



Tavistock
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Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

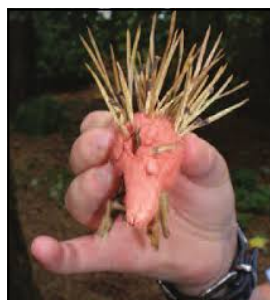
Date: 27th September

Skill for Success—RESILIENCE ‘keeping going even when it’s hard’

Garden Days:

KS1, Y3 and Y5 children enjoyed their first ‘garden day’ of the year this week. Some of the activities they took part in were: looking for signs of autumn in an autumn walk in the Meadows, making autumn pictures using natural objects in the school garden, a treasure hunt, making a rainbow of coloured leaves, modeling with clay and much, much more! The children and the teachers had a wonderful day learning in the outside environment.

Every class in the school will have a ‘garden day’ this half term as part of their curriculum and once a half term from now on.



School Priorities for this year

- Staff wellbeing and workload—review our practices and procedures.
- Curriculum—evaluate what we include in our curriculum, how we teach it and how much the children remember and learn.
- Reading—promoting ways to increase ‘the skill’ (being able to read) and ‘the will’ (wanting to read regularly) for all children.
- Vocabulary—ensuring that children have a wide vocabulary in order to communicate their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Selbie

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GOVERNING BOARD

The board will meet for the second time this term next Tuesday, Mrs Selbie will respond to questions arising from her termly report to governors.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The very popular Theatre Club has 5 spaces available (£5 weekly/£40 term for 1 1/2 hours). This term's work is leading to a performance of the 'BFG' at Marjons Theatre in March 2020.

'CATALYST' LUNCHTIME CLUB

Trained youth workers from Catalyst will begin working on Tuesday lunchtimes, fortnightly from next week. These sessions will take place in the Garden area of KS2 playground and will support Year 6 transition to secondary education.

HEARD IN THE PLAYGROUND

"I can't wait to come back on Monday!"
From a YR child to their parent at the end of the day on Friday.

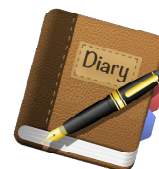
DIARY DATES— calendar available on our website www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk

September

Mon 30th—Bikeability Y5 for the week
Mon 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring attendance

October

Wed 2nd—Football Tournament
Fri 4th—Y4 to Calstock
Fri 4th—Y5 to Escott
Mon 7th and Tues 8th—Parents' Evenings 3.30—6pm
Wed 9th—Goose Fair, school closed
Thurs 10th—Y3 Multi skills at Lamerton
Mon 14th—Flu Vaccination Yr R—6
Thurs 17th—Girls' Football Tournament
Fri 18th—C5, C6, C7 Family Assembly

**CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to all our new **school council representatives**, who were elected by their peers, through a democratic process, to represent their year group at school council meetings:

C5: Scarlett and Finley

C6: Yingray and Quinn

C7: Evie and Mickey

Y3: Noah and Bluebell

Y5: Henry and Eavan

Y6: Brooke and Archie

They should be very proud of this achievement; they now have an important and responsible role for the term ahead.

HUFF AND PUFF LEADERS

The Huff and Puff Playground leaders have been selected from Year 5 pupils and will lead the play with our 'Huff and Puff' equipment on both playgrounds. Thank you to them all for volunteering for this essential playtime role which promotes exercise during breaks.

PLEASE HELP US!**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

All funds raised will be spent on children at Tavistock Primary & Nursery School. This year we are asking all parents to give **just 1 hour** of their time to support the school.

GOOSE FAIR PARKING

Wednesday 9th October—sign up for 1 hour car park attendant—High vis jackets and walkie/talkie will be provided. This year we are trying to raise £2000 in just 1 day!

HSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The HSA bring you some advance exciting news—the top prize in this year's Christmas raffle is a family ticket (worth £150) to 'Cinderella' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Saturday 18th January.

What a fantastic donation!

BAGS2SCHOOL

The next collection day is the 3rd December. Please save your old clothes and shoes, collection bags will be issued after half-term.

JUNIOR LIFE SKILLS

Year 6 went to the town hall today where they completed workshops with several local agencies and emergency services. They learnt how to make a 999 call; the RNLI gave them general water safety advice; Western Power provided a virtual reality experience demonstrating the need for safety around pylons; Dartmoor rescue talked about staying safe on the moors; West Devon recycling gave messages about the importance of living well and the police talked to the children about how to stay safe on line. These talks link with our Personal Social Health Economic curriculum and will continue to be followed up through our work in school. As always, the teachers accompanying the children reported excellent behaviour and conduct throughout the workshops.

**TOYS IN SCHOOL**

Following a few incidents at playtimes in KS1, where toys have become lost or broken, we have decided to no longer allow toys at playtimes.



Please make sure your children are aware of this new rule.

FLU CONSENT REMINDER

This is a reminder that the school's link for consent to the flu vaccination will be closing on the 29th September. If you have not yet completed the Flu consent form for your child this will be your last opportunity to do so and have the vaccination at the school session. The link is:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Manager to start in January 2020, more details are available on the school website.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Passports from the Children's University are available for FREE from the school office. All children are able to take part in out of school learning—school clubs, guides, scouts, swimming, gymnastics, theatre group, library activities, visiting historic houses and park. All the hours count towards certificates and badges—bronze, silver and gold. Gold award recipients are invited to a special graduation at Plymouth University.

SCHOOL LEAFLETS

Our new leaflets promoting our school have been distributed to the sales offices of the new housing sites and estate agents of the town. Copies are available at the school office.

ASK YOUR CHILD

About their outdoor adventures during the garden days in Key Stage 1, Y3 and Y5.

HEALTH SURVEY

Y4 and Y6 have completed the Devon health and well being survey this week. It is issued by the Schools' Health Education Unit and provides valuable information on children's lifestyles.

PUPIL SURVEY

The results of our annual pupil survey are available to view on our website. The results are very positive. Please take a look, there are some fascinating responses!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We have changed our booking process. All appointments should now be booked via Parentmail, an invite will be sent out tomorrow for you to choose a suitable day and time.

Dates: Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October
From 3.30pm-6.00pm.