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NEWSLETTER Thursday 30th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Well, this term has certainly flown by! Please read on to find out about all the amazing learning experiences the children have been having.

BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS

What fun we have had making connections in **Birch Class** this week. We started the week making connections with food chains & food webs. Then we became scientists experimenting with colour. The children loved the way the colours chased across the plate!



A showery, squelchy day at forest school last week for **Sycamore Class & Oak Class** but that didn't stop them getting stuck in with all their activities. They mixed up a batch of chocolate chip cookie dough to cook on the fire to enjoy with our hot chocolate which helped to warm them up and then carried out some scientific activities relating to soil. They made a penetrometer to check the soil compaction in different areas of the woods and then buried some squares of cotton in three different locations. The children will dig them up next time they go to see how much of the cotton has been eaten by microorganisms in the soil; the more that has been eaten, the healthier the soil. They also made some natural paint by crushing plants with a mortar and pestle. They then spent the afternoon practising knife skills and den building ... and demolishing! A fun time was had by all!



In science this week, **Oak class** were investigating levers and working out how far different weights needed to be from a fulcrum in order to balance a 1kg load - not as easy as it sounds!



EXPLORER DOME

What an immersive and exciting way to end a week of science learning. Each class did something a little different and were full of excitement after each show. Huge thanks to our PTFA and the Parish XXX for supporting us and enabling this event to take place!

Birch class loved their interactive session on the environment. They learnt a lot but were also told how knowledgeable the class was. 😊

Sycamore Class were fascinated when they learnt all about the digestive system and what happens as soon as food enters your body.

Oak Class rounded off their forces topic - The highlight was definitely the dry ice rockets: when the dry ice melted it turned immediately into a gas, filled the container and then needed to escape!



CHOIR EVENT ~ COLLABORATION AT ITS BEST!

Broadhempston and Landscope may be small schools, but their performance was mighty at the South Dartmoor Choir event on Wednesday. They enjoyed an afternoon of vocal coaching, sound checks, rehearsals and making oragmi butterflies out of music manuscript...an amazing experience! I am sure all the parents who attended would have been as proud as me when they stood to sing. Huge Thanks to Ellie Tarsky & Jenny Foster for enabling this opportunity to take place. Please follow this link to hear their sound check ~ it's fab!

<https://sway.office.com/DhUfG5P8N1Vtg3I3?ref=Link> (scroll down when on the sway)



CELEBRATING MUSIC -Our recorder teacher, Hester Sommerville, organized a concert at the Ashburton Arts Centre for her pupils – how lovely to see this photo of Poppy taking part.

Hester has also asked us to share the following: There will be an informal one-off orchestral rehearsal of Schubert's 5th Symphony this coming Saturday 1st April from 2pm-4pm in South Brent Village Hall. I will be playing flute. Children and their families are welcome to slip in quietly and listen for as little or as long as they'd like to. It would be a great opportunity to see and hear a full orchestra without having to pay for a ticket.



Well done to Miss Tarsky & the wild challengers, who have been awarded the RSPB Bronze award! I am told they are aiming for gold by the end of the summer... 😊

WILD CHALLENGE CLUB

Following on from making bird feeders the most recent project for a wild challengers was a catch and release mission! The children really enjoyed making their bug catchers and were able to catch some ants, spiders and woodlice.



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	96.1%
Birch Class	93.1%
Sycamore Class	96.7%
Oak Class	88.4%

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

Digital wellbeing relates to the use of technology (including games and apps) which can impact an individual's life, both positively and negatively. This can be a difficult area to target because everyone's experiences are different, but it can be useful to discuss with children aspects that can support digital wellbeing (e.g. positive influences) and what can affect digital wellbeing (e.g. exposure to abuse). South West Grid for Learning have a really good article, as well as signposting to useful resources including wellbeing tools on apps (such as TikTok, Instagram and YouTube). You can view the SWGfL article here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/digital-wellbeing/>



WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT

Our word this fortnight is: **oology** ~ oology is the study of eggs, especially birds eggs

REMINDER

Please remember to book your lunches via parent pay – the new menu is now available. Booking forms for Breakfast and after school clubs should also be emailed to adminbroadhempston@thelink.academy as soon as possible.

EASTER GARDENS

There were some amazing entries for the coronation themed Easter gardens. Mrs Carwithen and I added a new category as there were two particularly thought-provoking entries. Well done everyone!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18-20.4.23	Oak Class Bikeability. Permission forms to follow this newsletter.
18.4.23	Mr Tanner's Handball Club catch up session
21.4.23	PTFA second hand uniform sale – back playground

22.4.23	Love Your School Day
24.4.23	Premier Sports Tennis Club begins. Every Monday for half a term.
24.4.3	KS2 Football tournament
25.4.23	PTFA meeting in school – Oak Class 3:30. Children can attend the after school club free of charge whilst you attend the meeting.
1.5.23	BANK HOLIDAY
5.5.23	PTFA Red, White & Blue Coronation themed day.
8.5.23	BANK HOLIDAY
9.5.23	KS2 SATS week. Year 6 will be super busy this week as they take their SATS papers. Please ensure they are in school every day. We will ensure some treats along the way to keep their spirits up! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling) • Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper • Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning) • Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)
15.5.23	Oak & Sycamore Classes Forest school day
22.5.23	Birch Class Forest school day
26.5.23	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM 3:30pm
22-23.6.23	Sycamore Class wild wise camping trip
24.6.23	Village Summer Fete
28-30.6.23	Oak Class Mount Batten residential

END OF TERM

Just to remind you that tomorrow is our last day of term, and we will be finishing the day at 2.00 p.m. There will be a PTFA Easter Egg hunt at the Orchard for all the children to enjoy. Please join Jess and the team for this Eggstravaganza!

I wish you all a fabulous Easter break.

Jill Ryder.