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Academic

It has been another busy 2 weeks at our schools with KS2 completing their SATs exams last week and KS1 completing their assessments this week (with some finishing next week too). Everyone at school could not be prouder of the attitude displayed by children and we look forward to celebrating their results with them in due course.

Coming up soon after half-term is the National Phonics Screening Week for year 1 children and the Multiplication Times Tables Check for year 4 children.

Children in yrs 1 & 2 at Webber's and yrs 1, 2 & 3 at Burlescombe resumed their swimming lessons at Tiverton Swimming Pool this week, where a mixture of building water confidence and instruction on different strokes took place. These sessions continue every Monday for the summer term.

Character

Children in yrs 3 & 4 took part in the Tri-Golf festival at Uffculme school last week. This saw them practising many different skills associated with golfing, which because of the inclement weather the day before, had to be held in the sports hall instead of the school field. Despite this challenge, children completed a raft of activities with some children asking where they could join a local golf club to play...I wonder if we have the next Tiger Woods hiding in our schools somewhere? Each of the activities was points-based, with totals being added and overall winners identified. Webber's children came 2nd overall and Burlescombe came 5th - huge congratulations to all who chose to represent their school. **Volunteering** is a civic virtue, and it is lovely to see so many of our children indulging in it - apologies to the keen children who **volunteered**, but were unable to be selected.

Community

A Q&A session was held at Burlescombe school this week, to mirror the session held at Webber's recently. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend - I have attached the minutes of the session (thank you to Mr, Barbary for typing them), so you can read through if you were unable to make it on the night.

The BPS PTFA have their Summer Bingo coming up next Friday (26th) - check out the poster in the Community Section of the newsletter. I would encourage everyone to go if you are able to as not only is it a great night, but the work both PTFAs do for their schools is invaluable and directly helps to enrich the educational experiences that we are able to offer your child(ren).

Innovation

The year 5/6 trip to The Plough Theatre in Great Torrington was a roaring success and the show itself - Quintessence - was equally amazing and interesting. After the performance, the writer and director spoke to children about her experience with special effects and in doing so became an Inspiring Speaker herself, inspiring some of our children to follow in her footsteps too. These types of experiences are so valuable for children and we will be continuing with them in the future - whether we go to the theatre, or whether we invite an artist or actor to come into school, the impact on young minds is immense and one we would like to ensure every child has the opportunity to experience as they travel through their primary school years.

Messages

I have some sad news to share with you this week. Mrs. Burston, who has been at Burlescombe School in one guise or another for over 2 decades, is sadly retiring from her cleaning position. Mrs. Burston will be greatly missed by children and staff alike and we would like to wish her all the best in whatever the future holds for her. If you would like to buy Mrs. Burston a small gift, you are more than welcome to hand it in at the school office.

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are

WEBBER'S: Oak

BURLESCOMBE: Swans



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEBBER'S		BURLESCOMBE	
Class 1	Amelia	Acorns	All of Y2 for being SATs superstars
Year 2	Seth		
Class 2	Ruby		
Class 3	Kye		
		Squirrels	Ben
		Oaks	Maddie

Diary Dates

Tues 23rd May	Webbers	Bag 2 School Collection
Thur 25 th May	Both Schools	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos
Mon 29 th – Fri 2 nd June	Both Schools	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June	Both Schools – Year 6	2-week Enterprise Window Opens
Mon 5 th June	Both Schools – Year 4	2-week Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) window opens
Tue 6 th June	Year 5/6 - both schools	Girls' Football – Uffculme School 3.15pm-5pm
Mon 12 th June – Friday 16 th June	Both Schools	National Phonic Screening Week
Mon 12 th June – Friday 16 th June	Webber's	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 12 th June	Webber's	New Intake children Induction Day 1 2pm-3.15pm
Tue 13 th June	Burlescombe	New Intake children Induction Day 1 2pm-3.15pm
Mon 19 th June – Wed 21 st June	Burlescombe	Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 19 th June	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 2 1.10pm-3.15pm
Tues 20 th June	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 2 1.10pm-3.15pm
Tue 20 th June	Webber's	Sports Day – 9.15am
Fri 23 rd June	Stage School children	Day at Wellington school with an evening performance
Mon 26 th June	Burlescombe	Sports Day – 9.15am
Tue 27 th June	Both Schools	Shift Up Day
Tue 27 th June	Both schools	New intake children Induction Day 3 9.10am – 12pm

Tue 27 th June	Webber's	Girls' Football – Uffculme School 3.15pm-5pm
Date in July TBC	Both schools – year 6	Enterprise trip to Exmouth by train
Mon 3 rd July	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 4 9.00am – 1.10pm
Tue 4 th July	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 4 9.00am – 1.10pm
Tue 4 th July – Thurs 6 th July	Both schools – year 5/6	Year 5/6 residential to London
Mon 10 th July	Webber's	New intake children Induction Day 5 9.00am – 3.30pm
Tue 11 th July	Burlescombe	New intake children Induction Day 5 9.00am – 3.30pm
Thurs 13 th July	Both Schools - year 6	Pool Party at Bampton Pool 1pm-3pm
Fri 14 th July	Both schools	INSET
Thurs 20 th July	Webber's	Awards Ceremony 9.30am – 11am (in the marquee on the school field)
Thurs 20 th July	Burlescombe	Awards Ceremony 2.30pm-3pm (in the school hall)
Fri 21 st July	Webber's	Leavers' Service 9.30am-11am (at All Saints Church)
Fri 21 st July	Burlescombe	Leavers' Service 2.30pm-3.30pm (at St. Mary's Church)

Events to be added when dates are confirmed:

- Year 6 Cream Tea (both schools)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Class 1

Academic

Class One have been learning to retell the fantasy story 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We have created our own 'Wild Thing' characters and are looking forward to writing our own stories next week.

Year 1 have started looking at division this week, exploring both grouping and sharing.

Community

Class one have been enjoying the sunny weather this week as it has allowed them to play on the school field with the rest of the school at break and lunch times. In R.E, the children have been thinking about Jesus' Good News and how we can show friendliness, forgiveness and peace within our school community.

Character Education

Children in yrR have children enjoyed ordering numbers to 10 and then 20. They have really enjoyed being 'cheeky' and re-ordering the numbers when their friends closed their eyes. The children have then used their critical thinking skills to re-order the numbers.

Innovation

Children have really enjoyed interacting with our new interactive white board for their learning and are very excited that we can change the pen colour!

Year 2

Academic

In Year 2, we have particularly enjoyed getting stuck into our maths learning over the past few weeks and have enthusiastically continued to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills. We have been 'explaining our brains' and deepening our understanding through collaborative working. Everyone has enjoyed demonstrating the methods we have been using by 'building' or 'drawing' our ideas by using resources, such as the tens and ones and place value counters.

Community

During English, Year 2 have written detailed recounts about the Coronation weekend. It has been wonderful to hear about how the children celebrated the King's Coronation with their families and neighbours and it sounds like much fun was had throughout the community!

Character Education

We have been developing our critical thinking skills this week by learning how to keep an open mind and showing a growth mindset when faced with problems and challenges; both in our work, as well as within friendships. Playtimes have given us a fantastic opportunity to practise thinking about different points of view and we have learnt to give different solutions to problems we have faced.

Innovation

As we have been preparing for our Year 2 SATS we have started to explore how we learn best as individuals. As part of our discussions, we have had great fun inventing many memorable songs, rhymes, silly sentences and chants (with actions) to help us to understand and remember key vocabulary, important facts, spelling rules and grammar terms.

Class 2

Academic

Class 2 have been reading and exploring fiction stories by Satoshi Kitamura. We have been discussing similarities between the featured characters and illustrations of different stories, and writing from the perspective of some of the interesting characters. In maths, Year 3 have been working on volume and capacity, and we have enjoyed the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and get measuring.

Character Education

We have all been demonstrating the character virtue of critical thinking, and focusing on ways we can use questioning and enquiry to explore different viewpoints and sources of information.

Community

Class 2 have been sharing lots of achievements from out of school clubs and tournaments recently. We have celebrated and appreciated each other's successes and enjoyed seeing the certificates and medals our friends have been awarded. Well done everyone!

Innovation

Class 2 have continued our discussions about how civilizations have evolved and how improved farming techniques, irrigation, and geographical location support new cities to be successful.

Class 3

Academic

It was incredible to see how much the children learnt from their visit to the theatre this week. The performance, which saw an AI robot programmed to restart humanity after an ecological disaster on Planet Earth, discussed advanced concepts; however, the children absorbed the information and came back to school buzzing with wonderful discussion. The letters that they have written - to thank the performers - reflect their understanding of the performance and many have been inspired to work in visual effects!

Character Education

It has been really evident this week that children are beginning to use language around their Character Education in everyday situations. It was great to 'catch' some children discussing their resilience this week; children are showing virtues increasingly often, which is lovely to see and hear.

Community

It was wonderful to meet some of the other small schools of Alumnis at Great Torrington this week. Class 3, together with Oaks class, travelled to The Plough Theatre where they watched 'Quintessence': a play written, and performed, by Emily Carding.

Innovation

After studying Tudor buildings in art, and producing black and white paintings using ink and water, we have been building models in D&T lessons. It's been great to see children's innovative designs transform empty paper boxes into fine Tudor homes!

Acorns

Academic

Year 2 have been fantastic this week while completing their KS1 SATs papers. They all demonstrated such determination, resilience and perseverance throughout all the papers - a massive well done for being such superstars! Year 1 and EYFS have also been busy with all things Beatrix Potter. They have reviewed various stories, and even got into the role of various characters writing postcards. I have seen some lovely drawings the children created based on their favourite Beatrix Potter story.

Community

Acorns class have been busy preparing questions ready to ask Rev Glynn next week when we all see him. The children are looking forward to finding more about what Rev Glynn does and ask him his thoughts on our RE learning this half term. EYFS have continued to be very helpful looking after our garden. Children have been seen watering the plants, sweeping leaves and helping Ms. Branch sort out the outside equipment.

Character Education

Acorns class have continued to show resilience this week in their learning and assessments. It can be very tricky but the children drew on our discussions and stories and have shown great resilience in their characters this week. Year 1 has demonstrated our new virtue of focus, critical thinking, particularly in their maths, while working out different ways to show fractions of shapes and numbers. It was challenging to find different ways of shading shapes, but the children did not give up.

Innovation

KS1 in Acorns have been busy innovating different ways to decorate and construct mobiles in RE. These were designed to show our individual thoughts on friendliness, forgiveness and peace based on our current learning. EYFS have continued to innovate during busy learning; a marvellous rainbow house was created using the large outside blocks. We are thoroughly enjoying this lovely weather and making the most of it by being outside as much as we can!

Squirrels

Academic

Children in year 4 have been using different types of graph to represent different forms of data in science recently and thinking about the type of graph we need to present different sorts of data. When do we use a bar chart? Why would a line graph be better? Those sorts of questions have been positively *smashed* this week! Year 3 children completed their work on volume and capacity and have started to enter the wonderful world of fractions!

Community

Children in Squirrels class took part in the year 3/4 Tri-Golf Festival at Uffculme School last week. This was a great opportunity to practise skills associated with golf in the spirit of friendly competition. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, the event was held in the school hall, but a raft of skills were practised and competed with. A fantastic attitude was displayed by all involved - well done.

Character Education

Squirrels have been displaying our focus virtue of critical thinking in almost everything they do. Whether that is questioning the information they research, or are presented with by the teacher, or thinking critically about the best way to approach a tricky maths problem, we have learnt that critical thinking is central to our ability to learn new information and understand the world around us.

Innovation

Squirrels class have started an innovation of their own this week: children are continuing a part of the story from our focus text *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King. With a focus on setting and character description, and the powerful language that can be used to evoke a response from the reader. The children have risen to the challenge of incorporating preposition phrases and punctuating dialogue with inverted commas magnificently.

Oaks

Academic

This week, we have started our new book in English; Survivors by David Long. We have already read three of the stories inside it and we are enjoying it immensely. We have spent this first week digging into the text; reading and analysing the language and impact it has, and comparing the short stories with the real accounts on which the stories are based.

Community

This week, we have been watching our sunflowers flourish in our classroom; we are planning on planting these so that everyone can see them as they are already fantastic!

Character Education

This week, we have been focused on 'critical thinking'. We have been exploring what this looks like and in doing so, we have realised that we think critically each and every day; making decisions and thinking about the best route to take.

Innovation

We have been starting our innovation process this week for two separate pieces of work: the first being a non-chronological report which the children are putting together to portray their knowledge of the First and Second World War. Secondly, we have started innovating our own pieces of art. This half term, we have been learning about abstract art and have started creating our own piece of abstract art based on the art of Pablo Picasso.



Introducing Webber's KS2 Summer Term Choir



Calling all singers!

Come along and give it a go!

Be part of a team, learn new skills, learn great tunes!

Have fun!

This will be run as an Early Morning Club with a nominal fee of £2 per week (all proceeds to go directly to the PTFA). Children are invited to be dropped off punctually on Tuesdays at 8.05am for an 8.10am start. As we will be working towards a final performance, we kindly ask that both children and parents commit to a full term.

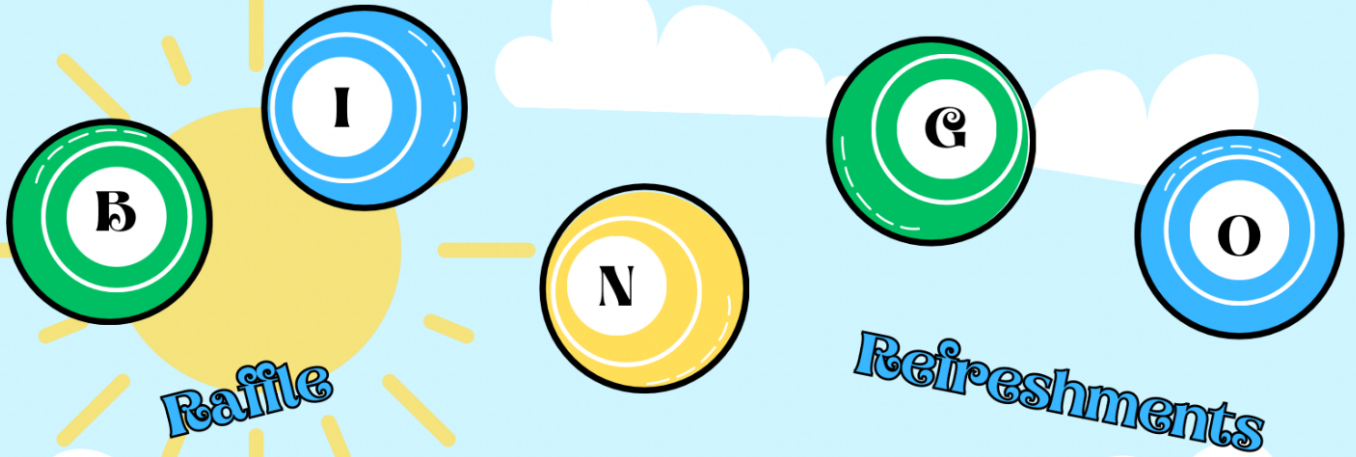
Please let me know if you are interested as this would be helpful for those running the choir to gauge numbers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The choir will start from the second Tuesday of the summer term (Tuesday 25th April).

Rupert Egerton-Smith

Pianist & Composer

rupert@rupertesmusic.com



Burlescombe PTFA

Invite you to join us for

Summer Bingo

Friday 26th May 2023

Doors Open 6:30pm

Eyes Down 7pm

Sizzling Summer Prizes

At Burlescombe & Westleigh
Community Hall

ALL SAINTS POP-UP CAFÉ



Fortnightly on 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays

in

Holcombe Rogus Village Hall

9:30-12pm

19 th April	
3 rd May	17 th May
7 th June	21 st June
5 th July	19 th July

Hot and cold drinks, delicious cakes

AND

bacon baps



COME AND CHAT TO YOUR
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

All profits go to local charities

Webbers PTFA



Bag 2 School

NEXT

COLLECTION

Tuesday 23rd May

Accepted

- Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags and bags
- Hats
- Scarves and Ties
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft Toys
- Household Linen
- Household Curtains
- Household Towels
- Household Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Not Accepted

- Duvels and Blankets
- Pillows and Cushions
- Carpets, Rugs and Mats (including bath and toilet mats)
- Soiled, Painted, Ripped or Wet Clothing
- School Uniforms (with or without logo)
- Corporate Clothing and Workwear
- Textile offcuts, Yarn or Threaded material

Bin bags of donations to be dropped into the small playground by 9am!

WEBBERS PTFA

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JUNE



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DOORS OPEN | 08.00 PM

TICKETS
£5

HOLCOMBE VILLAGE
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ADULTS
ONLY



PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



Tuesday 30th May, Thursday 1st June 2023
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School TA4 1HZ
Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 30th May: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!



Childcare vouchers accepted

The fun doesn't stop there...

Thursday 1st June: Taekwondo and Dodgeball- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 taekwondo coach and her club recently won gold and silver at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will make unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!

Please wear sports/casual clothes, bring a packed lunch and soft drinks.

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP



Wednesday 31st May 2023
Cotford St Luke Primary School
TA4 1HZ

FOOTBALL ACTIVITY DAY

What we will get up to:

Football skills- Working Individually or In pairs you will learn skills from the coaches. They will help you learn and improve!

Football drills- Children will be split into groups and start practising their skills whilst also moving with the ball.

Mini games- Children will use their skills in game like situations before playing against each other in the afternoon in teams.

Football tournament- Children will be put into various teams where they will compete in a round robin tournament!



Childcare vouchers accepted



Please bring your own lunch & lots of non fizzy drink.

Please wear casual/sports clothes.

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