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#### Weekly Newsletter No 33

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a buzz around school regarding the residential. I have heard many stories of adventures and character building! A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children and make the trip such a success.

Back at school, the sunshine has well and truly arrived, and we're embracing all the enriching opportunities this time of year brings. Children are busy preparing for our upcoming school production, getting excited about Sports Day next week, and enjoying a wide range of fun, purposeful learning in class.

Wishing you all a sunny and joyful week ahead.

Warm Regards

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Gary Tucker Headteacher

#### **Beacon**

Beacon class news this week comes from Mr Tucker on his Fridays! I have been pleased with how the children have enthusiastically taken part in the Young Leader's Award. Our mantra is "Be the Change you Want to See" and we have been taking part in many challenges in school as well as at home trying to bring about change in our communities. Here are some of the children's opinions on it.

Maddy said, "I really enjoyed the obstacle course and the cup challenge. Why? Well because it was really hard but really fun. You had to work together as a team so we could succeed."

Kayleigh and Ella said, "We are enjoying our charity work at the moment because it is all about Firefighters and we are all working together to raise money for a good cause."

Alexzander said, "I like writing the speech for the presentation we are currently doing. I am talking about saving amphibians and reptiles."

Charlotte commented, "I enjoyed the obstacle course because it was fun to let someone guide you around. Also you had to wear goggles that impaired your vision."

The Young Leaders Award will culminate in a Family Fun Afternoon on Friday 11th July and details are in this newsletter further on.



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### <u>Alfoxton</u>

This week, we have learned about wholes and parts in fractions. We discovered that a shape can be broken into parts that look unequal but actually are equal in size. We did this by cutting different shapes into parts that looked different and testing to see if we could make the parts fit inside each other. We couldn't believe that the different shapes were actually the same size!

In English, we are basing our written work on the book, 'Omar, Accidental Trouble Magnet' by Zanib Mian. We love this book so much! It's kind of diary style so we are writing a diary style story about our own experiences in school. Our writing talks about a new class member who joined us this week - Hermione! Hermione is a tortoise and it's fun to write about her then be able to pet her once we have finished our work!

In Art, we continue our studies of Italian artists, this time Michaelangelo! Last week we had a go at painting upside down, just like when he painted the Sistine Chapel. This week, we learned that he actually painted onto wet plaster so we did the same. We learned that this method is called fresco painting. We quite enjoyed it and think our paintings turned out fabulous!



### <u>Triscombe</u>

We've had a wonderful week full of sunshine, smiles, and super learning! It's been lovely exploring and learning all about the weather, especially with the beautiful weather we've had recently. The children have really enjoyed our discussions and investigations—it's been a joy to see their curiosity shine.

Swimming continues to be a highlight of our week. It's fantastic to see everyone growing in confidence in the water, with many children now happily jumping in—what an achievement!

In Maths, Year 2 have been exploring the connections between the 5- and 10-times tables and using this understanding to support their work in division. It's great to see them applying their knowledge with such enthusiasm.

In English, we've been re-writing the story *Lila and the Secret of Rain*, and I've been genuinely impressed with the children's creativity and effort in their writing.

As part of our foundation work, we've also been keeping weekly weather records. The children have loved becoming little weather reporters—it's been a fantastic way to link our learning across subjects.





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### Preschool

This week we have been continuing to learn about the weather. The children have explored a 'sunny day' beach small world tuff tray and have done an experiment with skittles sweets to make a rainbow of colour! The children were very excited to see how the colours from the sweets spread out into a 'rainbow' when water was added to them.

We used coloured shaving foam to make a sensory rainbow. The children then used their hands to mix the colours together.

The children also matched what clothing you need to wear in certain weathers, by placing the item of clothing onto the correct type of weather for example - wellies on the rainy picture and hat and gloves on the snowy picture. We also continued watching our daily weather forecast to see what the day will bring and are all happy to see that the sun is expected to last all week!



### Whole School

This week, we have come together to begin rehearsals which was so much fun. Whilst some of us were acting, others made props, sang songs and helped with stage directions. Our school play is going to be great!



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#### KS2 Residential

Last week was filled with the absolutely amazing experience of the Residential trip to Bideford! What an honour it was to accompany the fantastic children of Stogursey!

They not only wowed us with their courage and bravery in the face of high ropes, waterslides, mountain boarding and assault courses, but worked together brilliantly as a team to create a fort, build dens and work as one team throughout. It was a wonderful experience to not only share with the children but the fabulous staff team that gave up their time to accompany them. We were all proud to represent Stogursey.

We hope you enjoy the photos as much as we enjoyed taking them.







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#### Sports Day

This is next Friday with the field opening at 9.00am for you to take up your position on the viewing side of the track. You can enter through the side gate and walk down to the field via our new walkway. Please come along and cheer your children on to do their best in what is a highlight of the school year. The children will need to come to school in house colours (t-shirts) as well as wearing hats, suncream and bring water bottles. Children will arrive on the field at 9.15am and events commence at 9.30am. We anticipate the awarding of the sports trophy to be about 11am.



## Family fun afternoon Friday 11th July 2pm onwards

Beacon class will complete their Young Leaders Award by holding a family fun afternoon, raising money for their chosen charities and causes in a fun way. Please come along to support them in their endeavors. Bring plenty of cash and have some fun whilst supporting local, national and international causes. The rest of the school will be attending as well and so if you wish to give your child money, please put it in a named envelope for class teachers to look after for the afternoon itself.



## Year 5/6 Young Leaders Award- Personal Challenges

We have received some lovely photos of children carrying out personal challenges including writing to the MP, stalls, meal cooking, cleaning windows and much more. Please keep sending these to the school office email address if children wish to print and stick them in their course booklets. We are looking forward to receiving the awards at church on the last day of term.





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## Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



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#### Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Beacon

#### **Important Dates**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Reception 26/27 Parents Meeting at 3.45pm Sports Day 9.00am-12.00pm Last swimming Move Up Morning Year 6 Leavers Trip Family Fun Afternoon (Charity Fundraiser) at 2.00pm Sports Day (Back up-weather dependant) School Production at 2.00pm Village Hall School Production at 6.00pm Village Hall Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm Last day of Term First Day Back