

Spring Term catch-up

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Message from Mrs Carter, Head of School

Dear All,

The first half term flew by and we are now all settled in to the second half!

Children across the school are really engaged with their learning and there is a very purposeful buzz about the place. I have enjoyed hearing about designers and inventions, the science of sound and Easter market ideas, as I walked around the school. I was also lucky enough, and so pleased, to receive letters from some of the children in Year 1 as they practised their writing skills for the residents of Primley House.

Read on to find out what else we've been up to in school and who helped us.

This half term we are looking forward to finding out about Romans, Greeks, and the Stone Age in different year groups across the school. Some will be learning about our local history and significant historical people, whilst others will be identifying the effects of plastic on our beaches.

I must also thank all the parents who have helped keep the zig zags clear at the front of the school and, in so doing, are helping to keep our children safe. It would now be great to see some improvement with the parking in the roads surrounding the school.

I hope to see many of you at parents' evening over the next couple of days.

Best Wishes

Mrs V Carter

Thank you to...



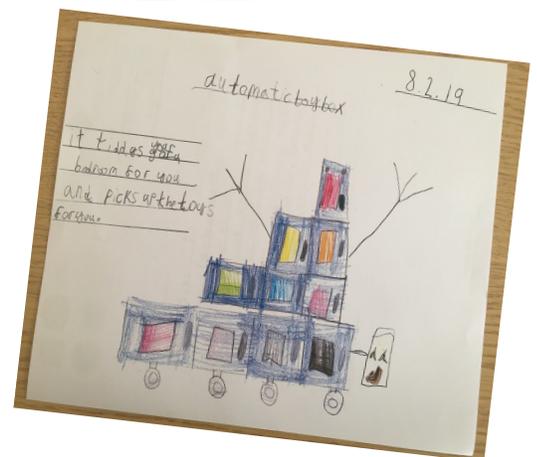
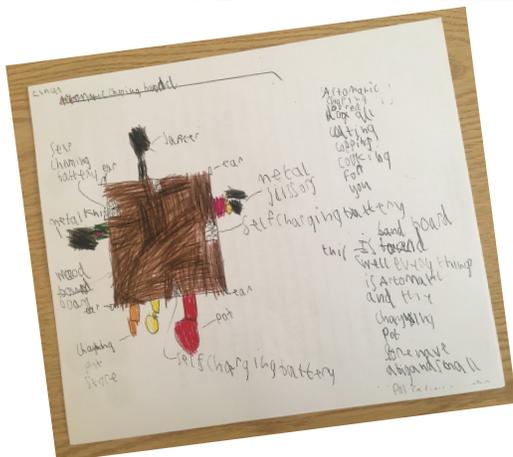
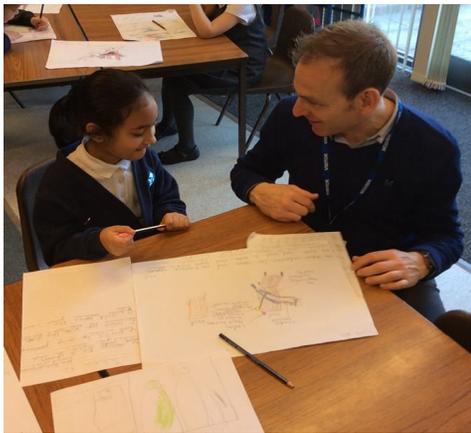
... **Torbay Owls and Company** who brought their birds of prey in to meet our Early Years children.

The children delighted in meeting the Harris Hawk, Barn Owl and 'the one with the upside down moustache' !



.... **Magnus Christie** - from Effect Photonics, and **Jane Clymo** - a science teacher, who came in to see what our Year 2 engineers had been up to. They were very impressed with the designs the children had come up with. **Magnus** said *'It was a real pleasure to witness the engagement shown in the design task from our next generation of Engineers, Scientists and Designers.'*

.... **John Hopkins** from Paignton Rotarians for introducing us to **Magnus** and **Jane**.



Red Nose Day

We are looking forward to Red Nose Day this coming Friday. Children are welcome to come dressed in red with red noses for a donation of 50p. They can also contribute an additional 50p to take part in the 'Red Nose Hunt' organised by the School Council.

The School Council will also be holding a cake sale after school to raise additional funds for the charity. Donations of cakes gratefully received from Friday morning - Thanks.



Our next **BIG** fundraiser will be ...
The Year 5 Easter Market!



4th April 2019

If you would like to help or know of anyone who would like a stall please let us know as soon as possible. We will be looking for donations for prizes and cakes. We will be having non uniform days on Friday 29th March and Thursday 4th April to help with these.

In addition to the market we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade, an 'Eggs-hibition' and an 'Egg Drop' contest as part of our Easter celebrations.

More details to follow soon.

Safeguarding

We need to tighten up our safeguarding procedures in school to ensure your children are kept safe and secure. To this effect **we will no longer be able to allow parents into the school unaccompanied during the school day.**

This will mean that parents will no longer be able to pop in to use the toilet facilities as we do not have staff available to accompany these trips.

We politely request that parents wait for children in the playground areas at the end of the day and do not enter the school building until all children have been dismissed. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Goodbye

thank you...

...AND good-bye

We are sad to say goodbye to Jenny Wilson and Tracy Cook who have been part of our Mealtime Team and our Cleaning Team. Jenny is relocating to be nearer to family and Tracy has moved out of the area. We will miss you Jenny and Tracy, we are grateful for all that you have done for us here at Curledge Street.

Welcome

We welcome Linzi Lewis to Curledge Street as part of our Teaching Assistant Team. Linzi has a long history with the school and we are really pleased to have her join us as staff. Also, Val Cole joins us as a cleaner following a transfer from Paignton Community & Sports Academy - welcome!

hello!

Photo Survey Results



Last half term we polled parents to find out preferences for school photographs. Most responses indicated a preference for a class photograph in Nursery, Reception and then every other year, being years 2, 4 and 6. **Please note: We will be moving to this approach from this year forward.**

Book Fair Success!

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Book Fair. We had an £813.84 total spend which allows us to spend nearly £500 on books for the school.

Absences and Medicines



Please note we can now administer non-prescribed medicines to your child on your behalf. You will need to provide the medication and fill in a form at reception for us to be able to do this.

If your child is absent from school with an illness for more than 5 days we now require medical evidence from your child's doctor.

Lost and found ...

We have had a mobile phone with a very distinctive cover left in reception. If you are missing one please come and see us - it may belong to you!

Reminders!

- Children are actively encouraged to bring water bottles to school to use throughout the school day. Juice / squash may be provided as a lunchtime drink only.
- Please check your child's hair regularly for nits. They are an ongoing problem and need treating as soon as they are spotted.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named. As the weather improves, jumpers end up apart from their owners and it's much easier to get them back to the right person if they are labelled clearly.



Key Dates For Your Diary!

March

13th / 14th - Parent consultations

15th - Red Nose Day

27th - Unsung Heroes Spring Term Celebration

April

4th - Easter Market

5th - End of term (finishing at 2pm)



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