



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 who played in the handball festival at KEVICC and won. Year 6 are through to the finals. Usbourne Books held the book fair on Monday and most of the classes purchased new books using the money raised from World Book Day when all children and staff came dressed up as a book character. Year 5 have walked to KEVICC today for a Fairtrade Conference and will tell us a bit more about it for next week's newsletter.

Easter Hamper Winner – Isla in Maple Tree Class

Kellie Bishop one of our TA's in Early Years made an Easter Hamper and sold 'lucky squares' to win the Easter Hamper. The draw took place in assembly on Friday and Isla won it. Kellie raised £175.00 which will go to the school. Thank you so much for everyone who bought a square! See Isla's winning picture on the last page. We are in the process of making another Easter Hamper so keep a look out for those lucky squares.

School Council

We have decided that Key Stage 2 children are now allowed to bring their own pencil cases to school. You can bring pencils, rulers, erasers, gel pens and fibre tips including friction pens (biros are not appropriate for school learning). Pens should be dark blue if they are intended for writing in school. The School will of course provide these items for any child not wishing to bring their own.

Well done to Willow Tree class – they won the tidiest class of the school award from the School Council!.

We also have the last few classes to bake for our Friday CRY fundraising stall. The dates in advance are - Friday 10th March (this week) Maple tree class and Friday 17th Flame tree class. Please drop off cakes/biscuits at reception. You will notice some school councillors running the stall - please encourage children to line up.

Important Information about clubs

Invasion Games and Pottery club have now finished for this term. Due to parent consultations taking place next week the following clubs will not be on:- Dance and Gymnastics, Construction Club, Story Club, Chess Club and 11 Plus familiarisation. Craft Club, Running Club, Choir, Table Tennis, Art Club and both Shear Soccer Clubs will still be on.

Ginkgo Tree Class volunteers for trips needed

Mr Gude and his class need help with three trips. The first one is on Monday 13th March to walk with the class to Totnes Library at 9.50 and come back about 11 ish. The second one is on Tuesday 14th March and is a walk around Totnes town at 9.25 and back at 12.30 ish. The third is on Thursday 30th March with all the class going by coach to Plymouth University leaving here at 9.00 spending the day at the University and travelling back by 3 pm.

Maple Tree Class volunteers needed for a trip

Mrs Moore and her class also need one adult to help with the trip to Plymouth University on Thursday 30th March from 9.00 until 3pm.

Flame Tree Class volunteers needed for a trip

Mrs Fernyhough and Mr Brudenell also need two adults to help with the trip to Plymouth University on Thursday 30th March from 9.00 until 3.00 pm.

The PTA

A lot of parents have asked about making a regular donation to the PTA to help the school. This week in the children's book bags there is a letter and form which you can fill in, sign and take to your bank. This will be a very easy way to generate money for the PTA which, of course, goes directly to the children's experience at the school.

We really appreciate your ongoing support and would like to thank you in advance. There is, of course, no obligation to make a donation.

The Governors

The Resources committee met last week to agree our new school budget. Our lead Early Years governor has been spending time in our Reception Unit seeing how everything works and what a great job our Early Years team is doing. She really enjoyed looking at Tapestry – the online reporting system for staff and parents which has received great feedback from parents also.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Banyan Tree Class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Maple Tree Class on Friday 17th March at 2.45 pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Isla with her winning Easter Hamper

