

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

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WHOLE SCHOOL DAY ON POLZEATH

Described as 'the best day ever' by children and staff



alike, our day on the beach was simply superb!! Sand sculptures, rock-pooling, trommelling and litter picking (with a focus on plastic pollution) kept us very busy for the duration of our visit. Big thanks to the Beach Rangers at Polzeath.

CLASS 3 TRIP TO NEWQUAY ZOO

Monkeys, penguins, lions, tortoise, otters, zebra, meercats, snakes, frogs, goats—the list goes on! It was a great day out with the animals and children being lively and entertaining. The children listened well to their talk on adaptation and embraced the day in general.



DELI FARM RUN

WELL DONE TO SAM, PHOEBE, BEN AND KEENAN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DELI FARM RUN THIS YEAR. PHOEBE CAME 2ND IN THE YEAR 3/4 GIRLS CATEGORY WHICH IS A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Mrs Humber and her husband as they anticipate the arrival of their first child in October. This is very exciting news that has now been shared with Class 1.

With a view to Mrs Humber's maternity cover, the governors are delighted to inform you that Mrs Reynolds-Hart has been appointed to cover Class 1 for the forthcoming academic year. She will be visiting the school to spend time with pupils and staff before the end of the summer term.



DIARY DATES

Dates are constantly being updated on the website and a paper copy of current dates for June and July is available from reception. It is again a very busy Half Term—please help by returning any relevant paperwork as soon as possible.



BIKEABILITY

As always, it was a pleasure to welcome Tony back to Otterham to deliver Bikeability to our Y5/6 children. He was extremely complimentary about the children and the way they conducted themselves during the training. Well done everyone!

KS2 SATS

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children who conducted themselves admirably throughout their week of testing. Regardless of outcomes, we are proud of these children who are so talented in so many ways.

You deserve to celebrate—roll on The Milky Way and Kids World!



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We hope that you are always treated fairly and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do, to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects—gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability and religious belief. If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a parent governor, please do so. The parent governors here at school are Rachel Quinn, Sarah Northcott, and Gayle Crocker.

BEACH GUARDIAN VISIT

It was a pleasure to welcome Emily (marine biologist) and her father, Rob who spoke to the children about the impact of plastic pollution on our marine ecosystems. The children listened intently and were inspired by Emily and Rob's passion about eliminating single use plastics. The artwork produced with plastic found on beaches will be on display for the science open afternoon on Friday.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM COLES

Well done to Sam Coles on achieving Grade 3 in playing his cornet. His Level 1 Award with Merit has been awarded by Trinity College, London.



RNLI Beach Safety Talk

The children have yet again received their annual beach safety talk from local RNLI Lifeguards. This is such a vital piece of education given where we live. Please do take the time to venture to the beach and discuss features of safety with your children to reinforce this potentially lifesaving information. Checking they understand what the flags are telling them would be ideal.



SCIENCE WEEK CLASS ACTIVITIES



The photos speak for themselves—it's been an amazing week with a fantastic range of science activities happening both at school and further afield. A huge thank you to all staff for the way in which they have embraced the week but special thanks to Miss Parker for coordinating the activities and liaising with the various organisations who have enriched our experiences.

MID-WEEK WALKING UP ROUGH TOR TO GIVE TIME TO WELLBEING

Apart from the one Wednesday when inclement weather prevented our ascent to the top of Rough Tor, there has been representation from staff, pupils and parents every week. In fact, the general consensus is that we feel better for taking the time to be out in the fresh air and getting some exercise so the mid-week walk will be continuing after the half term break. A special mention goes out to Finn Brooks, Alex Ward, Mika Onley, Harry Washer, Franca Lockwood-Sbarsi and their families who have all made the effort to join us—it has been a pleasure to share the experience, particularly enjoying the ever changing views from the peak! It would be great to see more families but we are aware that sometimes it's just not possible. We shall send text reminders out next half term for encouragement.



BREAKFAST CLUB

An impressive menu, friends to play with and no issues with car parking are just a few of the reasons why our Breakfast Club is so popular. £2.00 per child, per morning or 50p if we are in receipt of Pupil Premium. Book online through School Money and drop your child(ren) from 08:00.



STORY REPUBLIC—SCIENCE SHOW

Through the power of story, the children visited the Science Museum to experience a planetarium, the Natural History Museum to learn about evolution, Switzerland to see the Hadron Collider and created an electrical circuit using human beings. The show was entertaining and educational. Children from Class 1 also enjoyed an interactive workshop on electricity with the older children from St Breward.