
Friday 10th March 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week of spring has hardly brought us spring like weather! While we didn't enjoy any snow, we have had lots of the wet stuff.

The term is racing by and it is only three more weeks until the Easter holidays. Hopefully the parent consultation meetings this week will have highlighted both the progress the children are making as well as the things they need to work on in the coming weeks.

One thing that came up in a number of the meetings was ideas for reading. While some authors are particularly popular with the children, reading a range of books will really help them to develop. This link may help. It suggests books for different age groups. There is a wide selection of books for all tastes. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/>

I did an assembly earlier in the week about kindness and shared some ideas of things children can do to show kindness to others both at school and at home too. Some of the children shared things they have done including a few who have tidied their bedrooms without being asked (always a plus) and helping with chores at home. Full list here: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/61-random-acts-kindness-kids>

I've been on the receiving end of some very kind comments myself this week. They related to the haircut I had last weekend - I will pass them on to the barber! In fairness my hair had become a bit unruly and it was described as being a bit of a 'gake show' (I hope that's the correct spelling). It's an expression that I have only ever heard used in this part of Devon - my mum used it often to describe how I looked years ago (so nothing changes).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

March 13

Football vs Langtree

March 17

Comic Relief

March 22

Girls' Football at SC

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Isla, Hunter, Morwenna

Panda Class – Pixie, Ewan

Koala Class – Evie, James

Christie had most house points

Other news this week

Comic Relief: On Friday 17th March there will be a Comic Relief cake sale and games. It will start at 3.20pm and run until 4.30pm. It will all take place on the School playground. We will need some cake donations so please leave cake donations in the school reception (don't forget to label with the ingredients).

The profit will be split 50/50 between Comic Relief and the SSSG. Please bring your change for cake and a bit of fun. The SSSG are fundraising for new Chromebooks.

During the day we are asking children to wear non-uniform for a donation. As it is PE Friday you can either jazz up your PE kit or wear something else which will need to be suitable to perform their PE lesson in.

Parents' Evenings: Thanks to everyone who attended this week. Taking into account a few rearranged meetings next week, pretty much 100% of parents/carers have attended which is fantastic. Hopefully you found the timings and the location (the hall rather than the classrooms) okay and received informative updates on your child's progress.

Football: Our school football team had a comprehensive 5-2 win against Monkleigh in our latest 5 a side league match on Monday after school. We have our final match this coming Monday against Langtree.

Fair Trade Conference: Four of our Year 5 pupils attended at Fair Trade conference on Monday, held at Hatherleigh School. They had the opportunity to learn more about what Fair Trade products are and why it is so important to many farmers in certain parts of the world. The children got to meet some coffee farmers from Rwanda and learnt about how coffee starts life as a cherry the seed from which eventually ends up in our coffee cup after many different processes and a very long journey. The four children were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Burton Gallery Schools Exhibition: This is now open and includes exhibits from Shebbear school. It continues until March 24th.
<https://www.burtonartgallery.co.uk/exhibitions-activities/the-annual-schools-exhibition>

Solar Farm Visit: As I write this on Thursday after school, I have just about dried out from our visit to the solar farm which is situated

Useful Links

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Safeguarding: Any concerns should be reported to Mr Alford who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. In his absence contact Mrs Gough or Mrs Evans.

Ofsted Parent View:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Latest Ofsted report:
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Friday 31st March is the last day of the spring term

Monday 17th April is when the summer term starts

Bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May

Week of the 29th May is half term

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June

Full date list can be found here:
<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

next to Roadford Lake. Sadly, we saw very little of the sun (although we were told that the solar panels still work well on a cloudy day) but if they could harness energy from rainfall, we would be laughing. It would be fair to say that it was a pretty damp afternoon which is a shame as it was really fascinating learning about how the panels work and transfer the energy they generate to the National Grid. We were able to shelter underneath the panels for a bit but finally had to accept that the weather had beaten us and returned back to school early.

And Finally, attached is a flyer giving details about a writing competition being run by the Appledore Book Festival.