



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 4th April 2014

**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Izzy: Improved results in mental maths

Bjorn: Being friendly, having fun, and playing together well.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

It's been a super last week of term. In connection with the anniversary of WW1, Class 2 have made a detailed investigation of the Branscombe War Memorial. We have made sketches and rubbings. Some of the children have even carried out calculations to estimate its weight! Research into the names of soldiers who died in the war have shown that they used to live in houses that some of the children in the class currently live in. Most of our information has been gleaned from the commonwealth war graves commission website and the website of the Branscombe Project. As a result of our research we have produced a collection of poetry which will be displayed at the Village Hall during the Branscombe Project Exhibition between 10th and 16th April, 12pm – 5pm. The poems will also be entered into an East Devon District Council competition relating to the War Memorials near to local primary schools.

The children had their last gymnastics lesson with the Broadhembury pupils yesterday. It was great to see so many parents joining us for the performances. I hope you enjoyed watching the children. The progress they have made over the 6 weeks has been excellent.

Every child also visited the Life Education Caravan yesterday – I hope they've told you about some of the things they learnt about and that those of you who managed to attend the parent workshop felt it was a valuable resource.

This morning the whole school was entertained by Class 2 who have been having percussion sessions this term. They performed brilliantly and it was lovely to see that they were clearly enjoying themselves as they played. If you and your child are interested in drum lessons as a result of this term's percussion experience the company we used were 'CPB Percussion' and they can be contacted on 01626 332759.

Next term Class 1 will be learning about 'Plants' and Class 2 will be studying 'Egypt'.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely Easter.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: In what way do plants help animals to survive?

Class 2: What do you know about ancient Egypt?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school for part of Tuesday, and all day on Wednesday and Thursday when we return from the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school.
Friday 25th April	First after-school Football club
Tuesday 29th April	First after-school Gardening club
Wednesday 30th April	Netball and Construction clubs restart
Thursday 1st May	African garden building day
	Textile Club restarts

Friday Football

Thanks to all those who have returned slips for the Friday Football sessions. This will begin on Friday 25th April, and will run for 6 sessions at a cost of £12 per child. Permission slips and payment details will be sent out when we return from Easter.

African Garden building day

Thanks to all who have agreed to provide materials for this. We are still in need of quite a few things so if you are able to provide anything, even if it is just the use of some tools for the day, please use the form below to let us know. Thank you.

Branscombe Beach Clean and Wild Art

The National Trust will be holding a family beach clean followed by a Wild Art session on Friday 11th April 10am -1pm. Come and help the National Trust Rangers tidy this beautiful beach as part of the Marine Conservation Society Adopt a Beach scheme. All ages welcome, gloves and bags provided. Stick around after the beach clean and have a go at creating some beach sculptures.

"Little Green Sprouts"

A few weeks ago we told you about Little Green Sprouts, an initiative run by Suttons Seeds. Leaflets with more information are being sent home today. Every time you order gardening equipment and supplies online at

http://www.littlegreensprouts.co.uk/branscombe_cofe_primary_school, the school will earn "sprouts" that we can use to purchase seeds and equipment for school.

Love 2 Learn

We have been invited to participate in the Love 2 Learn campaign, which is being run by the Plus Club in schools in Devon. If parents buy fun educational resources, games and toys through the website using the special code, the school will earn a discount for our resources. Further information is attached.

African Garden

I (name) _____ would be able to provide the

following materials to help make the African Garden:

- ☐ A quantity of stones, bricks or wood for the walls
- ☐ 12-15 1.5m canes / sticks
- ☐ 10m garden twine
- ☐ Willow / hazel bendy twigs or chicken wire to weave the central basket
- ☐ About 1 cubic metre of mixed soil and compost
- ☐ (Optional) some rocks / small rubble / old tins for drainage
- ☐ Spare spades, forks or trowels to borrow just for the day