

The Jubilee with Pebblebed Federation

Littleham C of E Primary School

Autumn Term 1



What an incredible return to school it has been for families! We would like to thank one and all for their support in helping to get children back in to routine and back to learning. The children should be very proud of themselves and how quickly they have adapted to new systems in school.

Sunflower Competition- The Results

More delights at the Littleham school garden. Children enjoy the sweet taste of their very own grapes and pick a bean or two! Lucas in Year 6 on the other hand is incredibly proud to be announced as the winner of the sunflower competition.



Garden -Blooming Marvellous!

Littleham pupils are delighted to be back to school and not just because they've been away for some time but because they still had crops to harvest in the school kitchen garden. Mrs Padbury and the children are grateful to Mr Bell and Mrs Legg from the Exmouth in Bloom Team who helped to keep the garden flourishing. The children showed they really do know their onions as they worked hard in the kitchen garden gathering food to take home and eat fresh or cook with their families.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Parent consultations. Pupil updates shared with families- 19th-22nd October.
- October Half Term - Fri 23rd October.
- Return to school - Mon 2nd November. (8.50 am for all children with a sibling in school. 9.10am for all single children.)
- Y6 moving on to Y7 in 2021- The deadline for admissions is 31.10.20 Parents must complete application. www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or 0345 155 1019
- British Legion- Poppy's will be on sale. Wed 4th Nov onwards.
- Children in Need – Mufti Day – Friday 13th November
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December

Day of Dance!

The PE curriculum was all the more exciting for the day when the whole school took part in a Day of Dance in partnership with South Dartmoor College. Children in Years 2-6 participated in a day of dance in celebration of being back to school but also as a means to explore further their school vision of, "Inspiring one another to live life in all its fullness". Children also reflected on the values that underpin the vision. To remember these values, we use the word 'LIFE' as an acronym. Love, Inspiration, Fellowship, Encouragement. Being fit and well in body and mind enables us all to achieve far greater than we ever thought possible.



Heads up

Mental Health and wellbeing have always been a priority in our school but now more than ever, it is at the forefront of what we do. The children have had the incredible opportunity to work with Paula Baker from the mental health group Heads Up. This is an organisation raising awareness of mental health through sport. All classes in the school have had the opportunity to work with Paula completing a session tackling issues connected to our well-being and looking at what is mental health? What emotions might we feel? The children explored the emotions of worry and anxiety, what they feel like and how we can use a variety of strategies to improve our mental health.

The children came up with some fabulous ideas for improving their mental health. Some of which included the importance of enjoying "fresh air time".

Some quotes:

"I think mental health is good for your actual health" Betty

"It's good to do things that make you feel relaxed" Betty

"We learned that we need to keep drinking water" Aaron

"She talked about fears, and that we need to talk to mummy, daddy, teachers and our friends." Isla.

"Making new friends is good for our mental health" Theo

"Heads Up gave children a safe space to talk about their emotions and worries as well as build their self-esteem." Mrs Plumridge

- End of Autumn Term - Friday 18th December.
- Spring Term begins- Tuesday 5th January 2021.
- Children starting Reception in September 2021. The deadline for admissions is 15.1.21 Parents must complete application. www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or 0345 155 1019.
- Spring Half Term- 15th-19th February 2021



Hello Yellow Day!

We brightened up our day by wearing something yellow and specifically focusing on positive mental health for young people. Our message for the day being, "You're not alone".



Forest School sessions with Mr Burnett

Children in Year 5 have enjoyed weekly sessions at the forest school and in particular developed further the art of cooperation and logical thinking as they solve "problems" as a team.

Outdoor Learning with Mr Slater & Co Adventurers

Groups of children have been working on developing their planning and thinking skills with Mr Slater in their weekly session of outdoor learning based up on our field and forest school area. Children mostly enjoyed lighting their very own small fires for the first time.



Refurbishment Complete

It may not seem like to news to many adults but for the children of our school it was big news to discover that finally the school toilets have all been fully refurbished. School council meetings will no longer feature the item of "when will the toilets be nicer!"



Focus on Science, Technology and Engineering-STEM.



Applying maths knowledge and skill across the curriculum proved very popular in Year 4 as they discovered for the first time how to make a circuit. It really was a lightbulb moment!

Keep Reading - we won 1st Prize!

Children in year 1 were very excited to open the box of books which was 1st prize in the Budleigh Literacy Festival prize draw. These books will be available in class and the library. They can be taken out by children to keep up their reading during half term. Please keep on encouraging your child to read at least 3 times a week at home. Many children are exceeding this and proving that if they read EVERY night they are rewarded in class and make amazing progress. Reading really is the first step to a successful learning journey.



Nursery News

This half term in Nursery we have been looking at how to look after ourselves and manage our feelings. We have thought about doing things we enjoy to make us happy like guinea pig cuddles! We have talked about a range of feelings and how we handle them the right way and learnt about belonging and friendship.



Focus on English-Book of Hopes

Children across the school all started with the same theme in English writing- Hope. Children have listened to and written pieces that express what it means to feel hopeful in challenging times. This has helped many build on their understanding of strength, resilience and to never give up.



Staff professional development

Staff have also been busy learning new skills. The focus for staff this has term has been on two main areas; how to use Google classroom and developing strategies to support children to have positive mental health and well-being. Both in response to the changing times we all find ourselves in as we learn to live with COVID restrictions.

Congratulations-Pride of Devon Award!

We are extremely proud of Shannon in Year 5 as she been recognised as one of Devon's brilliant young carers and received the child of Achievement Award 2020. Shannon you are an inspiration.



Parent Teacher Family Association

If you think you may have some time or ideas on how to support school in terms of raising funds then the PTFA would like to hear from you. They are a small, friendly group of parents who do a great job of fund raising throughout the year for school. Contact the office with your details if interested.

School Website and a virtual tour just for you!

Is your child starting school in September 2021?
Or perhaps you would simply like a virtual tour of the school this academic year. Please visit the school website for a viewing.

Direct contact with your child's class teacher

If you need to contact your Child's class teacher, you can now do so by using the class email address. Please note that this will be checked once a week so for more urgent matters please continue to email the school office.

YRTeacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y1Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y2Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y3Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y4Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y5Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Y6Teacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
HubTeacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
Nurseryteacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
SendTeacher@littleham.devon.sch.uk
HOL@littleham.devon.sch.uk

COVID reminders:

If someone shows symptoms of being unwell, which could potentially be symptoms of Coronavirus, they are asked to stay at home to isolate and arrange a test.

If symptoms begin while they are in school, they will be sent home to isolate and arrange a test.

If someone in the household has symptoms that could be Coronavirus, the rest of the household will also need to isolate until you get the test results back. Your child should be tested as soon as possible if they have any symptoms of coronavirus.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

The test needs to be done in the first 5 days of having symptoms. You do not need to get a test if they have no symptoms, or if you have different symptoms.

You can book a Coronavirus test online via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Or call 119 to get a test if you have problems using the internet.

During half term why not ...



Have a wonderful half term and stay safe and well.

Mrs S. Padbury

