

Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
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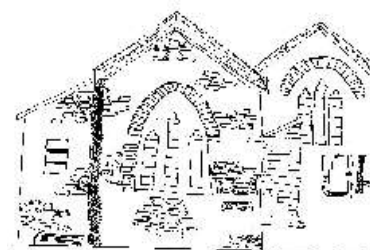
The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 30th January 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Freya: Being a welcoming friend and work partner

Taliesin: Working hard in literacy and improving in reading and writing

Matthew: Being a hard worker and doing his best

Dear Parents,

As you know, the current topic for Class 1 is "Changes". They have been doing some very interesting work over the last week or so, looking into differences between the past and present day. They have made a timeline in their classroom, and are looking forward to a visit from Jay's Grandma who is going to come and tell them a bit about her childhood. With this in mind they have been busy preparing questions to ask her and their question of the week is on a similar theme, so any discussions you can have at home with them about your experiences of the past will be very useful to them.

Class 2 are enjoying their topic on the Mayans. Some wonderful pieces of homework have come in this week, and it looks like the children have really enjoyed making their Mayan villages. Also this week, Class 2 have been looking at electricity and working on making circuits, and they have taken part in a football session with Exeter City FC.

Next week we look forward to another session with the National Trust. Please make sure your child brings warm layers and waterproofs for this session, as the weather may be very cold.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: How different is your home from your parents' childhood homes?
Which room is most different?

Class 2: What would you want someone in the future to know about you?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Monday 2nd February

ChildLine Schools Service afternoon assembly (Y5 & 6)

Friday 6th February

National Trust session (**please note change of date**)

Monday 9th February

ChildLine safeguarding workshop (Y5 & 6)

Thursday 12th February

KS2 PE performance

Friday 13th February

Pancake races

End of Term

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been discovered today. Please check your child's head tonight and treat accordingly. If you require information regarding detection and treatment please call into the office and we will provide you with a copy of the information provided by the school nurse. Thank you.

National Trust Session

The next National Trust session will be taking place on Friday next week. The session will involve planting a new hedgerow by Manor Mill, making a wildlife corridor for mice and bats. Helen Parr from the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project will also be joining us for batty facts and crafts. All children will need **warm layers, hats and gloves, waterproofs and suitable footwear (preferably wellies or similar)**. Children could bring warm trousers with them to wear for the outdoor part of the session.

KS 2 PE performance

If you are able to, please do come along to watch Class 2's PE performance on Thursday 12th February at the Village Hall for around 30 minutes from 11am.

500 words competition

Miss Moss would very much like to draw your attention to Radio 2's *500 words* competition. This is a short story competition for children aged 5-13. Please see <https://500words.external.bbc.co.uk/opportunity/1> for further information, guidance and to submit a story. There are some wonderful prizes in each category, and children have until 7:00pm on Thursday 26 February 2015 to enter.

Grizzly Water Station

Pre-school staff and helpers will be manning a water station during the Grizzly race on Sunday 1st March between 10 and 2pm. They are requesting volunteers to help with this. It is a fun experience for those who get involved, and the Pre-school will receive a good sized donation from the race organisers for their efforts. If you can help, please get in touch with Karen from the Pre-school.

Pre-School Pre-loved Sale

Pre-school are hoping to run a sale of pre-loved children's items sometime around Easter. If you would like to have a table at this event (which will be held at the village hall), or if you have items that you would like to donate for Pre-school to sell, please speak to Karen.

Sainsburys Active Kids

Any vouchers you may collect during this promotion can be posted in the collection box in our entrance hall.

Messy Church

Holyford Mission Community will be running their next messy church session on Sunday 8th Feb, between 4 and 6pm at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre in Colyton. All accompanied children are welcome, and the event is free.

Half Term Family Workshop – Thelma Hulbert Gallery

On Tuesday 17 February between 11 and 3pm, the THG will be running a photo making family workshop with photographer Sam White. Including a man-sized camera obscura in the THG garden (weather permitting) and other photographic experiments inside. Just drop by and join in. All ages & abilities welcome. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free, suggested donation £2 / child.

Message from the PTFA

Due to unforeseen circumstances the hall is not available on the date that we had planned for the Summer Fair. Therefore, as a committee, we are proposing to hold a smaller event at Easter and then an Autumn Fair that incorporates a small village show in September. Through our informal discussions it would appear that a number of people in the village and other organisations would be interested in helping to organise and run a SMALL village show. We would love to hear your thoughts about this proposal. Many thanks - Claire, Nikki, Amanda and Naomi (PTFA Committee)

A Message from the National Trust

'When are we going out with you again?' ask the children from Branscombe school when they see National Trust ranger Ruby and the volunteers. We remember the fun we had wassailing, cooking on a campfire and getting creative on the beach. Over the rest of the year we will be out in the woods learning about changes and ticking things off the '50 things to do before you are 11 ¾ list'.

National Trust would like to work with Branscombe School and the community to improve Monteray Copse (The wood between the allotments and Sea Shanty car park) for hands-on learning experiences. Monteray Copse can be used anytime by anyone for den-building, bug hunting, picnics and games. We could add a fire pit, shelter, log seats and wildlife habitats to make the wood a special place for creative learning.

If you are interested and would like to get involved then have a chat with Ruby at the parents afternoon on 3rd March or email ruby.cole@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01297 680507.

Ruby would love to see you for a free Wild Time in Monteray Copse on Sat 28th March 2 – 4pm, bring the family along to make the fire circle and have a go at firelighting and den-building.