



The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 17/18 8
Friday 10th November 2017



Branscombe Waves

Agatha: Generosity with her time in supporting Class 1 in X-pplorers club

Freya: Generosity with her time in supporting Class 1 in X-pplorers club

Lily: Noticing and learning from what is around her; having the courage to have a go

Grace: Consistently showing respect and reverence in Collective Worship; always having the courage to participate in discussions.

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, Class 1 and Class 2 gathered together at the start of the day to introduce the first "Ready, Steady, Write" day of this academic year. The theme of this day was the song "Daisy Bell", which the children listened to and sang together. They then explored a few other popular songs about bicycles, before breaking into groups, to compose their own musical 'soundscapes' about a bike ride. Following that, Class 2 investigated the history of bicycles, especially learning about how bicycles developed during the Victorian period, with the invention of bikes such as the Penny Farthing, the 'Boneshaker', the 'Velocipede' and the tandem or 'bicycle built for two' mentioned in the song, 'Daisy Bell'.

In the afternoon, while Class 1 drew pictures of the things they might see on a bicycle ride, labelled those pictures, and wrote recounts about their bike rides, the children of Class 2 invented their own wonderful bicycles, and wrote persuasively to persuade others to buy their inventions. The day ended with a special sharing assembly, in which the children shared their writing - and the Class 1 children selected which of Class 2's marvellous machines they would most like to own!

This week, the children once again discussed and considered how and why we celebrate Remembrance Day. The children prepared a variety of poetry readings, and prayers for our annual service of Remembrance, on Thursday. We were grateful to be joined by parents and other members of the community, for our service in St. Winifred's church, and the subsequent Act of Remembrance at the memorial.

We would like to remind parents and children that next Monday (13th November) is the final day of our "Ready Steady Read" sponsored event, in aid of the Brain Tumour Research charity, and books for Branscombe School. Please support your children in gathering those last sponsors, reading as much as they can, and then collecting the sponsor money. We would be grateful if all the sponsorship money could be collected, and brought into school, by the end of November. We would like to extend our thanks to all who have supported this endeavour, which we hope will have served to develop the children's enjoyment of reading, as well as raising money for some worthy causes.

Next week is National Anti-bullying Week. In school, we will be planning a range of activities to support the children in their thinking about how they can help to combat bullying in their own lives and the lives of those around them. The theme of this year's anti-bullying campaign is "All Equal, All Different" and we hope that it will be a celebration of the children's individuality and uniqueness. In celebration of uniqueness and individuality, we will be taking part in the anti-bullying Alliance's "Odd Socks Day". We are inviting children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November, to celebrate their own unique special-ness.

Also as next Friday is Children in Need, we will be celebrating by asking the children to come to school wearing inventive, decorated 'Pudsey' Ears. Donations of £1 towards children in need will be gratefully received.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who have congratulated the staff on the recent 'Good' Ofsted report and for all the lovely comments we have received. The staff team's hard work and dedication to the pupils at Branscombe School has certainly been noted in the report.

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: Which day of the Creation do you think that God found the most difficult?
Why?

Class 2: What was the greatest or most important invention ever?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

14th November - Parents' Evening

4th December – Christingle service (evening)

12th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December – Christmas Play 6pm

19th December- Carol singing and end of Term

Class 1 Outdoor Learning Time

On Mondays Class 1 will be doing outdoor learning time every Monday afternoon. Therefore ALL children in Class 1 MUST have the following in school on Mondays:

- A waterproof coat.
- Wellies.
- A change of clothes (non-uniform, suitable for working outside, and possibly getting dirty).
- Waterproof trousers or overalls if possible.

The School Library

In order to give the children the opportunity to visit the school library with their parents, Rachel will be available to open the school library after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until 3.45pm. Please feel free to visit the library with your child at these times if you would like to help them choose a book to borrow.

Pupil Absence

All parents should have received a letter this week relating to our Attendance Policy. Please be assured that this letter was sent to all parents across the federation, on advice from Devon County Council Educational Welfare Team. The letter is sent just to remind parents of the regulations relating to absences from school. The letter was not sent because of holidays that individual families may have taken or requested. If this seemed to be the case it is purely coincidental with the timing of this letter. If you have any queries about holidays in term time please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Gray.

Water Bottles

Please could all children have a water bottle in school every day. We are increasingly finding that children are forgetting to bring one in, and this becomes a problem particularly when going out and about, around the village.

Branoc Hall Christmas Fair

The annual Branoc Hall Christmas Fair, will take place on Saturday December 2nd, from 2pm-4pm. The children will be opening the fair by singing some Christmas songs, so it would be great if as many children as possible could be there. The children will need to be at the hall from about 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Justice. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



HALL OF FAME

Lady Justice

Lady **Justice** is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey. This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady **Justice** was designed to be a symbol of **justice**: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and **justice**.

