

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Thursday 22nd March 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents, relatives and friends of our **Y3, 4 and 5 classes** who came to support the children as they performed **'Darwin Rocks'** for us yesterday. What a performance! I was **immensely proud** of every individual on the stage and was delighted to see how confident the children were and how much they were enjoying the show themselves. I would like to again thank all of the children and staff involved and to every one of you for supporting your children over the past few weeks as they've prepared their lines, songs, dance routines and for helping with the costumes. It was definitely worth all of the hard work.

I am also delighted to let you know that we have raised a further **£124.72** for the **African Children's Choir**, who are our school charity this year. This gives us a total so far of **£231.69** - Thank you.

I hope everyone has got the message that we are holding a **mufti day tomorrow for Sport Relief**. The Y4 children know they need to bring their school jumpers as they will be out on a trip. Please encourage your children to raid their own pocket money and piggy banks to bring in a donation for this very worthwhile cause.

One final plea for fundraising: Mrs Simpson (Ella and Isabelle's mum) is running the London marathon this year and will be collecting for the Prader Willi Syndrome Society (which you may remember was our school charity last year). If you would like to sponsor her please either contact the school office and we will let her know, or speak to her on the playground.

As this is the final newsletter for this term I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 17th April, ready for the summer term!

Kind regards,

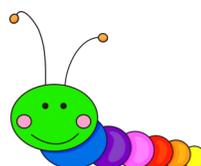


Cup winners	09.03.18	16.03.18
Friendship Trophy	Archie Marley	Ivy Tuimanu and Alice El Morshdy
Courtesy Cup	Matei Iacoban and Tyler McGrath	Safa Lavelle and Charlie Campbell
Perseverance Trophy	Blade Horrell	Oscar Carus
Reading Award	Matilda Betts	Bethany Lewis
Class Cup	Year 1	Year 3
House Cup	Wembury	Jennycliff

Hungry Caterpillar News

Dig It Day was a great day and the children thoroughly enjoyed being outside, enjoying time in the conservation area, planting seeds, setting up the composter, clearing the key hole garden to start planting when the warmer weather comes! Thank you to the parents who came in to share the day.

Radio Devon have a competition to win raised beds, growing equipment or gift vouchers which would be amazing to win to help with our growing. Children are asked to design a scarecrow using whatever materials you like. If you would like to have a go, entries must be in school by Wednesday 28th March.



Key Dates for 2018/2019

29 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4

17 Apr Start of Term 5

3 May School closed for polling

11 May Y1 Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

17 Jul 2.30pm Open Afternoon

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6

5 Sept Start of Term 1

19 Oct End of Term 1

29 Oct Start of Term 2

19 Dec End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

15 Feb End of Term 3

25 Feb Start of Term 4

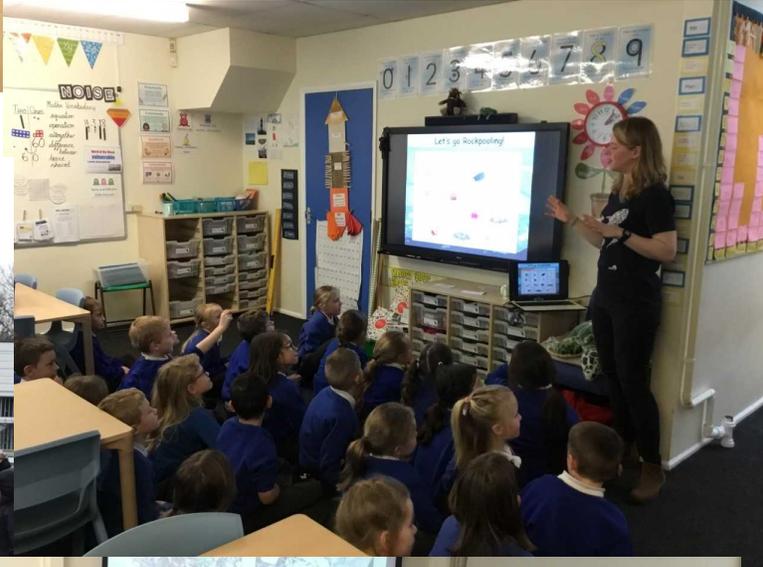
5 Apr End of Term 4

24 Apr Start of Term 5

24 May End of Term 5

3 Jun Start of Term 6

19 Jul End of Term 6



Science Week

Weekly Cup Winners



The Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board is pleased to announce the launch of their new website at www.plymouthscb.org.uk on 7 March 2018.

A new site has been launched to provide a user friendly site, which is easier to navigate and brings together information for children, young people, parents and families, as well as professionals who work with them.

You can read about the latest information and updates in safeguarding children and young people, access campaign information, find out more about the PSCB, its members and meeting dates and gain access to up to date training information and materials.

The website is at pilot stage, with certain elements still in "test" and subject to further amendment

Environmental enforcement officers

From Monday 19th March extra officers will be patrolling the streets outside Plymouth schools to help crackdown on things like dog fouling, littering, fly-posting and fly-tipping.

The officers will be able to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Littering and fly-posting both carry an £80 penalty while dog fouling costs offenders £100, fly-tipping is a £400 fine.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our book fair. You spent £378 and raised £94 for books for the library. Well done to everyone who entered the competitions. The winners all chose books from the fair. All entries will be shown on the reading display in the hall.

No Smoking

Please be reminded that there is NO smoking within the school grounds and building, this also includes the use of vaping devices.



Chinwag Challenge Question

Would you rather live in a place that is always hot or always cold?

Newsletter Team

Did you know that more people have been into space than have visited the bottom of the ocean? During British Science Week, Year 3 along with several other local schools, visited the National Marine Aquarium. The children learnt about the staff in the Aquarium and their jobs, and they tested a submarine to see what they needed to do to make it sink slowly. They took part in a virtual reality experience where they became virtual divers and were surrounded by fish and other sea creatures. They were lucky enough to have a tour of the Aquarium and encountered sharks, squid, octopus and other creatures. This was all before lunch! All the children then took part in an assembly about British Science Week and Eva was invited to lounge on a beach in cool sunglasses! The point of the assembly was to learn about how plastic pollution is becoming a big problem and is a danger to our world. All the children had a wonderful experience and learnt lots of amazing new facts. Did you know that the ocean is so deep in some parts that it is impossible for humans to visit the sea bed?

Word of the week until May Half Term

19th March curriculum
26th March gloated
16th April anxiety
23rd April boomed
30th April vigorous
7th May blanched
14th May continental
21st May precocious

Menu Change for Thursday 29th March

The kitchen will be serving:
Fish Finger wrap or
cheese and onion pasty with
potato wedges and salad
Jacket potato with cheese or
beans.

Followed by Spring biscuits,
fresh fruit or yoghurts.

School Bank

There will be no school bank
until after the Easter Holidays.

