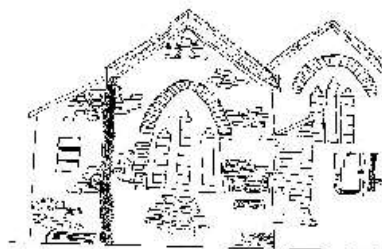




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Isla: Settling in to school life wonderfully and making the most of all learning experiences

Ismay: Caring for and supporting the other children in their learning

Roxie: Commitment to learning in literacy

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday this week, Branscombe school had their first "Ready, Steady, Write" day of this academic year. The focus of the day was the story of Noah's Ark, which both classes have been learning about in their RE lessons this term. The day began with the children acting out the story, some playing the parts of Noah and his family and others playing the parts of the animals. There was some discussion about how it might have felt on the Ark and Miss Moss made a rainbow, using Skittles and warm water.



Then, the children chose from three activities: making model animals from play dough, painting pictures of their chosen animals or weaving a rainbow. Later the children worked in their classes to discuss the story further and then wrote in role as one of the characters from the story. Class 1 wrote diary entries and Class 2 planned and wrote a story about one of the animals and what happened to them on the Ark. At the end of the day the children had the opportunity to share their artwork and writing and also talked about the Learning Powers they had used: the perseverance of tortoises, the absorption of beavers and the imagining of the unicorn.

On Wednesday this week, Class 1 joined Farway and Broadhembury in a trip to Honiton Leisure

Centre for a Gymnastics workshop led by the Honiton Learning Community. The children really enjoyed the experience and had great fun learning new skills. The children had the opportunity to use different pieces of equipment as well as learning new skills such as balancing in different ways and completing forward rolls at different levels. They were asked to work in small groups to have a go at all sorts of exciting challenges and by the end of the session, were able to combine all that they had accomplished to perform a small routine. Well done Class 1 - Miss Harvey-Jones was very proud of both your behaviour and the effort that you demonstrated towards your learning.



Class 2 have had several visits from a friend of Miss Moss this week, mosaic artist Lucy Tyte, who came to work with the children on their final projects in this term's Art project, making mosaics using tiles. Each of the children designed and made a pot stand, using square tiles to create patterns. This has given them the opportunity to develop lots of new skills and has required lots of concentration!

Next week is a very busy one. Monday both Classes have a session with the National Trust (please see the further notice below regarding this) and next Thursday is our Federation Roman day for the KS2 children at Farway Primary School. We are very much looking forward to the Roman Road-Show and feast. You should have received a letter and SOE3 for this event. Please see Alice if not.

Also next week is our parents' evening; Miss Moss and Miss Harvey-Jones are looking forward to talking to you about your child's progress. Time slots should be with you by early next week.

Next Friday Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual photos. Please ensure that your child comes to school with full school uniform on that day, with a fresh sweatshirt! Children may wish to bring a hairbrush to school for that day.

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

Question of the week:

Class 1: What is the most incredible or amazing thing that you have ever seen in real life?

Class 2: We have been thinking this week about serving the local community. Mahatma Ghandi famously said, **'Be the change you want to see in the world.'**

What change would you like to see in your local community?

How could you help to serve the community by making that change happen?

Yellow Polo Shirt Reminder

Last term the PTFA kindly purchased a set of yellow polo shirts for the children to wear when attending events. We are delighted that these are being made use of but would like to remind parents that when the children bring them home, they need to be washed, ironed and returned to school as soon as possible so that they are available the next time they are needed. Thank you.

National Trust Session

This will be taking place on Monday for both classes. Children should come to school in suitable non-uniform appropriate for the weather, and all children should bring wellies (or other suitable footwear) and a waterproof coat.



FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - helping disabled children and their families
 - working on nature conservation projects
 - bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - providing animal welfare



AdHoc Lunch help

Occasionally when staff members are off sick we need extra help at lunchtime. If you are sometimes free during the week around the lunch hour and would be happy to be on our list of back-up helpers that we can call when we have an urgent need, please let the office know. Thank you.

Year 6 Secondary School applications reminder

If your child is currently in year 6 and you have not yet made an application for secondary school, please do so soon. The deadline is October 31st.

Free School Meals

From September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. Some of these children would also be eligible under the current free school meals scheme and it is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the original scheme attracts valuable funding for their school.

We therefore ask that you complete a free school meal registration form (available from the office) and return it to the school in order for us to identify whether you would have been entitled under the current free school meals scheme, even if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal.

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Monday and Tuesday next week	
17th October	National Trust Session
20th October	Roman Day KS2
20th October	Parents' Evening
21st October	School Photos and Last day of half term
1st November	Children return from half term

Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club Junior Academy

Age Groups: 8 -16 years

Venue: Sidmouth Sports Centre AstroTurf, Primley Road, Sidmouth. (switches every half term- After half term, Late October onwards Ottery Sports Centre.)

Time 10-11 AM boys, 11-12 NOON girls For parents: tea and coffee is available, and a "Rusty Hockey" coached session 10-11AM for any parents wishing to have a go themselves!

For more information: www.Sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk or call Lucy Miller 01395 597474

Qualified coaches, experienced helpers, enthusiastic young leaders.

Events over Half term in the East Devon Area

Bird watching for children, Tuesday 25 October, 10am to 12 noon at Tower Hide, Seaton Wetlands. Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of birdwatching. See what you can spot. Binoculars available to borrow and telescope set up to use. Booking required wildeastdevon.co.uk , 01395 517557. Suggested donation £2 per child.

Autumnal crafts, Wednesday 26 October, 2pm to 4pm at Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook. Join the Country Park Rangers to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.

Woodland skills day, Wednesday 26 October, 9am to 4pm at The Knapp, Sidmouth. Learn skills to manage woodlands for wildlife and woodland. Includes charcoal making, coppicing, firewood processing and more. Tea and coffee provided. Moderate level of fitness required, minimum age 8. Booking required: wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557. A free event.

What's that bird? Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of knowledge or experience come and improve your bird watching with an experienced guide. No booking required. A free event.

Autumnal crafts. Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands. Join the Education Ranger to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.