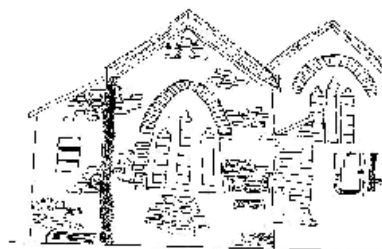




**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
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**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Tilly: Good effort in speeding up whilst completing her work

Harvey: Joining in so well in assembly with performing the songs

Annabelle: Working independently to complete a homework research project

Felix: Working hard to learn his lines for the play

Dear Parents

A massive well done to all the children that took part in the Exe Valley Challenge at the weekend. You should be very proud of yourselves – and you looked super in your yellow t-shirts! A big thank you to all the staff and parents who gave up their Sunday to support this event.



On Wednesday 6th July, Class Two worked outdoors with the National Trust, completing a range of activities to support our Science work this term on the topic of sound and hearing. First, they listened quietly and recorded some of the sounds they could hear, trying to identify what was making those sounds. They discussed how sounds are made and used bamboo to make a set of panpipes with different pitched notes. They noticed that the longer sticks made lower sounds. Finally, the children discussed how sound can travel through solids and liquids as well as through gases (like air). They experimented with moving further and further apart to see how far the sound of our speaking voices would travel.



Later the children used paper cups to make a string telephone and noticed how the sound of their voices travelled further along a taut piece of string than it did through the air.

To support this term's Science investigations involving water, floating and sinking, Class One worked with the National Trust and used natural materials to build model rafts.

They began by looking at a range of materials and investigating which ones would float. Then the children built their own rafts out of materials such as sticks, string and cardboard. They had to consider how to attach the materials together and how to waterproof their rafts. The rafts were tested to see if they would hold a cargo of a boiled egg and keep it out of the water!



Also this week Class 1 have been investigating the properties of a variety of liquids using Litmus paper to find out whether they were acid, neutral or alkali. First the children noted their predictions before putting a drop of the solution being tested into small pots. Then they dipped the indicator into the liquid and observed the change in colour. They needed to know what colour the Litmus paper would change to with an acid, alkali or neutral. They recorded their results in a table. The children found out that some acids like lemon juice and vinegar taste sour and that water is a neutral, which means that it is neither an acid or an alkali.

Class Two has been a little smaller for much of this week as most of our Year 6 have been enjoying their transition days at Sidmouth College. From the reports that have trickled back so far, it sounds like they have been having a great time! The rest of the class have been busy while they have been away and especially enjoyed welcoming Year 2 on Monday afternoon for another

transition visit, in which they were learning a little more about the plans for the Rio Olympics '16 and comparing the ancient and modern Olympics.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Clarinets

We would like to remind parents that we will be holding a special sharing assembly on Wednesday 13th July at 2.45pm, when the children will be performing a few pieces of music on the clarinets, to demonstrate what we have been learning in our Music lessons this term.

School Play

Next week, children in Years 2 to 6 will be preparing for our end of year play. Please remember that the children will need to bring their costumes to school next week, preferably in a labelled carrier bag. We will need these by Friday at the very latest for our dress rehearsal.

Textiles Club

We are intending to run textiles club on the last day of term. If your child would normally attend this club, please can you let us know whether they will be attending on this day by completing and returning the attached form. Thank you.

School Photos

If returning your orders via the school, please make sure that they are in the box by Tuesday morning. You will have noticed there are more choices regarding the choices of photos this time, however, the children will still be having individual portrait photos in the first half of the autumn term.

Menu Change – Thursday 21st July

The kitchen will be serving fish and chips on the last day of term, not roast gammon.

Question of the week:

Class 1: You get 3 wishes, what are they and what happens when you get them?

Class 2: Who is your favourite Olympic hero and why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be across the federation this week attending end of term events. If you need to speak to her Alice can always get hold of her.

Monday 11th July	Open afternoon, 3.25-5pm
Monday 18th July	Summer Performance, 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Final C2 swimming session (note date change)
Wednesday 20th July	Federation Olympic Games at the village field – further details to follow
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Service, St Winifred's, 9.15am Last day of term

Collective Worship

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Perseverance. We hope your family will find this week's information interesting to read and discuss.

TALK ABOUT PERSEVERANCE TOGETHER...

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?

Textiles Club – Thursday 21st July

My child.....**will/will not** (*please delete one*) be attending
textiles club on this day.

Signed.....date.....