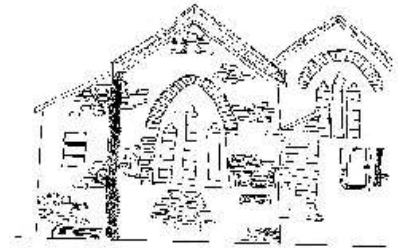




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Sid: Great concentration and commitment during Year 6 booster sessions

Marlon: Effort and commitment to produce a high standard of work in Home Learning

Grace: Very good progress in writing and spelling

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday this week, Class 2 joined the Key Stage 2 classes from across the Federation on a trip to Exeter to visit several places of worship. They began at South Street Baptist Church, where the assistant minister showed them the Baptistry and the cups used for Communion and talked to them about the history of the Baptist Church and some of the similarities and differences between the Baptist and Church of England traditions. They then walked up to the Cathedral where they took notes and sketched, again noticing what was similar to our local church and what was different. After a picnic lunch in the Chapter House at the Cathedral, they walked through town to the Exeter Mosque in York Road. They were warmly greeted and taken into the mosque where they were told a bit about Islam. They then went to the main prayer hall where they were able to observe the noon prayers. Later, the Imam told them more about Muslim beliefs and traditions and answered their questions.

On Thursday Miss Moss and five children from Class 2 travelled to Sidmouth Primary School to meet with the Ethos committees of several other schools in the area and discuss the shared value of "Friendship". The day began with an icebreaker quiz, where the children were challenged to chat to and find out about someone they did not previously know. They then began to think about the value of Friendship in small groups and took part in a carousel of activities which included making a special "Herman" friendship cake, writing a recipe for friendship, making a clay friendship circle and discussing how we can be a good or bad influence on our friends, then writing prayers on the subject. The day then finished with a short time of reflection and prayer led by local vicar, Mark Barrett. The children came back enthused by the day and keen to share their ideas with other children in the school. This morning they have led Collective Worship, drawing on the ideas they developed yesterday. Well done to the children who took part, and thank you to Nikki who very kindly helped us with transport.



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

Questions of the Week

Class 1: What can you find out about your bones and your skeleton?

Class 2: How do we demonstrate respect for the religious beliefs or views of others?

Key Dates:

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

Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching and Learning day (Thursday) at Branscombe next week.

Sunday 31st Jan	All age service in Branscombe Church at 11:15 – all are welcome
Tuesday 9th Feb	Pancake races
Friday 12th Feb	Last day before half term holiday
Monday 22nd Feb	Return from half term holiday
Wednesday 24th Feb	National Trust Session

Collective Worship



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges



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Breakfast Club

Please can all parents note that when dropping your child off at Breakfast club, you are required to sign them in. Thank you.

A message from the PTFA

The next meeting will take place at Lizzie Marmion's house on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm.