



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

## Monthly Family Newsletter



June 2022

Together we Grow in Knowledge, Serve with Joy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a jam-packed month! Trips and enrichments have taken place and our pupils have been amazing, demonstrating their knowledge, applying their learning and demonstrating our school values. As always, they fill us with pride and joy.

As part of their contribution to school improvement, we have asked pupils throughout main school to join one of four committees: curriculum, environment and climate, ethos and well-being. The curriculum committee have held their first meeting and used the results of the pupil survey as their focus, discussing how to improve the impact of home learning. I was astonished by the discussions and suggestions from the whole group, from Reception pupils upwards. We will share their thoughts and approaches during “Meet the Teacher” meetings. Definitely a group of solution focused pupils.

Miss Davy

### **School Improvement**

Subject leaders are carrying out “Deep Dives” into their subjects, involving looking at learning, assessments and planning, data and pupil and staff conferencing. This is a good way of identifying priorities for our school improvement plan, identifying any training needs and sharing good practice.

Staff, family and pupil surveys have been completed and analysed and feedback shared. All three have been really positive and have provided constructive and useful feedback. We hugely value the views of all stakeholders and surveys can be a great way of gaining these.

End of year assessments have been completed and will be used to inform planning and for setting pupil targets.

### **Yes Tor News**

We have had a great month in Yes Tor. The children have really enjoyed their transition so far into Brentor and are looking forward to starting their new journey into Reception in September. We are all so proud of our school starters, as well as learning their sounds and blending, we have been looking at numbers from 0-10, as always, the children have impressed us with their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Toddlers has also been a huge success; it is lovely to see so many new faces, we hope the numbers keep on increasing in September.

We are all looking forward to our outdoor learning session at the Woodland Skills Centre on 19th July, we have lots of exciting activities planned and I am sure the children will all enjoy it. If your child does not attend on that day but you would like them to participate, please let me know.

### **Brentor News**

In Brentor, we have been exploring non-fiction texts. In English, we have been looking at the book Hidden World; Ocean. From our learning, we have been researching lots of different sea creatures including jellyfish, sea turtles, goblin shark and a whale shark etc. Some of our favourite facts included “a sea turtle can be heavier than a car”, “jellyfish have not got any lungs, heart or eyes and they’re not even a fish.” and “jellyfish are 95% water”.

We have been focusing on independent writing and have all been amazed with Brentor’s resilience and resourcefulness to support this.

As well as learning about the sea creatures, we have been learning about how plastic pollution is affecting our ocean habitats and the small changes we can make as a class to help protect our environment. We are very excited about our upcoming trip to Crooklets Beach, Bude, where we will be working alongside the “2 Minute Foundation” to reinforce our current themed learning.

In the afternoons, Yes Tor have been joining us as part of their transition preparation for September, which has been brilliant for us all.

### **Fox Tor News**

On Thursday 23rd June, Fox Tor went to see the SS Great Britain in Bristol to enrich their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, his innovations and lasting legacy. It was an amazing experience for everybody. We got to take part in a workshop discovering more about Brunel as an Engineer, his successes and failures. We loved the fact that this never stopped him from trying again, inventing new things that changed the lives of Victorians and inspired the next generation and beyond. We were able to make links with our learning dispositions. We stepped back in time on a guided tour of the SS Great Britain. We all found it really fascinating, although the mannequins were a little creepy.

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to dress up as Victorians, explore the museums which included going into Brunel's mind. Stepping below the water line, we were able to walk around the hull of the ship and see the vast size of the famous propellor.

Our successful enterprise project making and selling wildflower seed bombs made our trip even more special and significant. We raised over £500 towards the enrichment trip. The whole experience has been such wonderful, real life learning journey and one that we will all remember and cherish.

### **Oke Tor News**

There has been great excitement in Oke Tor, building up to their residential, beginning with a school sleepover. It has been well deserved as they have worked so hard and have done incredibly well in the Multiplication Check as well as the other end of year assessments they have completed recently.

Oke Tor have continued with their efforts to raise more funds towards this trip including selling strawberry plants, guessing the number of sweets in a jar and organizing a movie night for the school. They have worked incredibly hard and have kept persevering to achieve their goals. This has been another example of how well they demonstrate our Learning Dispositions, which they have been reflecting on for their end of year reports.

They are now busy designing the obstacle course ready for Sports Day as well as preparing the other events.

Another great month of learning in Oke Tor.

## **Great Links Tor News**

It has been a busy month in Great Links Tor! The majority of the class visited Bristol for their residential where they visited the aquarium, zoo and SS Great Britain. The adults who accompanied the class were impressed by all of the children who represented the school brilliantly. Those who stayed in school were also fantastic and enjoyed the activities they undertook.

In maths, the pupils are learning how to draw and measure angles using protractors. There have been some great links made between skateboard moves and angles which has made the learning more realistic.

In English, we have begun to look at the text "My Secret War Diary" by Marcia Williams based a diary written by Flossie Albright. We are using this to base our learning about controlling formality in our own writing. We have also used this text in Guided Reading to summarise and empathise.

We have been planning to create a webpage in computing.

## **Governor News**

Each month, our governors will share some of the ways that they are supporting the school and give our families an insight into their specific roles, many of which are specific to their area of responsibility. We are very fortunate that our governors take on extra roles that are beyond the role of a governor such as listening to pupils read, running knitting club, leading Collective Worship, taking part in Open the Book and supporting school events.

This month, Amy Crompton, our Chair of Governors provides our first contribution:

Amy Crompton:

A lot of people often ask me, 'What do you actually do?' So, I'll try and explain.

All our roles of responsibility are divided up between all the governor's and that becomes our key focus.

The main purpose of our roles is to offer support and challenge. Like a critical friend, we encourage and make sure that the children are receiving the care and education that the school say they provide.

Our responsibilities are actually very important, even though you may not see what we do behind the scenes.

We are often in school, meeting the staff and children, attending school trips and enrichment days. As Chair, I spend the most amount of time in school. Meeting regularly with Liz, taking part in interviews and meeting with the CEO.

We are always happy to speak with families and have all our contact information on the website.

## **Celebration News**

Pre-school Star of the Week	Harriet	Elowyn	Alivia	Whole Class
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Good Learner	10.6.2022	17.6.2022	24.6.2022	1.7.2022
Brentor	Year 1	Cecily	Stanley	Rose
Fox Tor	Gabbi	Nathan	Whole Class	Rose/Hector
Oke Tor	Poppy	Iris	Ellie M	All girls in Oke Tor
Great Links Tor	Jayden	Residential	Charlie	Matilda

Values in Action	10.6.2022	17.6.2022	24.6.2022	1.7.2022
Brentor	Year 1	Ivy	Ellie-Mai	Mason
Fox Tor	Ava	William/Sofia	Whole Class	Elodie/Hannah
Oke Tor	Riley P	Josh	Laila	Guy
Great Links Tor	Mya	Residential	Whole Class	Phoebe

Billy was awarded a special star of the week for his bravery.

Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the Aquathon last week, Mr Payton was very impressed with you all and you represented the school brilliantly, as also.

## **Celebrations achieved outside of school**

Ivy, Isabella and Daisy have been taking part in Cheer leading competitions across the country and has had some impressive awards which they have shared in Celebration assemblies.

Lily P has been competing in equestrian events all over the country too. She has been hugely successful, winning lots of events and supreme champion overall in many events, beating other children as well as adults.

Hadley has achieved his level 1 in swimming and proudly shared the skills he needed to master with the rest of the school.

Kestor completed the Burrator 2km run.

## Attendance for Month

Class	10.6.2022	17.6.2022	24.6.2022	1.7.2022
Brentor	96%	89%	94%	92%
Fox Tor	99%	95%	94%	98%
Oke Tor	100%	99%	99%	100%
Great Links	99%	100%	97%	98%
Total	98%	96%	96%	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

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Sports Day/Summer Fair

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).

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Reports go live

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Alternative Sports Day (Main School). Yes Tor visit to Woodland Skills Centre

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

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Back to School

## Meet the Teacher dates:

Tuesday 5th July - Brentor (Reception) - Mrs Abbott-Bray and Mrs Broadbridge

Monday 11th July - Fox Tor (Years 1 and 2) - Mrs Sutherland

Tuesday 12th July - Oke Tor (Year 3 and 4) - Mr Payton

Thursday 14th July - Great Links Tor (Years 5 and 6) - Mr Elliott

### **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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