

Eco Champions and Nursery Make Paper

Sally Jackson, from Don't Let Devon Go to Waste, visited us last week to teach our Eco Champions how to make new paper out of old paper. They learnt about the process in which paper is made and how recycling paper saves trees and waste. Once they had got the hang of paper making, the Eco Champions became great teachers as they invited the nursery children to come and have a go. It was very messy but lots of fun and everyone is very pleased with their paper.



Castles curriculum construction!



Take to the battlements! Lower the drawbridge! Cedar and Sycamore had such a fun time last week, building castles with their families. They took over the hall and designed fortresses of all different shapes and sizes. I was amazed to see them all after school - being carried across the playground on-mass! 'Castles' is part of their topic, learning about Kings and Queens, and the role the monarchy has played in the history of our nation. It is fantastic to hear the children's knowledge about the Magna Carta, the role of King John, and the Civil Wars. This knowledge is built upon in Key Stage 2. Each week the children have a short retrieval quiz, to test how much they have remembered. Get them to quiz you!

Speech, Language and Communication Needs

You may remember that St Peter's is the hub school in the Exmouth area for Speech, Language and Communication Needs. We have been building our practice over the last year, and have been praised by the local authority many times for our good work. *Language is the best predictor of how well your child will do at school.* The more they have, the better they will do. Mrs Broad has been writing some very useful leaflets to show parents/carers how to develop language. You can download these from the parents section on the school website. <http://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/language-advice/>

On the way to school

Developing language - the key to success at school



Do
Talk in sentences about what we need. Use "Let's get your..." Hold up the objects as you say them.
Give clear markers when travelling on scooters or bikes - "go to the red car and stop".

In real life, you would protect your children, so why not on the internet?

I was blown away by these two very good short videos about the importance of checking what your children are doing on line.

[Download our newsletter online to click the links]

"Beware of the Cyber Playground" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ApfDVJbcS0>

"In real life, you would protect your children, so why not on the internet" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n59LYRDsZ2w>

This is also an excellent website to support parents with pupils gaming - <https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-smart-about-play/>

Please note: whilst it is completely unnecessary for any child to have a mobile phone, Snapchat is definitely an app that should be avoided! Please check your child does not have this.



GET SMART ABOUT PLAY

PLAY games with your kids
LEARN about family controls
ASK what your kids think
YOU are in charge

Parents meetings this term

- Monday 2nd March - 3:15pm to 7:30pm.
- Thursday 5th March - 1:30pm to 6pm.

Please sign up here - <http://bit.ly/37bsj63>

PTA quiz night

It's back - time to team-up, flex those brain cells, twerk those synapses and master that mind at **St. Peter's PTA Pub Quiz 2020**.

- Friday 7th February, 7.30 pm for 8pm start.

Teams of up to 6. (Please reserve your team table through the school office). Tickets £5 per person on the door. Bar and bar snacks.

Parking horror

I was horrified to hear that a member of staff had to challenge somebody's poor parking last week, and was told that it was ok to park dangerously because she was late to pick up her grandchild! It is worth stating the obvious - it is more important that you park safely and are late for collection, than parking dangerously and endangering lives.

The no-parking zones are there to keep pupils safe - not for the benefit of people who arrive late or won't park within a short walking distance. Please relay this message to all adults who collect your child.

Easter music - singers needed!

Local composer Patrick Brandon came into school to do some singing with the children.

This was to promote a performance of his "Easter Music" on Saturday April 18th. It consists of 11 songs, some instrumental pieces, and a number of readings (mostly from the Bible).

There will be 11 rehearsals, on Saturdays from 2.00 to 3.30 pm, in the Baptist Church, Little Knowle, beginning on Saturday January 25th. Anyone wishing to know more, or to take part, whether singing or reading (or both), is invited to contact Patrick Brandon by email at patbrandon.music@gmail.com

Mountain Bike Training with Killer

Mrs Kilburn is running some mountain biking practices for our pupils:

- Saturday 15th February at 10am - 11:30am.
- Saturday 7th March at 10am - 11:30am

For both of these events, please meet at Wheathill car park on Woodbury Common. This is just past the car park for Squabmoor Reservoir if you are driving from the Exmouth side of the Common. <https://goo.gl/maps/iLHS6eDKWmCLssEQ9>

For all of these events, your child will need an off-road bike in good working order and a helmet. You are welcome to join in with the fun, or just stroll nearby whilst we enjoy some trails. Please bring suitable clothing, a snack and water to drink.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we have a good idea of numbers.

Appeal for games

Do you have any old (complete) sets of games that you don't use anymore? We are looking for Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Jenga, Kerplunk, Guess Who and Draughts in particular.

Please leave at the office.

What's going on soon?

PTA Quiz Night Friday 7th Feb
19:30

Mountain Biking, Saturday 15th
February at 10am - 11:30am.

**Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday
21st Feb**

PTA meeting - Wed 26th Feb

Parents evenings:
Monday 2nd March - 3:15pm to
7:30pm.
Thursday 5th March - 1:30pm to
6pm.

World Book Day Thursday 5th
March

Mountain Biking, Saturday 7th
March at 10am - 11:30am.

**NON PUPIL DAY Monday 9th
March**

Bikeability for Year 5 Monday 23rd
to Friday 27th March

After School Cake Sale - Thursday
26th March

**Last day of term, school closes at
1.30pm Friday 27th March**

Sports Day - Wed 24th June

Summer Fayre - Sat 27th June

Year 6 London trip meeting - Mon
29th June @ 15:30

We need your help!

If anyone has any time to volunteer, we always need more help. If you have any time to give, or know anyone that does, please get in contact head@sps1.org.uk

Don't forget that the school pool is for hire. For more details contact Jane Hushon janehushon@btinternet.com or the school office.

IMPORTANT - We have lots of children arriving late at the moment. You must be at school ready for the bell at 8:55am please.