

OTTERHAM OBSERVER

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE FAMILY SWIM SESSIONS AT CAMELFORD LEISURE CENTRE ON A MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL?

HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM BREAK.
THE CHILDREN ARE BACK TO SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER



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CLASS 2 VISIT BODMIN RECYCLING CENTRE

Complimenting their topic perfectly and tying in with their Skills Builder Project, 'Going Green', Class 2 visited Bodmin Recycling Centre on 1st October to see how recycling happens on a large scale. A guided tour with earphones (very noisy) allowed the children to see how the big machines sort out the different materials for processing. Sorting games then gave them the opportunity to have a go themselves. The visit also gave the children the chance to create their own masterpiece through the medium of junk modelling. It was a very worthwhile visit, made perfect by the children's good behaviour and thirst for knowledge!



Mrs Culver has signed the school up with a company called Terracycle which will allow us to recycle items that are not included in the fortnightly collection. These include crisp packets and yoghurt pots. Class 2's project has certainly taken our schools green commitment to a new level. Well done everyone!

Balance Bike and Learn to Ride Sessions

Andy, from ARENA Sports Partnership, has delivered four sessions to our youngest children focussing firstly on how to balance on a bike and then moving on to control and stopping safely. He has been delighted with the attitude and ability of the children, with many bringing in their own bikes and showing off their skills.



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 and Sarah Northcott.

FRIENDS

As a school, we are extremely grateful for any support shown by any members of the community. The money raised by the Friends is literally a lifeline in the current climate of school underfunding. We rely on this fundraising to provide all of the little extras that make school special and memorable for our children. It is understood that many people lead busy lives, and meetings cannot always be attended, but please make yourselves known to Miss Forbes or pop a note in the office if you are someone we can call upon in times of need.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to Miss Forbes' recent plea or attended the meeting this week. The parents in attendance represented approximately 10% of the children at the school.

Michaela Coles has recently stepped down from the Friends and we would like to thank her for all of the time and effort she has devoted to the Friends over the years. It is very much appreciated!





CLASS THREE PLAN AND ORGANISE THEIR OWN TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

The Skills Builder project for Class 3 this term is to plan and carry out their own event which they executed brilliantly. They decided on a unicorn theme, an outdoor venue, a variety of different sandwiches, cupcakes and cola. Great fun was had by all and the event deemed a success. They certainly solved many problems in the planning, worked well as a team and presented the picnic perfectly! Great Teddy Bears everyone!

SKILLS BUILDER

As a school we have embraced a new programme of projects known as Skills Builder. This does exactly what it says on the tin—build skills. Please ask your child what skills they are currently focussing on and reinforce them at home. These are transferable

skills that will help them succeed in life, so quite important!



Multi-Sports Afternoon at Camelford Primary School

Particularly for a school of this size, it is important for children to experience a range of sports alongside children from other schools. This was an opportunity to develop skills in a larger setting with children from North Cornwall. There was a range of different 'stations' where children participated in groups to achieve faster or more accurate results. It was great to be able to send 68 children from Otterham to this event and we thank you for your support in collecting your children.



HARVEST

Well done to all of the children and staff for yet another wonderful Harvest celebration. It is always a joyful moment in the Otterham calendar when we get the whole school together to give thanks for what we have. It was a moment in history as the Chapel will look a little bit different next year following a refurbishment.

£108 was raised for the Pirate fm Heli Appeal—thank you.

HELLO YELLOW

It was good to support the organisation Young Minds this year on World Mental Health Day. £80 was raised in support of



young people, showing them that they are not alone with their mental health

Rugby Festival

Miss Parker was very impressed with the conduct and enthusiasm displayed by the children who attended the festival this week. They represented the school exceptionally well! The assistance given by Michaela during the festival was much appreciated. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children, we couldn't do it without your support.



A Day With Daya

It's always a pleasure to welcome Daya to Otterham School as she brings religion to life using a range of props including costume, artefacts and images. She shared her knowledge on Islam with children in Class 1 & 2 and with the youngest children in Class 3, Hinduism with a focus on weddings.

