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Dear Parents

This week Class 1 have been news reporters. Jim Squeak found an old newspaper in the attic which contained an article about his great, great uncle Squeal Armstrong. It was welcoming him back from a mission with human Commander Neil Armstrong. The children found out more about Armstrong's space career as well as beginning to learn what they needed to make a good news article. They are now about to research and write one of their own newspaper articles about astronaut Tim Peake.

In maths, the children have been learning how to double this week. Mrs Symonds found a recipe for space rock cakes, but the recipe was not enough to make a cake for everyone. The children had to double the quantities so that there would be enough ingredients. Then Mrs Symonds dropped all the information from the recipe on the floor and muddled it up so year 2 had to put all of the amounts in the correct order using their number line to help them. Eventually, we were able to weigh the ingredients to make the yummy space rock cakes.

This week Class Two took part in safer internet day. The day started with a few snaps taken on the Ipad. The children thought about what was important when taking a photo and realised that no one had asked permission to take their photo. They then discussed about who could see the photo when it was on the Ipad, if they emailed it to someone and if it was put on the school website. They quickly realised how out of control image sharing can become. It also surprised us about the number of clues that a photo can give about you. From one photo of a birthday party, they could see a child's name on a head band; work out their age from the candles on the cake and find out their location from background clues! The children then created posters to share their photo sharing concerns with others.

This led nicely into a discussion about impression that can be made from photos. They looked at a range of photos of other children and wrote down their first impressions. Some of the children looked unkind and they discussed that although we didn't know them we had an opinion.

In the afternoon, the children thought about what they used the internet for and particularly chat features in games. They watched a video about a girl who met someone she had talked to on the internet. The girl went to the park without telling her mum and was approached by a strange man who

knew lots about her. This led to a discussion about what they do online and what information should not be shared. The children then created some internet safety rules that could help keep us all safe online.

The day ended with the whole school getting together to learn a song about sharing information online.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury CE School

Question of the week

Class 1 Why do stars twinkle?

Class 2 The internet has changed the way the world works but has it changed the world for better?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 3rd February

Class One:

Mia for responding positively to her new timetable

Class Two:

Sophia for trying really hard with her reading comprehension

Key Dates

10th February – Break for half term
20th February – Back to school
28th February – Pancake Races
2nd March – World Book Day
21st March – Parents' evening
31st March – Easter Service 2.30 – End of term
18th April – Summer Term begins
26th May – Break for half term
5th June – Back to school
21st July - End of term

Upcycling Competition

Please remember that the closing date for Waste Week's upcycling competition is 10th March 2017. Your child will be bringing an entry form home from school. For more information go to <http://jointhepod.org/waste-week-2017>

School Funding

You may have seen in the news recently that there is a crisis relating to school funding. I believe there is to be an article on Spotlight this evening giving more information. The Devon Headteachers Association and the National Association of Headteachers urge parents, governors and friends of schools to have a look at www.schoolcuts.org.uk. If you type in our school name you will see the potential funding cuts that our school may suffer by 2019 if the current plans for a national funding formula go ahead. Please also put into the website the name of the potential secondary schools your child may go to in the future. From this website there is an easy button that generates a letter to your MP to express your concerns. We would encourage as many people as possible to send these letters. Thank you for your support with this.

Eco Club

As part of our new Eco Club at Broadhembury, we have been looking at ways in which we could save energy and reduce our bills and our carbon footprint. We have begun auditing class 1 and class 2 as well as other areas such as the office and staff room to see whether we can cut down on the amount of energy that we are using. The children have a tick chart and they go into the empty rooms at break and lunchtime to find out what has been left on. We are hoping that by introducing a weekly competition, each class will become more careful with recycling and leaving on lights, screens etc. As part of our challenge, we have signed our school up online, to become a member of The Pod which is run by EDF to help us all understand how we can become more active in saving energy and ultimately becoming a more sustainable school. One of the challenges we have chosen to embark upon is Waste Week. We will run this week between the 6th and the 10th of March and we will be running activities during that week to support the children in understanding the importance of recycling. As well as this, there is a nationwide competition for users of The Pod to upcycle old gardening equipment or tools to make something new. Please follow this link <http://jointhepod.org/waste-week-2017> for more information or ask Mrs Symonds.

Half Term Activities

Wildlife gardening, Tuesday 14 February, 10am to 2pm at Seaton Wetlands, £7.50 per bird box, £3 for other crafts, No booking required

Help the Seaton Wetlands Rangers in the wildlife garden

Bird watching for Children, Tuesday 14 February, 3pm to 4pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Suggested donation £2 per child, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching

Bird and bug box making, Thursday 16 February, 1pm to 3pm, Phear Park, Exmouth, £7.50 per bird box, donations for other crafts, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join the Countryside Education Rangers and make homes for the wildlife in your garden.

Bird ringing demonstration, Tuesday 21 February, 9am to 11am, The Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands, free, no booking required

Bird ringing demonstration by Axe Estuary Ringing Group. An exciting chance to see wild birds up close as they are ringed to allow us to obtain important data about them.

Wildlife gardening at Cranbrook, Saturday 25 February, 10am to 12noon, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, free, no booking required.

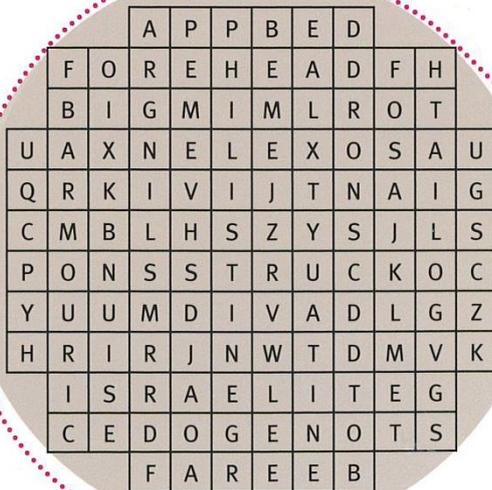
Help the Country Park Ranger in the Cranbrook Country Park Wildlife garden

What's that bird? Saturday 25 February, 11am to 1pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Free, no booking required.

Whatever your experience come along and improve your bird identification skills

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value Courage. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

ARMOUR	BOY	DAVID
COURAGE	FOREHEAD	GIANT
GOLIATH	GOD	ISRAELITE
PHILISTINE	SHIELD	SLING
SOLDIER	STONE	STRUCK



Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our Parent Governors, Clara Rose, has taken the decision to resign from her position on the federation's governing body. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service and all that she has done for our schools during her time as governor. She will leave the role in the next few weeks. However, this means that there will now be a vacancy for a dedicated parent on our governing body. The role can be demanding, but is also very rewarding. If you think that you may have the qualities, skills and time necessary to take on this role, please get in touch with Mrs Gray in the first instance. She can provide you with more information about what the role entails. We will start the formal process of selecting a new governor in the next couple of weeks – further details will be given soon.