



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 10 / 11 19**  
**Friday 11th February 2011**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

Ismay: for settling into school well and being very sensible changing for swimming this week.

James: for working hard and always doing his best.

Ella: for consistently producing good work.

Jake: for making particular effort with mental maths.

branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

The children had a really interesting assembly this week when James Chubb, East Devon District Council's Education Ranger, talked to the children about his recent visit to Namibia. He told the children about all the animals he'd seen out there. He also went to a town in Namibia and was shocked to discover that the children were not aware of the animals they would find in their own country, they thought they would see penguins. He arranged a visit to a farm to show them some of the native animals. The talk was particularly relevant to class one who are learning about the animals in our environment this term. We hope to exchange emails with the school that James visited.

The children in class two have been making more religious artefacts to put on our special table during Collective Worship. Artefacts were bought last year from the Cathedral shop but the children asked if they could make some more as a link with our topic about Christian signs and symbols. We will display the children's finished work shortly.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

**Netball Match**

Congratulations to the school netball club who visited St Nicholas Junior School on Wednesday evening for some friendly matches. Although they didn't win the matches they played really well against a team of older children and showed great sportsmanship.

**Parent Governor Election Letter**

We are sending home today details about our forthcoming Parent Governor Election. Each parent is permitted to put themselves forward, hence the children may bring home two letters. If you would like to know more about what is involved in being a Governor then speak to Nicola who can try to arrange for you to have a chat with one of the current Governors.

### **Chicken Pox**

We do have a case of chickenpox amongst the children at the moment. Chickenpox is infectious in its early stages from 1-2 days before until 5 days after the spots first appear. The incubation period for chickenpox is between 13 and 17 days after contact with the infected person. Pregnant women who have not had chickenpox before should contact their doctor or midwife as soon as possible.

### **Work Experience**

Next week we welcome a past pupil to the school on work experience. Richard Molyneux will be joining us; he now attends Colyton Grammar School.

### **Meal Time Assistant**

We are still looking for a meal time assistant to help Sheleen on a Tuesday. This can be a voluntary or paid position. If you are available, or know of someone else who may be interested, please get in touch with Mrs Gray.

### **Insect Hotel**

We will be starting Eco-club again soon and one of the first things that we will be doing is a project with pre-school to build an insect hotel. By creating the right habitats we hope to greatly increase the number of beneficial insects in the garden and provide homes for insects whose numbers are declining such as bumblebees. Insect hotels can be made from all sorts of recyclable materials. Anything with holes for bees such as garden canes, old terracotta plant pots or pieces of clay pipe, dead wood, small pieces of old carpet or bricks with holes in. Please bring in anything you may have that would be suitable. See the photo below for inspiration.



### **World Book Day**

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and we are planning some very exciting activities. Firstly, children can come to school wearing a mask of their favourite character, so start thinking about what to make and how you might make it. Secondly, we will be holding a bedtime story session after school. Children can bring their pyjamas and a cuddly toy and we will provide hot chocolate and toast until 5pm. We would love parents and people from

the school community to get involved by reading their favourite bedtime story to the children. We would especially like to encourage boys to read and so would particularly like to invite male readers to the event. Dads, Grandads, Uncles please get involved. Please note on the form below if you would like to come along and read for us.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

We will be holding a parents evening on Wednesday 2nd March.

Our pancake races will take place on Tuesday 8th March.

Further information about both of these events will be sent out shortly

### **PTFA Date for your diary**

On Friday 29th April "Real World" will be performing at the Village Hall in aid of PTFA funds. Posters will be up soon and tickets will go on sale on the 1st March.

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### **World Book Day**

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to come and read a bedtime story on World  
Book Day. I would like to read (an extract from)

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