

West Yarner - Seale Hayne

Newsletter

March 2023

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many thanks again for all your support during this term. Even though we have seen freezing temperatures, we still did not have any snow which is a shame for the children, as it is such a special thing in this part of the country. Although, I am ready for some sunshine, warmth and longer evenings.

We have had another successful term with lots of activities going on within the school. We have had the Air Ambulance and RNLI come in to speak to students. West Yarner raised £8.50 for Red Nose Day by wearing their onesies to school. We are hoping to raise some money in the summer term for a charity called MIND.

We look forward to the summer term where we will have our activities week, hopefully attending the old favourites such as The Bear Trail, River Dart Country Park, Go Ape and the beach. The School Council has been active this year, making decisions about how we can improve the sites. We have a plan for the outside space at the East Wing and having some work done at Yarner to cut back some trees.

On a more sobering note we are starting to experience some issues with mobile phones within the school with them becoming a distraction. Please can you support us by checking your child's mobile devices for any groups or chats that may be unkind to others and limit the use of gaming and phones to a reasonable time in the evenings.

As you know we have changed our ways of reporting to you regarding progress. We now have a report card and will continue to have a full report at the end of the academic year, we are concentrating on face to face meetings where so much more can be discussed in a meaningful way.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see everyone after the break.

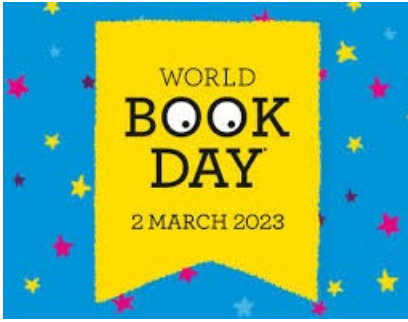
Simon,

Headteacher.



Trips , Visits, Activities

World Book Day



On Friday 3rd of March Year 7 students were taken to buy a book for World Book Day. The students used the front covers and blurbs to help them decide on a book they would like or to give as a gift to a younger sibling. All students showed excellent behaviour and manners during their time offsite.

Some students and the staff took part in an art activity - making different book characters from vegetables and playdough.

Red Nose Day



We have been learning about community and the importance of the work of charities and voluntary groups in supporting the most vulnerable in our society. As an extension to this we had a small fundraiser to support Red Nose Day and the work they do in providing essential funds for vital work in communities, during some of their toughest times, around the World and in the UK. As a small school, we raised **£ 8.50**. Thank you to the students and their families from Yarner for supporting this great cause. We would like to continue supporting great causes and the students are considering ways in which they can

build upon this fantastic work.... Watch this space!

Offsite activities



A student from lower primary visited Plymouth Aquarium and Paignton Zoo linking his learning with habitats and animals topic this term. The student also visited Viridor Exeter Energy Centre, which included a tour where he saw the grabber at work, zero to landfill lorries emptying their collections to go into the furnace and be burnt to produce electricity for homes all over the United Kingdom. The student was also able to be in the role of the grabber operator - a toy version, lots of fun seeing the items they were successful in grabbing and dropping into

the hopper to enter the furnace and see the temperature change as a result. An exciting and educational afternoon!

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Year 8 trip



Our Year 8 students visited The Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery in Exeter linking it with their history topic. They looked at a range of historical artefacts and discussed primary and secondary historical sources, how to use them in unpacking facts about particular historical events. The students enjoyed exploring and discussing a range of artefacts from Roman period, found locally. Vince talked through some of the artefacts with the group and explained what they were, what they were used for and how artefacts and source materials give an excellent insight into Roman life. The children learnt to analyse a range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past. The group also looked around the museum at the other artefacts and source materials on display from other time periods and gained an insight into life in this region of the South West.

RNLI visit



-On Monday 16th January, we were visited by two volunteers from the RNLI. Our students had the great experience of watching rescue videos, discussing what the RNLI does, identifying how to stay safe around water and witnessing On Track staff look a bit silly by squeezing into various items of lifeguard clothing, safety gear and equipment.

The visit was fun, educational and provided an insight into another career path that the students could follow if they wished.

Air Ambulance's visit.



On Thursday 30th March our students had a visitor from Devon Air Ambulance team. The children found out a lot of interesting facts about the role of Devon Air Ambulance Unit, Critical Care response team and their daily work across the county.

<https://www.daat.org/meet-the-devon-air-ambulance-team>



Interventions

As a school we continue to work closely with the intervention team, led by Rachel Foot. As always, throughout the term, they have planned some exciting activities linked to the social and emotional targets on the children's EHCP's

Key Dates for your Fridge

Easter holiday Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April 2023

Summer term

Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023

Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023

1 May is a Bank Holiday

8 May is a Bank Holiday (Coronation Day)

Autumn term

Wednesday 7th September – Friday 20th October 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27 th October 2023

Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December 2023

Absences

Dear Parent/ Careers,

If your child is not feeling well or can't attend the school, please could you email us at:

yarneroffice@ontrackededucation.com

This email can be received by several members of staff, who will pass your message to either West Yarner or Seale Hayne sites and will inform the relevant staff.



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