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A message from the Headteacher

Many thanks for all of your support with our Food Bank collection for Harvest. The food bank were delighted with all of the packets and tins that you collected and they will really help people in our local community who may need help over the cold winter months. We would also like to thank the Friends of Orchard Vale for arranging the fabulous disco for the children which was so well attended. I am looking forward to some of the great events that they have planned in the run up to Christmas, so look out for this information in the newsletters.

This month our Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare for Schools performers will be presenting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Exeter Phoenix

theatre and we wish them and Mrs Lavictoire every success with their first performance. The school will be watching their dress rehearsal last week and learning more about the story.



National Outdoor Learning Day—Nursery

For outdoor learning day we took part in a whole class experiment, we called it our **Glitter Germs experiment**. We talked to the children about keeping ourselves clean and healthy, the idea of germs is very abstract to these children so we decided to do an experiment to show them how quickly and how far germs can be spread.

The children had to each dip their hands into the 'glitter germs' and then make their way around the Forest School area touching things to see what would happen to the germs. The children were all amazed at how quickly the germs stuck to everything and how many there were all over the forest school.

Then we made our way back into nursery to test which was the best way to wash our hands, just with water or with soap and water.



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Forthcoming Events

November 21st Year 5 6 Rising Stars—Falcons

November 23rd FOOV—Polar Express Evening

November 29th Year 5 6—Tarka Tennis

December 4th Year 5 6—Sports Hall Athletics

December 5th FOOV—Tuck Shop

December 6th Whole School Christmas Dinner

December 7th School Choir 6.30 - Barnstaple Town Council Christmas Fayre

December 12th—Whole School Christmas Celebration Day and Evening

December 13th Pantomime —Beauty and The Beast Queens Theatre.

December 14th Christmas Jumper Day

Choir singing at Asda and 2 residential homes.

PARKING

Please be aware that the bus stop outside of the school has been painted with a broad yellow line, now making it illegal to park.

Spotlight on Staff: Leanne May

Favourite Book—Harry Potter

Favourite Film—My Best Friends Wedding.

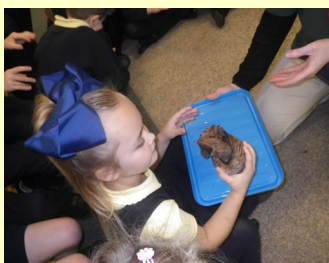
Favourite Food—Cheese

Hero—Gary Linekar



Key Stage 1 visit from Exmoor Zoo

Portia from the zoo brought a variety of animals which live in the Rainforest. The children learnt what a Tenrec was, they are similar to hedgehogs and talk to each other through their quills. She also showed us a snake (which children had the opportunity to touch if they wanted to), a millipede and a Great African snail. The children acted out the 4 layers of the rainforest.



Year 5 /6 Visit to Hampton Court



A report from 3 children in Year 5 /6.

Hampton Court was an amazing experience for everyone. We all had lots of fun! We explored the extraordinary gardens, rooms and ground, including the Great Hall and many more. We had our fabulous tour guide (Mistress Harris) who gave us lots of information and facts about each room as well as many of the jobs available in the Tudor times.

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A greener Christmas

To try to cut down on our paper waste we would like to encourage a greener Christmas. We would like to ask for your support on this. From the beginning of December instead of buying a box of cards for your child to give out to their class we would like them to donate this money to their class Christmas jar, in return they will get their name put on the Christmas board in their class wishing their class mates a Merry Christmas. The money that is raised will be used by the class to buy fruit trees and vegetable seeds for our allotments.



Recycling Project

Mr Luttman's class are going to be creating a variety of sea themed recycled objects. Could you please bring in any shape or colour plastic bottles, boxes or containers.

You can help turn these...



into these...



Year 5 /6 Shakespeare Production

A Mid Summer Nights Dream

A report from the children who took part in the Shakespeare Production.

Shakespeare was a breath taking experience that we will remember for the rest of our lives. When you perform you become the world of Shakespeare you just have to let yourself become the character. We all are so proud of our achievements, we have created funny memories and moments along the way. It will be sad not rehearsing and practising every week. However, we have created friendships and memories alongside making the stage come alive with our story.

Remembrance Service

A small group of Year 5/6 children went to Rock Park Memorial to represent the school in the towns Remembrance Service. The rest of the school attended a whole school Remembrance Service at the Whiddon Valley Church. Some of the children made their own poppies and laid them on the school turning circle.

