

Autumn Term Newsletter No.10 (22.11.19)

We began this week with an assembly by Mrs Wall and the Rights Respecting Champions looking further into the work of Children in Need and how we can use this example to remind us of one of our core values: *kindness*. Thanks to you we raised £349.04.

Last week we were awarded the DfE's Gold Award for being a Healthy School which incorporates our work on PE and food education. Read more about this in our [Mental Health and Well-being Blog](#). Thank you to Mr Mayling for his continued leadership in this area. On our [Sports Blog](#) you can read how our team of Year 5/6 athletes won the local area indoor championships to progress to the Torbay Finals.

Have a look under our [Creative Learning Blog](#) to find out how Torquay Fire Station surprised Reception when they visited school last Friday. Look in our [Staying Safe Blog](#) under *Well-being in Action* to find out how Birch Class in Year 3 explored cyber safety following the work done in Anti-bullying Week.

Follow this link <https://www.theschoolrun.com/2-times-table-learning> for some great advice to support learning the 2 times table at home. Look in the [Maths Blog](#) for two more maths challenges. This week, we have Bishop's Move and Initial Numbers. Take your solutions to Miss Wooldridge in Hazel Class on Friday at break time.

Understanding Behaviour

Continuing the theme from last week's newsletter about understanding behaviour, Mrs Pike and I thought it would be very interesting to share more of our work. At last week's conference we listened to a very engaging speaker and author, Jarlath O'Brien. In his book, *Better Behaviour—A Guide for Teachers*, he comments that nearly two decades of constant practice and reflection has led him to know the following to be true:

- *Some children regard schools as risky, unsafe places to be, where failure is inevitable and painful and must be avoided at all costs.*
- *Lasting behaviour change takes time.*
- *Learning needs to be an intrinsically rewarding experience.*
- *Behavioural difficulties can be regarded as demonstrations of skills gaps that are getting in the way of a child being successful*
- *Sometimes we choose actions, sanctions and punishments that only meet the needs of the adults. We do this in order to say that we dealt with a situation but, in reality, the situation remains, at best, unchanged. At worst, damaged.*
- *Time invested in children is never wasted.*

These are very interesting observations that help provide food for thought in all of our constant learning as educators and parents.

Governor Work and Amazing Business Manager

Thank you to our dedicated governors who attended school this week to review the end of year financial accounts. We very much appreciate their time and skills in helping ensure school systems are fit for purpose. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Colmer, our Business Manager, and Mrs Duff, our Senior Administrator, who have been working extra hard behind the scenes to ensure a successful audit by the school auditors, Bishop Fleming.

Local History Project Homework Fair

On Wednesday 27th November please remind your children to take their completed projects to their class. They will be setting them up for judging later on and after school they will be displayed in the hall for you to see after which you can take them home. Residents from Dunboyne Court will be judging and joining the children for lunch. It is a good opportunity to interact with the older generation.

For further information, [please follow this link](#).

More Exciting News!

Congratulations to Mrs Posey who gave birth to a little girl recently. We all wish her all the best.

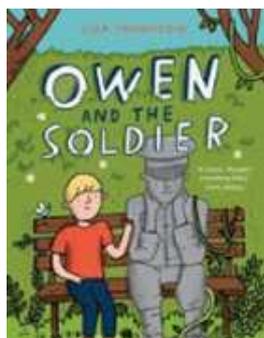
Token Collection for Collins Big Cat Reading Programme

If you are a reader of The Sun or know someone who is, we'd really like your help. We're aiming to collect 3500 tokens which are printed in The Sun every day starting from Saturday 23.11.19 and running until Saturday 18.1.20. If we reach our target we have a chance to claim a whole school reading scheme from Collins called *The Big Cat Reading Programme*. This would really help boost our reading collection so if you think you can help please do collect those tokens and send them in.

Polite Prompt for Polite Parking Please

Please can I again ask for your help with parking around school. Local residents regularly write to me with concerns about their drives being blocked and access for emergency vehicles being restricted. It must be very frustrating for them. Please can I appeal to you again for your consideration about this. Thank you.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Suitable for younger readers:
The Owen and the Soldier by
Lisa Thompson

Suitable for older readers: *The Girl who Stole an Elephant* by
Nizrana Farook



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations again to **Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **98.7%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **95.8% last week**



Stars of the Week

Beech	Lita - you are growing in confidence every day and joining in with all of our learning so much more. I have seen you smile more and more this week and that makes us all happy!
Pine	Lily Summer has shown great aspiration in writing a wonderful set of instructions this week. You are amazing Lily
Oak	Louis- for his fantastic effort and understanding in maths, listening to feedback and applying this to his learning. Thank you for always showing the school values- Well done Louis!
Apple	Summer - for going the extra mile and always thinking of the wonderful vocabulary which she uses to add interest to the written work she produces.
Birch	Leo - For always being kind, thoughtful and respectful to everyone. We are so lucky to have a role model like you in our class!
Rowan	Isla puts in 100% effort into everything she does. She is a kind and respectful friend and member of the class.
Cherry	Ben is showing real talent and aspiration in writing. This week he has not only been able to make some great vocabulary choices but also given clear explanations with examples - a great role model! We're really proud of you - well done!
Maple	Harry F- I have noticed a massive difference in your effort during lessons this week. It is fantastic to see you taking more responsibility for your learning. Keep it up!
Willow	Emily has been a fantastic role model to everyone throughout this week. She has been a great learning partner and has been aspirational in her own learning too! Well done Emily
Holly	Noah - For always working hard and challenging himself in lessons. His presentation is excellent and we are very proud of him. Well done!
Hazel	Lauren - you have really challenged yourself in maths and put huge effort into crafting a super piece of writing. I absolutely love this aspirational attitude that you're showing!
Hawthorn	Jake—for outstanding effort this week for making his parents proud for his Geography presentation

Diary Dates

Wed 27.11.19	Local History homework project competition —please bring entries in on this day. More information can be found under 'homework' under 'curriculum information' on the website.
Thur 28.11.19	PTA Crazy Hair Day in aid of Elfridges—KS2 please bring in a bottle / KS1 and Reception please bring a item in your class colour
Tue 3.12.19	KS1 Nativity at the Princess Theatre—2.00pm (siblings of a child in the show are welcome to attend if collected from school—please notify the office)
Fri 6.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum! Plus, <i>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day</i> —in aid of <i>Save the Children</i> —suggested donation of £1 PTA Christmas Fair after school
Mon 9.12.19	3.10pm in the school hall—PTA Mega Christmas Draw
Tue 17.12.19	6.00pm KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION