



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate

Branscombe Waves Award:

Samphire: for being a hard worker and doing her best.

Jake: for working very hard with percentages in maths.

Theo: for being a hard worker and doing his best.

Meggy: for consistently working hard and doing her best.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

Thank you for your responses regarding the style of the newsletter. The majority of replies said that you were very happy with the current format and you would prefer the 'chatty' style to continue weekly. We will however, put a "key dates" box at the beginning of each newsletter so that it acts as an easy reminder to things that are going on. We hope you find this helpful.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates

Saturday 19th March: free art workshop at Sidmouth Youth Centre - see below for details.

Wednesday 23rd March: Under 9 's football tournament at Feniton Football Club. Those who have received letters and are attending will need school PE kit, trainers or football boots, a packed lunch and plenty of drink. We will return to school for 3.15pm

Friday 25th March: PTFA meeting at 3.30pm at the school. All Welcome.

Saturday 26th March: free art workshop at Sidmouth Youth Centre - see below for details.

Monday 28th March: Kidz@Play Taster session - see details below.

Thursday 7th April: Easter Service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am - all parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend.

Friday 8th April: Last day of term before the Easter Holidays.

Tuesday 26th April: Return to school after Easter holidays.

Wednesday 27th April: The wedding of Prince Kevin and Miss Isobel will take place at Branscombe Primary School at 1.30pm.

Easter Holidays: Bikeability courses - see details below

Friday 29th April: Bank Holiday & Real World perform live at the Village Hall - see below for details.

Insect Hotel

Thank you so much for all the contributions for the Insect Hotel. The children have made a really good start on the hotel today, but unfortunately the weather got the better of us and after constructing the first few layers we decided to finish the construction in a couple of weeks.

Under 9's 6-a-side football

We have been invited to take part in a 6-a-side football tournament for under 9's. This has been arranged by Exeter City Football Club and will take place at Feniton Football Club on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd March. The children will be playing a number of games during the afternoon.

Class 2

Following on from last term's topic we tried to book seats at the schools' matinee of *Private Peaceful* at the Northcott theatre. Unfortunately there were insufficient seats available. There are, however, seats available at evening and Saturday performances should you wish to take your child.

Winner of the Blue Peter Book of the Year, '*Private Peaceful*' was written by Michael Morpurgo. It tells the story of a young soldier who looks back at his short but joyful past growing up in rural Devon: his exciting first days at school; the accident in the forest that killed his father; his adventures with Molly, the love of his life; and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line.

Children's Community Fund / Collective Worship

This half term's Collective Worship is based around the 'value' of trust and this week in assembly we talked about how it is sometimes difficult to keep trusting God in times of difficulty. We related this to the terrible situation in Japan at the moment. The children suggested we do something to help and so, using money from the children's Community Fund, we will be sending a donation to ShelterBox.

If you feel it is appropriate, and you would like to continue our Collective Worship theme at home, you may wish to talk to the children about the images they see of Japan on the news and how faith in God is sometimes difficult however, those involved in such situations are not only trusting in God but also trusting in the global community to help and support them. It is through our actions that God shows his help.

New School Council

The children have recently nominated a new school council. Its members are Tabitha, Lola, Samphire, Xander, Joshua, Daisy, Autumn, Max, Jake, Josie, Bertie, Chloe, Isy, Ella and Natasha. They spent the day yesterday working with Joel Smith our Extended Schools Coordinator. He discussed with them the purpose of a school council and they began to produce an action plan. This related, in the main, to playtimes and the community fund. He gave them a really good introduction to their new role and will work with them again in a couple of weeks to get their ideas started.

Free Art Workshops

Joel Smith our Extended Services Coordinator is running free art workshops on the 19th and 26th March at Sidmouth Youth Centre. There will be a local artist at the sessions and they will be part of a project called Jurassic Life. There are limited places so if you are interested please contact Joel as soon as possible on 07540 672246.

Kidz@play

Kidz@play at Seaton Primary School will be holding a taster session on Monday 28th March from 3.20pm until 6pm for only £3.00 (normally £9.00). Anyone aged 4 -11 can attend. Kidz@play offers children an opportunity to make new friends, try new activities, and have fun with others after school and during the holidays. If you think you might be interested, either call into Kidz@play to see Faye or call 07875953144. Places are limited to 30 children so it's first come first served. There are a couple of leaflets in the document rack in the foyer if you would like any more information.

Real Easter Eggs

For those people who ordered and paid for Easter Eggs before Christmas, we have now received them and they are awaiting collection in the school office. Please collect them as soon as possible to ensure that Nicola doesn't eat them! We do have some spare Easter Eggs, so you still have a chance to buy an Easter Egg that explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the box and gives money to charity and development projects. The project is endorsed by the Bishop of Exeter. If you would like to purchase any they are £4 each, please see Nicola with them money. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. Further details of the project can be found at <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/>.

Live Music with Real World

On Friday 29th April "Real World" will be performing at the Village Hall. The doors open at 8pm, the bar will be open and funds raised will go to the PTFA. Tickets are now on sale from the Masons Arms, the Fountain Head, Branscombe Post Office, Caroline and Lynley at a cost of only £10.

PTFA meeting

There will be a PTFA meeting on Friday 25th March at 3.30pm at the school. Please see the agenda below:

1. Fund raising
2. Easter plans - Easter Egg Hunt?
3. Links between School Development Plan & PTFA funds
4. Parish AGM - May
5. Parents' Forum
6. School clubs / tournaments
7. Committee Membership
8. Any other business

Bikeability

We are very aware that due to the limited availability of different road conditions around Branscombe some of the children were disappointed that they were unable to complete the full bikeability course when it was organised last year. We are now able to provide you with information regarding courses that are available during the Easter holidays. Please see the information below which has been taken from the Bikeability website.

EASTER HOLIDAY BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAYS!

Bikeability is the new cycle training scheme for the 21st century. Many adults will remember doing their Cycling Proficiency Test but Bikeability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads.

There are three Bikeability levels.

Level 1 is usually covered in a traffic free environment and teaches basic cycle skills for children from seven to nine years old.

Level 2 is covered on quiet roads but with real traffic conditions for children of **ten years** or older.

Level 3 is delivered on busier roads for children of secondary school age, who have already completed Level 2.

For more information on the Bikeability syllabus please go to www.bikeability.org.uk

What are Level 2 days?

A "Level 2 day" is simply a fun and full day out where Bikeability Level 1 and 2 skills are taught in one day!

It will give trainees a real cycling experience so that they are able to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or with your family.

It is for children aged 10 years (or are ten by the 31st August, if the course is in the summer term) and older for children who live in Devon. Parents are welcome to join too!

All participants must be able to ride independently and without stabilisers.

The sessions are conducted by one or more accredited Bikeability Instructors and together the trainee will embark on a journey on various cycling-friendly roads and paths around town. They will also learn how to do your own bike check and take on all exercises and road safety theory required to achieve Bikeability Level 2.

There is lots of cycling involved on the day, but trainees will also have to listen and learn from the instructor(s). They will be rewarded with an official Bikeability certificate and badge according to the level achieved. Trainees will also hopefully leave the session with a feeling of independence and be ready to make more cycle journeys – maybe to and from school or leisure rides with parents and friends.

What participants need to bring

Roadworthy bike & properly fitting cycle helmet
Suitable clothing
Drink and a packed lunch.

How much does it cost?

The training is free, funded by Devon County Council and the Department of Transport.

Instructors can also run 1:1 session for total beginners or those would prefer bespoke training. Contact the instructor for more details and costs. If this session is for a child the parent is required to attend the full session.

When and where?

Sessions start at 9 am prompt and finish at 4 pm. The name in brackets is the lead instructor. Their contact details are available further down this document.

Monday 11 April 2011	Station Car Park, Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EJ (Eric)
Monday 11 April 2011	Piazza Terracina,(grass area) Haven Rd, Exeter, EX2 8GT (Chris)
Tuesday 12 April 2011	Rock Park, children's playground, Ladies Mile, Barnstaple EX32 9AE (Eric)
Tuesday 12 April 2011	Outside Exmouth Sports Centre, Royal Avenue Exmouth EX8 1EN (Chris)
Wednesday 13 April 2011	Main Entrance Tavistock College, Crowndale Road, Tavistock PL19 8DD (Eric)
Wednesday 13 April 2011	Byes Park (entrance nr Toll House) Salcombe Rd, Sidmouth, EX10 8PR (Chris)
Thursday 14 April 2011	Public Tennis Courts, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho! EX39 1HN (Eric)
Friday 15 April 2011	Grand Western Canal Car Park, Canal Hill, Tiverton EX16 4HX (Eric)
Monday 18 April 2011	Main Entrance Tavistock College, Crowndale Road, Tavistock PL19 8DD (Eric)
Tuesday 19 April 2011	Grand Western Canal Car Park, Canal Hill, Tiverton EX16 4HX (Eric)
Wednesday 20 April 2011	Station Car Park, Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EJ (Eric)

Locations are meeting points only. Sessions will commence and finish here, but there is no actual delivery of the course on these sites. Level 1 element will take place on traffic free public cycle paths nearby.

Instructor contact details

Courses are funded by Devon County Council and the Department for Transport and delivered by professional, experienced and accredited freelance Bikeability instructors. Devon County Council are funding this service and the online booking system but for **all** enquiries please contact the relevant instructor for the course you are interested in.

Chris Blasdale, tel: 07771 614593, email cblasdale@aol.com

Eric van der Horst, tel 07954 962230, Email eoscyclctraining@yahoo.com

Website: www.eoscyclctraining.350.com.

Complete and submit the online booking form at:

<http://www.cycleexeter.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training/free-saturday-holiday-bikeability-courses/>