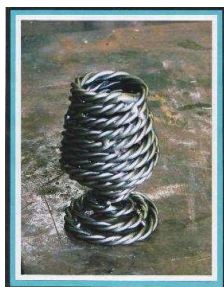


**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008**



*This week's winning team was the Reef Knot Team with 69 points.*

### **Mill on the Brue**

Class 3 and the accompanying staff had a wonderful time at Mill on the Brue last weekend. The children were a delight to take away and were a credit to the school. We have made some discs of all the photos that the staff took. Parents are welcome to borrow these to print off pictures. If you would like to borrow one please give your name in to the office and we will loan them out over the next couple of weeks.

We have also put up a display of photos and follow up work in the Computer Room. You are welcome to come in and have a look before or after school.

### **Cathedral Concert**

A reminder that tomorrow Class 3 have been invited to sing in the cathedral. The arrangements are as follows.

- Children need to arrive at the Cathedral for 2:00pm.
- The children will then be involved in final rehearsals.
- At 3:45 the children will have a break and they can bring some refreshments to have at this time.
- School staff will be at the Cathedral during the rehearsal time and parents are free to go and do some shopping in Exeter!
- At 4:30pm the concert will begin and it is anticipated that this will last for approximately 50 minutes. Parents are welcome to come and watch the performance. Children will be free to leave at about 5.30pm.

### **Grizzly**

Good luck to April who is running in the Grizzly this weekend to raise funds for the PTFA. If anyone would like to sponsor her there is a form at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **Books for Sale**

There are some books for sale in the entrance hall from The Book People. They will be available until 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Allotment**

Due to the Grizzly and the poor weather forecast we will not be laying the path at the allotment this weekend. We will arrange another time in due course.

## Recipe Book.

A reminder about the recipe book we are trying to produce. You will remember that last term we were hoping to produce a Branscombe School Recipe book. Unfortunately we only had a hand full of healthy recipes and photos sent into school. The printer's artist however, has done some work on the format of the book which we have printed here.

We are really pleased with the design and hope that this will inspire more families to do some cooking over half term. Please send any contributions into school after half term, preferably by email to

[admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk)

or memory stick. For each page we need the ingredients, method and what you like about the recipe. We also need photos of the cooking process, the finished product and the children eating the healthy meal.



## A Message from the School Council

To raise money for the School Community Fund the members of the School Council have decided to use the knot shapes that are painted on the playground. On the knot we are going to collect a row of coins. But to do this we need your help! We would like you to start collecting coins to place on the knots. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April we would like people to bring in their coins and during the day we will place them on the team knot that we each belong to.

School Council members will then help Mrs Gray count the money and take it to the Post Office. The community fund is used to sponsor Grace in Ghana and also for helping people in our own community e.g. buying flowers for someone who is poorly.

Please, please, please start collecting coins! School Council members have also designed some posters to advertise the day which you will see around school.

## Head lice

We have had several concerned phone calls from parents this week about an increase in the number of head lice found in the children's hair. Would all parents please check, and if necessary treat, their children's heads? This does need to be a joint effort – if one child goes untreated then those that have been checking and treating will soon be infested again.

## Tag Rugby

Congratulations to Year 3 and 4 who made a tremendous effort at the Tag Rugby competition yesterday, playing against stiff opposition from much bigger schools. Their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places were a real achievement – well done.

**Netball Club**

We have had a very poor response to the offer of an after school netball club. If your child would like to take part please fill in the slip below. Netball club takes place each Thursday at the Village Hall at 3.30pm. Children should be collected at 4:15pm.

**First Aid**

A reminder that Mrs Crawford would like to start a First Aid club on Friday lunch times. She will be using a specially designed programme from St John Ambulance. If your child would like to take part please fill in the slip below.

**Mobile phones**

A reminder that the PTFA are collecting old mobile phones. Please ask family and friends for any phones that are no longer used and place them in a special envelope in the entrance hall.

**Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers**

The two supermarkets are once again giving out vouchers for schools. We really benefit from these schemes and would encourage you to collect as many vouchers as possible for school. The collection boxes are in the entrance hall.

**Swimming**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March the years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in an inter school swimming gala at Sidmouth Swimming Pool from 1:00pm until 3:00pm.

We have arranged transport to the event at a cost of £3.60 per child. In order to keep costs to a minimum and after talking to parents we are asking for the children to be collected from the pool at 3:00pm. If this proves difficult for anyone please see Mrs Crawford ASAP. Please fill in the permission slip below.

**Internet Safety**

We are sending home a leaflet with this newsletter which you may find interesting.

**School Dinners**

Every Friday the school dinners will be served in a bag for example this week it was fish and chips. Also on March 20<sup>th</sup> the children will be having a Easter Egg shaped biscuit for pudding and there will be a special Easter Egg Lucky Tray Day.

**Football**

There have been concerns recently about younger children being hurt by the football before and after school. The school council have voted on this and decided that football will only be allowed at break times. Before and after school the children will be allowed to play 'handball', but if this continues to be a problem we will review the situation again.

## Swimming Gala Class 2

Name of child.....

I would like my child to take part in the Swimming Gala Yes/No

Swimming ability (grades etc.).....

I enclose £3:60 towards transport. I understand that I will need to collect my child from Sidmouth Pool at 3:00pm.

Any further information

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## Netball Club

I give my permission for ..... to attend Netball club

Thursdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Signed.....

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## The Grizzly

I will sponsor April Rose £..... for taking part in the Grizzly to raise money for Branscombe Schools PTFA activity area fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

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## First Aid Course

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the First Aid course on Friday lunchtimes with Mrs Crawford.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_