

# OTTERHAM OBSERVER

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER BUSY HALF TERM WITH SO MANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER, INCLUDING MUSIC, SPORT, TRIPS OUT, PERFORMANCES, FUNDRAISING AND A RESIDENTIAL! THIS NEWSLETTER AIMS TO BE A RECORD OF THESE EVENTS AND BE ARCHIVED IN OTTERHAM'S HISTORY FOREVER!!

JULY 2016

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER HOLIDAY !

WE ARE BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2016

## YEAR ONE CHILDREN STAY AT BOSCASTLE YHA



**BUILDING UP THEIR VITAL SKILLS OF SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE, THE YEAR ONE CHILDREN FROM OTTERHAM STAYED AWAY FROM HOME AND SCHOOL AT BOSCASTLE YHA. THE RESIDENTIAL WAS YET AGAIN A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, TASTY CHIPPY TEA, SUPERB COMPANY AND COMFORTABLE BEDS. WELL DONE YEAR ONES! HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF WHO SUPPORTED THIS VENTURE**

## YEAR SIX LEAVERS (AND MAX) EXPLORE ROSCOFF AND I'LE DE BATZ

As has now become a yearly tradition, the Year 6 children opted to spend their final treat in France. Sailing out Thursday afternoon from Plymouth to Roscoff, the children were excited to explore the Armorique and take in the views from up on deck. After a night in the hotel and a day discovering the tropical gardens on The I'le De Batz the return crossing was a little more subdued. The children were superbly behaved and a delight to spend time with.



### THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR YATES FROM TINTAGEL WHO HAS KINDLY MADE AND DONATED THREE LITTLE TABLE AND BENCH SETS FOR OUR NEWLY REVAMPED EYFS PLAY AREA.

THANK YOU TO LORRAINE FOR APPROACHING MR YATES FOR HIS KIND ASSISTANCE.



## CLASS ONE FIND OUT ABOUT WIND TURBINES

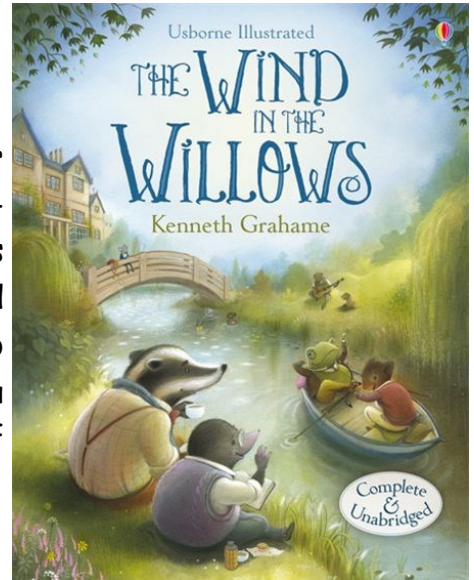
During work being carried out on renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, the children from Class One made their way up to the A39 to see for themselves the process behind how these giant turbines convert wind energy into electrical energy. This was a fascinating opportunity to investigate something we see every day. The children were inquisitive and attentive. A big thank you to Mark Quinn for giving up his time to contribute to the children's education, it is much appreciated.



## THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Just when you think you have seen it all and can no longer be amazed, along comes Class Two's, 1 hour epic performance of The Wind in the Willows! To see children as young as 6 remembering where they needed to be and when, not to mention the number of lines that needed to be learnt was astounding. Expertly organised (thank you Miss Forbes) and expertly delivered—hats off to all of the children in Class Two!

Parents, they looked amazing—thank you!



## NEPTUNALIA

“One storm filled day when the clouds were the colour of a bad temper, something washed up on the beach that was neither fish nor bird nor boat...” As part of Cornwall's festival of landscape and dance, SALT 2016, Cscape Dance Company have collaborated with writer Anna Maria Murphy (Kneehigh/BBC Radio 4) to bring Neptunalia.

Never ones to turn down an opportunity to be part of something bigger than we can possibly be on our own, the children from Class One made a commitment to work with professional dancers Lois and Gemma as well as working with artist Reg Payne to create their costumes. The project culminated in a day at Prideaux Place, Padstow with the children performing with four other schools to a paying audience. Between the schools they told the Neptunalia story as they danced around the grounds of this stunning country manor.

A delightful afternoon!



## OTTERHAM CHILDREN EXPERIENCE THE ENORMITY OF A 400M ATHLETICS TRACK EAST CORNWALL GAMES!

During a day of track and field events at Par Athletics Club, a number of children from Class One and Two took part in events ranging from 1500m to high jump. They all did themselves proud in terms of conduct and they all can now fully understand the scale of a 400m running track!

A special mention must go to Will Collings who on this day qualified to take part in the Cornwall Finals due to his excellent performances in both the 1500m and the Long Jump. Will went back to Par on 6th July and came 2nd in the 1500m! This is such a fantastic achievement—Will we are so proud of you. Second best in County!!!!





# FLAMBARDS!!!



It's strapline is that it's 'the best day of the week' but for many here at Otterham it may well have been the best day of the year. I am already having requests to go again next year! Flambards does have a little bit of something for everyone though and I don't think anyone sat down for longer than 30min (lunch) throughout the day such was the desire to experience another ride. We certainly have some very brave children (even standing on tippy toes) to be taller than the dreaded line. A wonderful day out for the whole school and my own personal thanks goes to all of the staff who felt truly exhausted at the end of it. THANK YOU X



## JOHN MUIR AWARD

WE'VE ALL HEARD OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD WHICH IS RECOGNISED BY POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AS A SIGN OF SOMEBODY WITH A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING ABOUT THEMSELVES—STANDING OUT FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS. WE NOW HAVE A NATIONALLY RECOGNISED AWARD FOR OLDER PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED PUPILS, THE 'JOHN MUIR AWARD' WHICH CAN BE AN ASSET ON FUTURE JOB APPLICATIONS.

DURING THIS FIRST ATTEMPT AT GETTING SOME OF OUR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE IT WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT **JACK NUTE, ALFIE PROUT AND WILL COLLINGS** HAVE ALL RECEIVED THE AWARD. A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT BOYS—WELL DONE!

THANK YOU TO BECKY CULVER WHO HAS ORGANISED THIS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

WWW.JOHNMUIRTRUST.ORG FOR FURTHER DETAILS

## OTTERHAM ENTERS ROYAL CORN- WALL SHOW FOR FIRST TIME

Such was our success, we feel it may now be a yearly event! A selection of tea trays displaying home grown herbs, a Pearly Queen, plants grown in unusual items and collages displaying various aspects of royal life. Overall we gained one first place, one third place, two fourth places and lots of highly commended.

A special mention to Ruby and Sam Coleman for the numerous awards they picked up for showing their goats!



## MULTISPORTS WITH THE MOOR AND COASTAL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

Although the organisation of these events can threaten to tip us over the edge at times, we must remember why we are doing it. The children really enjoy these inter-school competitions and up-skill themselves in the process.

The Y5/6 event was held at Camelford Primary and the team that represented us managed to secure a very commendable first place—well done!

Our EYFS/1/2 team travelled to Delabole for their afternoon of sport and as it was a festival, everyone was a winner!

Please do take time to look at the PE section of the website as Mr Osborne works very hard to keep it up to date and informative.

## THE FRIENDS OF OTTERHAM SCHOOL

Yet again, 'The Friends' have done so much for the school during the year. The new play equipment was installed for the benefit of all during the Autumn Term, resources have been provided for Class Three, Magic Martin entertained us all at Christmas and transport has been paid for the whole school trip to Flambards. In addition to this, their fundraising efforts have continued with stalls at Fayres, assisting with the organisation of the sponsored walk and Smartie Challenge to name a few.



A 'Big Breakfast' was held during half term at the village hall raising yet more money for the school and our thanks goes out to Michaela Coles, Michelle Langley, Geraldine Skinner, Mary Andrews and Auntie Susan. Also to Pam Langley for donating the raffle prizes and the children who assisted on the day.

Thank you so much to all who have been involved in any of the events benefitting the school—much appreciated!

**MRS ROBINSON**

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IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR  
THREE UPWARDS AND  
WOULD LIKE TO START  
GUITAR LESSONS IN  
SEPTEMBER PLEASE SEE KERRY  
IN THE OFFICE.

The Friends Summer Fayre raised an amazing £306.40, a great effort for our four stalls. The BBQ sold out (100 sausages was just not enough—mental note for more next time), the tombola as usual was a great hit with all, especially the boys. A football or two will be added next time so save your pennies lads! Thank you for the generous donations of sausages and rolls—you know who you both are! Thank you also to the whole school community for the generous donations of Tombola goodies and thank you to all the extra helpers—consider yourselves Befriended!

For the third year running we have taken part in the youth project run by the English Cricket Board and thoroughly enjoyed it.



We will be holding a Friends meeting in September—please, please, please come and join us. Look out for the posters and the text messages. Thank you again and enjoy the summer!



It was a wonderful afternoon of fun and laughter as we returned to some of the old traditional events. The full report can be found on the school website. A request for next year—obstacle race please!



In honour of the Queen's 90th birthday and in conjunction with Apsen's we provided a 'street party' experience for the whole school. Becky Culver arranged for all of the children in Class 1 & 2 to assist with the catering filling vol-au-vents with traditional fillings of coronation chicken and egg mayonnaise. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side but the street party continued inside nonetheless. There was a lovely atmosphere and plenty of yummy food. Again, huge thanks to all involved but especially Cathy, Sally and Becky for making it happen!



IT'S BEEN ANOTHER BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OTTERHAM SCHOOL. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU THE PARENTS FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN—WE CAN NOT ACHIEVE WHAT WE DO WITHOUT IT. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF FOR BEING SIMPLY THE BEST AND THE CHILDREN FOR BEING AMAZING INDIVIDUALS. HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER HOLIDAY EVERYONE!