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Attendance

96.8%



Removing Barriers

We are currently accessing Speechlink as part of the Trust offer. Some of your children will have short assessments done with a trained member of staff to see if they have any specific speech gaps and we can feedback to you about support we/you can provide to help them make the best progress. In the current climate of decreased funding for education we are very pleased to have access to this. We will also gain access to Language link soon too, which will support pupils further up the academy with any hidden needs.

Stronger Together

Reading and Writing remain our big-ticket items this term. We are really focusing on developing high-quality handwriting, building stamina, and using assessments to support students in making small steps of progress. We will be sharing more of this on Seesaw, and we would love for you to be your child’s audience. They always write more effectively when there’s a real purpose, and showing you their work is a great way to support quality. Lost your Seesaw parent login? Please ask; we can easily print a new one for you so you can leave comments and enjoy their progress.

We forgot to inform you about what we are learning during the Summer Term. You can find this information on our school website.

Simply scroll down to the bottom of the page to see what the class will be covering over the Summer Term.

<https://dunsford-lap.co.uk/learning/our-curriculum-sequencing/>

Sense of Belonging

As we move toward the last term, we will be making some changes across the teaching staff. We hope to share our plans with you soon as we look to recruit a teacher to cover Mrs. Wood. Although I cannot share the plan in full yet, rest assured that it is robust and prioritizes your children. **We look forward to sharing any changes with you and the children during Transition Day on July 4th.**



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Realising the Possible

It's amazing how many experiences and trips we're able to provide for children at Dunsford. Thanks to the PTFA, careful planning, and trust bids, most year groups will have an experience or trip this coming half term. We know these are the memorable moments that students cherish, often reinforcing their classroom learning in remarkable ways.

Please make sure to inform us if you'd like pictures of your children to appear on Seesaw (a closed, password-protected site), so you can enjoy their experience videos, pictures, and discussions.

Clubs:

Monday 3:30-4:30pm NETBALL

Tuesday 3:30-5pm DRAMA

Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm FOOTBALL

Thursday 3:30-5pm BIKE CLUB

Friday 3:30-5pm SPORTS CLUB

| Event | Class/Year | Date | Contact |
|--|------------|--|----------------|
| Term Starts | All | Monday 3rd June | Office |
| Office Closed | All | Monday 3rd June | Office |
| Science Workshops | YR—Y6 | Tuesday 4th June | Office |
| Sports Day | All | Wednesday 12th June | Office |
| Y5 Trip to Plymouth | Y5 | Friday 14th June | Office |
| School Photos | All | Tuesday 18th June | Office |
| 150th Anniversary of the School Celebrations | All | Wednesday 19th June | Miss Farress |
| Parents Evenings | All | Monday 24th June & Wednesday 26th June | Class Teachers |
| Y4 Residential | Y4 | Monday 24th June—Tuesday 25th June | Mrs Wood |
| Dunsford Show | All | Saturday 29th June (12-5pm) | PTFA |
| Willow Trip | Willows | Monday 8th July | Office |
| Y6 Residential | Y6 | Monday 15th July—Wednesday 17th July | Mrs Wood |
| Oak Class Performance | Oaks | Tuesday 23rd July | Mrs Wood |
| Leavers' Assembly | Y6 | Wednesday 24th July | Mrs Wood |



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WILLOWS

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STAR of the WEEK

Clementine

SPORTS STAR: Cassia & Esme

By the time we came in on Monday morning we had three beautiful butterflies who had emerged from their cocoons! They were feeding on the sugar syrup and fruit that Miss Farress had placed in their net/home, but we could tell that they needed returning to their natural habitat. So, on Tuesday we took them to the playing field for release – they seemed to warm their wings in the sun, but they didn’t fly off right away. When we returned to the net at lunchtime, the net was empty – so our class butterflies have been released to nature. It has been amazing to see the life cycle of the butterfly – from the caterpillars that arrived some weeks ago, to the cocoon building then butterfly stages. Wonderful!

On the theme of habitats (Science) we learnt how different animals have adapted to live in different habitats. Year 1s identified an animal to study and made a poster to show its habitat and the features it has to survive in that habitat. So many amazing animals to study; fennec foxes, elephants, eagles, giraffes, penguins, parrots and cheetahs!

To conclude our learning about the coast (Geography) we learnt about keeping safe at the beach – Willows were amazing at spotting the dangers of the seaside and know to; Stop and Think, Stay Together, Float (if in trouble in the water) and Call 999 or Shout for Help! Wishing you all many safe visits to the coast . . .

. . . and Happy Holidays.



- Wednesdays: PE - please come in PE kit for the day
Thursdays: please bring the following to change in to: wellies, waterproof coat & trousers
Fridays: Swimming—ensure children bring in their swimming kits to school



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CEDARS

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Harvey

STAR of the WEEK

SPORTS STARS:
Jacob, Ed & Noah R

Wow, what a super half term we have had in Cedars!

The children have loved our learning in History; we have been learning about what life was like on the Golden Hind. They found it fascinating that children often worked on ships. There is a replica of the Golden Hind moored in Brixham, which would make an excellent half-term excursion.

In Science, the children were presented with a problem: Humpty Dumpty needs a sleeping bag in case he falls down the hill again. They needed to come up with a prediction of which materials to use and why they think they will be the best. The results will be shared on SeeSaw!

In Maths, the children have been continuing with their learning of time. It would be fantastic to embed their learning by continuing to ask your child to tell the time on an analogue clock for the Year 2s and both analogue and digital clocks for the Year 3s.

In our RHE lessons, we have been looking at the body's internal organs and learning about the important jobs they do for the body. The children had a great understanding of the heart and lungs. We discussed in more detail how our stomach and intestines work.

Thank you all for such a lovely half term. I hope you have a wonderful half term break and the sun shines down. Please don't forget Numbots and TTRS; they are brilliant programs for your child to access regularly.

PE is on Wednesdays :PE kits should be in school during the week and not worn to school on any day.

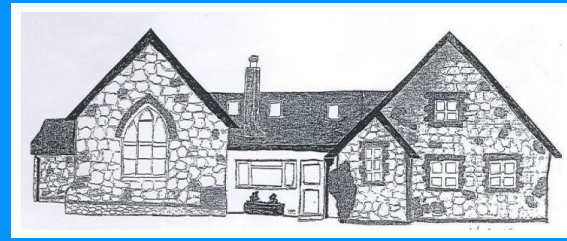
Forest school is on Thursdays-ensure appropriate clothing is brought to school.

Swimming is on Fridays: Ensure swimming kits are brought to school on the day and please ensure they are named.





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OAKS

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Kitty

STAR of the WEEK

SPORTS STAR:
Emily & Cressida

Wow! What an exciting week it has been! The children have received their roles and scripts for the production and have managed to take part in a read through and a walk through of the musical. They have all really enjoyed this experience and I am looking forward to putting their acting together with their singing, which is already sounding incredible! Now that children have their scripts, can you please support them and encourage them to learn their lines. The sooner this is done, the better the rehearsals will be.

The children finished lots of their units of learning this week, including their history topic on Ancient Greece. They learnt about Alexander the Great and his legacy, as well as exploring some of the incredible achievements still with us today, such as the Greek alphabet, the Olympic Games and drama!

In maths, the year 4 and 5 children finished their unit on shape by exploring the properties of regular and irregular polygons and revisiting their understanding of symmetry. The year 6 children began a project based on wages, salaries and tax, learning how to work out the income tax for a salaried job. They were able to use their skills in multiplication, division and finding the percentage of an amount to explore this.

The children have begun their final times tables, the 12s. They are revising the multiplication and division facts for this times table through their daily recall and chanting. This will support the year 4 children who will be assessed on their multiplication and division recall after half term. Further information will be sent out about this to year 4 parents closer to the time.

Thank you for supporting our bake sale. We have a very healthy (and greedy) bearded dragon, and your generous donations will allow us to ensure we can provide everything he needs in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Have a wonderful half term break, fingers crossed for some sunny weather.

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Simba, every time someone goes near his food supplies!