expectations with their Green Enterprise project. The school family and wider community have been so supportive. We have raised over £300 so far, which is just amazing. This will support our enrichment trip to SSGB in June.

In maths, the children have been focusing on fractions and their end of unit quiz has shown great progress.

In English over the past week, we have all enjoyed exploring The Lost Spell poetic song 'Daisy'. The children have been inspired by the wildflowers on the school field to create their own beautiful poems with a focus on similes and metaphors.

The children have also planted a "Jubilee Meadow" to commemorate the special occasion.

### **Oke Tor News**

Oke Tor have had an exciting term. They have been looking at the Ancient Greeks and identifying the legacy left behind, using different sources to unpick the era. In Science, we have used practical, hands-on learning to explore the digestive system and the functions of the different parts – the children were either engrossed or grossed out.

The children have excelled in their understanding and learning of decimals and money. They really rose to the challenge of our shopping task, where they had £10 to cater for 10 people at a movie night. This involved using numerous learning dispositions and life skills.

As our residential edges closer, we have all come together in our fundraising efforts. So far, we have raised just over £400 which is fantastic. A massive thank you for all your support and donations. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising ideas and opportunities.

Next term, in preparation for our residential, we will be holding a sleepover in school. We will also be holding a meeting for the residential where we will be giving out all the necessary information. Please keep an eye out for the details.

## Great Links Tor News

Our term has been a good one, mostly because of our World War II learning, which we are really enjoying. We have been learning about the Blitz, brought to life in the classroom by hearing the air raid sirens and hiding under the tables when they go off.

We have been able to link some of this learning to the Queen Elizabeth II research we have undertaken for the jubilee celebrations.

This has also linked to art lessons, where we have created silhouette pictures inspired by the Blitz. This required a very different approach to painting than the one needed for the Queen Elizabeth II portraits created to celebrate the jubilee where we had to slow down and include all the details we observed. The background for the Blitz silhouettes allowed more freedom as the splashes created the effects of the bombs.

We are continuing with the World War II after half term but focusing on a different “big question”.

Great are also looking forward to their imminent residential to Bristol.

## Celebration News

Pre-school Star of the Week	Oliver	Whole of Yes Tor	Oliver	Frankie
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Good Learner	29.4.2022	6.5.2022	13.5.2022	20.5.2022
Brentor	Mason & Otto	Billy	Hadley	Alfie
Fox Tor	Whole Class	Evie	Lilly	Year 2
Oke Tor	Iris	Riley P	Poppy	Taylor
Great Links Tor	Alfie	Sullivan	Year 6 & Elliot	Mya

Values in Action	29.4.2022	6.5.2022	13.5.2022	20.5.2022
Brentor	Mae	Ivy	Rose	Ceanna
Fox Tor	Daisy	Whole Class	Elodie	Evie
Oke Tor	Tyler	Poppy	Jayden	Layla
Great Links Tor	Riley	Phoebe	Year 6	Gracie (FT)

## Attendance for Month

Class	29.4.2022	6.5.2022	13.5.2022	20.5.2022
Brentor	91%	84%	93%	95%
Fox Tor	91%	95%	97%	100%
Oke Tor	99%	99%	100%	100%
Great Links	92%	90%	95%	94%
Total	93%	92%	97%	97%

National expectations are 97%

Please call the school office if your child is ill or late. We cannot rely on receiving Dojo messages, as the internet is not great. Thank you.

It is also important that children are not late to school. Remember all year groups will start at 9am (gates open from 8.45am so that children are in class and settled ready to learn) and finish at 3.15pm. We closely monitor our attendance and must inform the Education Welfare Officer if individuals fall below 95%. The DfE have published new/updated guidance for schools effective from Sept 22– “Working together to improve school attendance” and “Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance”, as this is such a focus area for schools, who are held to account.

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Whole School Jubilee Celebration/ last day of Summer Term 1

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Great Links Tor residential

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Fox Tor Trip

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day/Summer Fair (first date)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Sports Day/Summer Fair (reserve date)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> -Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Oke Tor residential

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Transition fortnight (new classes). Meet the Teacher meetings TBC.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Andaras Trust Art show Launceston Town Hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of Term

### **School Money Payments**

A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made *in advance*. If you have any issues with payment or access to the website, please see the office and they will help where they can. **All dinner bookings should now be made and paid for in advance please.**

**Please could we ask that any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. There should be no monies outstanding now please.**

### **Free School Meals**

A quick reminder that Free School Meals not only entitle your child to Free School Meals but can also provide the school with extra funding for your child to go towards other areas of learning. If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, even if your child brings a packed lunch every day, you can follow either of the links below:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>  
<https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortalLIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortallive>

**An Daras Vacancies** – Please follow the link for information on vacancies within the An Daras MAT <http://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>

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