



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Monthly Family Newsletter



April 2022

Together we Grow in Knowledge, Serve with Joy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week back together. Whilst visiting and teaching, I have really noticed the progress that our wonderful pupils have made, not just academically but in all areas of school life. In every class, I can see examples of our learning dispositions being demonstrated and the level of independence is truly incredible. Pupils are aware of the strategies that they can use to help them and move their learning forward. We are proud of every one of them. This was also demonstrated throughout our Easter Celebration Day. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for this. We are currently creating a whole school display which we will share with you once completed.

We have also been lucky enough to be the first school to use the Trust's Woodland Skills Centre this week. The pupils have been incredible and have enjoyed their sessions there.

Miss Davy

School Improvement

This week, Mrs Abbott-Bray and Mrs Sutherland virtually attended "Mastering Number" maths training. Mr Payton has signed us up for this programme to support early mathematics skills and knowledge.

Mr Payton has attended PE subject leader training in order to develop his role even further. He has already made a huge impact in PE since taking on the role, but his passion and aspiration for this area of the curriculum is reflected in his vision to develop not just the teaching and learning but developing competition opportunities too.

Trust teaching staff attended a remote Visible Learning session this week where we shared our Impact Cycles. Our focus remains on developing metacognition, specifically focusing on pupils' self-awareness and self-motivation. We have seen great progress in this already this academic year but continue to build upon this.

Yes Tor News

What an amazing start back to the summer term, the children have settled back in, and we are ready to learn! Yes Tor have a fantastic new outdoor area which the children love, and we have some exciting ideas for this space.

The topic for this term is Season, with the focus on 'What happens in Summer?' The children have already been sharing their thoughts and ideas on this subject and we look forward to expanding on this over the next few weeks.

The children had the opportunity to participate in an outdoor learning morning at the new yard on Friday which was hugely successful. The children made story sticks, wooden pendants, toasted marshmallows and learnt how to use a variety of tools. We can't wait until we can do it again!

We will be looking at class enrichment over the next few weeks, more details to follow.

Brentor News

Brentor have settled straight back into their learning this week and we are looking forward the Summer Term. For the rest of this academic year, Mrs Trevorah will continue to teach on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Abbott-Bray will be teaching from Wednesday to Friday. They are supported by Matt and Justine.

Our new theme this half term focuses on local history, "The seaside" making comparisons between the seaside now and in the past. Next term, this will look at the climate issues and they effect the coast. Plans are underway for a class beach trip.

In science, we are learning about plants and growth, which links to our school rewilding project. Lots of outdoor learning this term.

This week, Brentor had a fabulous session in the Woodland Skills Centre (Worth's Yard), learning new skills. The children made story sticks, were whittling with potato peelers, making wooden sliced pendants and toasting marshmallows on their whittled sticks. We look forward to more sessions here.

Fox Tor News

Fox Tor have made a super start to the Summer Term by being motivated and ready to take on new challenges in learning. Fox Tor are such a reflective class and strive to link their prior learning to new experiences and knowledge.

We are very excited to be developing our enterprise project over the coming weeks. Inspired by our whole school Rewilding Project, driven by our love of nature, and passion for the natural environment, Fox Tor will be researching, making, marketing, and selling Native Wildflower Seed Bombs. The class wrote a thoughtful letter to a national seed company before Easter and were delighted to receive a response to our request for sponsorship. This week, we were very excited to receive a wonderful selection of seeds with very warm wishes for our project. We hope that the money raised from the project will support our enrichment trip to the Steam Ship Great Britain later in the term when we explore the life and legacy of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

This week, it has been great to welcome Ava to our class. We are so pleased she has already settled well.

Oke Tor News

Oke Tor have an exciting term ahead. This half-term will see us looking at the Ancient Greeks and identifying the legacy left behind and using different sources to unpick the era. In Science, our strand is 'animals including humans' and focusing on the digestive system and the role each part plays, the different teeth we possess and comparing to those of herbivores and carnivores and food chains.

We have been very fortunate this week and were the first class to experience Andaras' new Woodland Skills Centre. Within our day, we learnt different ways of how to create fire and identifying the roles of each source. The children were excellent, and Claire (the leader) was very complimentary, stating they were the best class she has ever had.

As our residential edges closer, we will be continuing our fundraising efforts having so far raised just shy of £300. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising ideas and opportunities. If you have any suggestions or potential donations which would help with our quest, please feel free to drop Mr Payton a message via Dojo.

Great Links Tor News

Great Links Tor have made an amazing start to what is set to be an exciting term. Within our theme learning we will be learning all about World War 2. We will be thinking about the events that led to the start of the war and how it affected different communities across Europe, including our own. We will be focusing on the Blitz and evacuation and how that had an impact on the people involved. I would like to arrange an educational visit relating to our topic. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising to support with the cost of this, please let me know.

In science this half term, we are learning about light and how it travels. We hope to finish the unit by thinking about how soldiers in the war would have used light and mirrors to be able to look safely over the tops of the trenches. With this in mind, can each child bring an empty shoe box into school for this activity.

As our residential creeps ever-closer, can you ensure that you are up-to-date with your payments on school money.

Celebration News

In next month's newsletter, we will be sharing the awards for the previous four weeks. We used to share this in our weekly newsletter but stopped when we moved to a fortnightly letter.

So many of our pupils are achieving great things out of school that they like to share with us, and we like to celebrate. To make sure that the whole school get to share these achievements, we are asking for pupils to bring in any certificates, rosettes, or medals on a Friday ready for Celebration Assembly. Often these can inspire others to try things that they have not had the confidence or considered to try before. Recently, we have shared winners of Cheer-leading competitions, horse riding and triathlons. We have also seen lots of swimming certificates too. As well as sporting achievements, we love to see Blue Peter badges and any other type of award.

We also like to share staff achievements and would like to say a huge "congratulations" on achieving her National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. This qualification involves hours of study, assignments and a project; all whilst teaching (including remote teaching). Mrs S, you are a star!

Attendance for Month

Class	Date 23-5-22	Date 1-4-22	Date 8-4-22	Date 29-4-22
Brentor	84%	97%	92%	91%
Fox Tor	82%	98%	97%	91%
Oke Tor	66%	95%	95%	99%
Great Links	59%	90%	98%	92%
Total	72%	95%	95%	93%

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%.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – Rec and Year 6 – Height and weight

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

Friday 27th May – Bank holiday

Monday 6th June – Inset Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 7th June - Back to school

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th June – Great Links Tor residential

Thursday 23rd June – Fox Tor Trip

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

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

Wednesday 6th -Friday 8th July – Oke Tor residential

Wednesday 13th July – Andaras Trust Art show Launceston Town Hall

Friday 22nd 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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