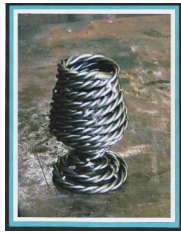


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*This week's winning team was the Reef Knot Team.*

**PTFA Summer Fair**

1) Drawing Competition. Thanks very much to Dylan who had the hard task of picking 3 winners from the drawing competition last week. He was very impressed with the entries and said in his eyes everyone was a winner. Congratulations to Hebe Halstead whose lovely picture will go on the front cover of the Fair Programme. Runners up were Malachi Rayner and Ben Turley, and we hope to include their pictures inside the programme.

2) After Half-Term we will be running a couple of collections for the Fair Stalls. If you could sort out any unwanted DVDs/Videos/Books, and Toys/Bric-a-brac in the meantime, I'll let you have further details after half term. Many thanks.

3) Thanks also to all those parents who have offered help and support - none of which will be turned down! If you need any information or have any ideas/contacts for any aspect of the day then please feel free to contact April over half term on 07973 202441.

**4) Printing Error - Apologies for the date error on the details for the next Fair meeting. Just to confirm that it will go ahead at 7pm on TUESDAY 3rd June at The Mason's Arms, Branscombe.**

**Headlice**

We have noticed a return of headlice, particularly in class 1. Please could you ensure you check your children's hair and, if necessary, treat them during half term. Thank you.

**Tesco/Sainsbury Vouchers**

Tesco have now finished giving out the vouchers this year and Sainsbury's have got just a couple of weeks to go. Please have a good look in the bottom of handbags, under cushions and in the car for any more vouchers!

**Emailed newsletters**

Eco club are working really hard to ensure that all aspects of school consider eco issues. A lot of paper is used up producing the weekly newsletters and therefore if anyone would like to receive the newsletter via email please let Dawn know by sending her an email requesting electronic newsletters to [admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk).

### **Sensory Garden**

Towards the end of term we will be working with The Magdalen Project (a local environmental centre) to create a sensory garden in the playground at the back of school. All the children will be involved in this project. Please could you collect any of the following and bring them into school asap?

- Old wellies
- Old shoes
- Colanders
- Sinks
- Straw hats
- Shopping baskets
- Plant pots
- Anything unusual that would make a good container!

They will be used to make recycled plant containers – the more unusual the better. Thank you to those people who have already brought in contributions.

### **Pokemon**

We feel we need to clarify our thoughts about the latest Pokemon craze! We don't want to spoil the children's fun and we are happy, at the moment, if the children wish to have the cards at playtime. However, we ask that the children do not swap cards with each other and this can lead to misunderstandings! The teachers do not allow the cards in class and children will have them confiscated if they are seen with them during lessons. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **'Swim-like-a-fitz'**

Luis Fitzhenry wrote Mrs Gray a very moving letter this week explaining why 6 adults in his family are planning a very courageous charity event. In July they will be swimming the channel to raise money for 3 charities which are particularly poignant to the family. Further details of the charities and the swim are enclosed in the leaflet with this newsletter.

As a way of supporting the event Luis asked the school council if they could organise a non uniform day to raise money for the 3 charities. His uncle, Paul Fitzhenry, will be coming to talk about the swim in assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> June and then on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a non-uniform day where we will ask children to bring in a contribution of at least £1 to support the swim.

Thank you in advance for supporting this local venture.