



OTTERHAM OBSERVER

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FREE SWIM AT CAMELFORD ON A MONDAY ?

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Save The Children Concert



On Tuesday 16th October, children from all schools in our newly formed multi academy trust (North Cornwall Learning Trust) performed at Sir James Smith's School in aid of Save The Children. Class One, under the expert guidance of Miss Forbes gave a beautiful performance of Hallelujah, and 'This Is Me' in collaboration with children from St Breward School.

It was a concert full of talent and as always the children from Otterham CP School shone! A massive 'well done' to all children who performed and a massive 'thank you' to Miss Forbes for organising the whole event—it was epic!

Best of all, £267 was raised for Save The Children.



CAN YOUR CHILD SWIM A LENGTH OF CAMELFORD POOL?

If so, Stingers Swimming Club are offering a months free trial starting Tuesday 30th October. Stingers train every Tue (6:45pm–8:00pm) and Thur (6:30pm–7:45pm). The offer is for 4 free sessions to see if the club is something that your child would like to do on a regular basis. Please see Mrs Ward for further details.



DIARY DATES

The children are due back to school on Monday 29th October.

Diary dates have been updated on the school website. These include arrangements for Christmas festivities.

From everyone here at Otterham School, thank you for your support this half term. We couldn't do what we do without it.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the children who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Mischief Makers. By promoting a passion and enthusiasm for reading, this year's challenge will stand the children in good stead for the future. It is after all, the key that unlocks the door to the rest of the curriculum.

Congratulations to Sam, Phoebe and Ben Coles, Katie, Sophie and William Sanders, Immy Greig, Hannah Reed, Sophie Sandercock, Lexi and Toby Mather, Lois and Poppy Curtis, Evy and Luke Northcott. WOW!!!

OPERATION MOONBASE—AN ENABLING ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Following a training session with staff from St Breward School, delivered by Alice Hossnet from Enabling Enterprise, teachers prepared and delivered a day of skills based learning. The focus was firmly on listening, positivity, cooperation, creativity, problem solving and leadership with reward points given out accordingly.

Alice set the scene with an assembly about 'Utopia', a planet that needed populating and developing. The children had important decisions to make that needed justifying. Agreements had to be made within groups and thinking explained to the class. The final task was to create their chosen buildings out of 'junk' kindly donated by yourselves.



The day was a huge success with the vast majority of children on task and enthused for the duration of the day. The development of skills was clearly evident throughout the day. As a school we have committed to giving skills based learning a focus, using materials provided by Enabling Enterprise.



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.

CROCKINGTON HISTORY PROJECT

BACKALONG EVENING
SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER
CRACKINGTON INSTITUTE

An opportunity to learn from local residents about what life was like in the Parish 'backalong'.

Photos and film from the archive

Otterham Tag Rugby Team

Looking smart in their kits, nine pupils from Class 1 set off to St Austell on Wednesday 17th October for a Tag Rugby Festival.

The children enjoyed a whole day of skills based activities along side children from 7 other Cornish schools



Huge thanks to Michaela Coles for being a willing volunteer, assisting with transport and supervision for the day. Thank you Mr Osborne for making these opportunities happen.

What a Way to End the Term!

Made By Katie Green are a dance company who are performing in Carnglaze Caverns during the half term with 'Beneath Our Feet'. As part of an outreach programme we were delighted to welcome Katie Green to Otterham



to work with children in both Class 1 and Class 2. Along with Chalky from Plymouth Argyle, it has been an energetic end to the half term.

FIRST EVER COMMUNITY LUNCH

It was a pleasure to host Otterham Primary School's first ever community lunch on Tuesday 9th October. After an initially slow uptake on bookings, the final number of meals cooked on the day was an amazing 59! All elements of the meal created were produced in our very own school garden by your green fingered children, which is an astounding achievement. Of course, neither the planting, growing, harvesting or cooking would have happened without the expert guidance and dedication of Becky Culver to which we are in awe and wonder. Thank you Becky!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club continues to run on a daily basis. Unfortunately, in order to make the books balance, we have had to increase the daily charge. If we are in receipt of Pupil Premium for your child the cost will now be 50p per session. If not, the charge will be £2:00 per session. If this affects your child being able to attend, please talk to us. We are confident it still represents excellent value for money as not only is it child care but children are offered quite an extensive buffet style menu.

Achievement for All Quality Mark

As some families will be aware, the school has been part of the Achievement for All programme for the past couple of years. The principles of which are quite simple, yet effective. The more a family engages with their child's learning and remains positive about the experiences provided through the school setting, the greater the chances of a positive outcome for the child as they go through the school system and beyond.

Mrs Humber has worked extremely hard (above and beyond her 'normal' commitments) over the past two years to ensure the effective and successful coordination of the programme. This has now officially been recognised with the award of a Quality Mark, presented by Dave Beddard on Friday 12th October.

Mr Beddard, Regional Lead for AfA (and Ofsted Inspector) has written a fabulous letter to Mrs Humber and myself, congratulating us on achieving the award and also expressing his view that 'Otterham School is a 'wonderful' school in which to learn and be cared for'. It doesn't get any better than that!

I would like to express my huge appreciation and thanks to everyone within 'team Otterham' which includes not only those who are 'visible' on a daily basis but also those who work hard behind the scenes, such as Pete & Andy looking after the grounds. Thank you Mrs Foley for being the AfA governor during most of the programme and fulfilling your duties thoroughly. Most of all though, on this occasion, I need to single out Mrs Humber for her hard work and dedication. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you, you are amazing!



Graffiti Classics

Wow! Four very talented musicians from London kept the children enthralled and entertained for an hour long concert that could very well have continued had it not been lunch time. Learning about the instruments, responding to the different moods created by the pieces played and engaging brilliantly with the musicians themselves, made for an hour exceptionally well spent. The feedback from the musicians was that they thoroughly enjoyed performing at Otterham and that the children were a delight! The adults enjoyed it just as much as the children.



2018 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for coming along and helping us celebrate this year's harvest. As always, the children were amazing and the Chapel provides the perfect venue for the whole school community. Special thanks to our 'Open the Book' team for bringing Bible stories to life and supporting our celebration. As soon as we know how much was collected towards the Chapel conversion, we shall let you know. Produce will be taken to the Foodbank next week.

