



# NEWSLETTER



**23RD FEBRUARY 2024**

**WEEK 1**

It has been busy this week!

Year 4 had their outcome where they demonstrated their musical prowess! Thank you to all who came to support them. I chatted to some of the children later that day and they were all so excited to have someone in the audience. I know all who attended will agree that they were phenomenal. Not being someone who plays an instrument themselves, I shared how they were so much better than me, as when I did have to play the keyboard I had to have the notes stuck on the keys to have any chance! They did not need this and were so confident in their performance - well done Year 4!

Year 6 have been looking at many different things in maths, but I got the chance to pop in on a percentages of amounts lessons. They were using a 'bubble' technique that some of the local secondary school's use, and to be honest, were pretty impressive with how quick they got it.

I walked in on Year 5 practising their spellings, words like committee and conscience appeared on the list - tricky that's for sure. I shared I struggle with committee and one pupil gave me a helpful tip - just remember 3 doubles. Since then I have gotten it right every time!

With my office being near Foundation, I am fortunate enough to see Read, Write Inc (our phonics programme) regularly and how hard they are working on their letter formation. They have come such a long way since the start of the year, I know everyone around them is so proud and quite rightly so.

Meanwhile down in Year 1, I walked in on the Butterflies and we discussed handwriting whilst looking at the names of the days of the week. They certainly knew about the importance of their ascending and descending letters. Impressive stuff.

One of my final stops was over to the Pastoral Team who were helping some of the children settle in calmly to the morning. One of the activities was a quick fire game. Under the category of something you use in sports, we had, tennis racket, tennis ball, football and legs. The categories changed quickly and the pupils really kept up!

Here's to a calm weekend so we can be ready to do it all again next week!  
Have a great weekend all.

Best Wishes  
Mr Wallis



# **FLOOD WORKS UPDATE**

**Gate 3 remains closed as the ongoing works continue. We have spoken to the workmen on site and they have been instructed not to be driving during pick up and collect times. We have also worked closely with them to reduce the impact of having construction materials around. We are about half way through the project now, and shortly some of the children will learning all about what is happening and why. Watch this space!**

## **POLITE NOTICE**



**Please be mindful of parking in the local area around pick up and drop off times. We have had a number of complaints recently of people arriving early, waiting in their cars, playing music and leaving their rubbish on the pavements. In some cases, residents have reported not being able to get out of their houses as they have been blocked in. We understand the area can get congested at busy times, and thank you in advance for your cooperation and respect for others in the local community.**

# FOUNDATION FUN!

Recently Foundation had a lovely visit from three Guide Dogs.

They were lucky enough to meet Truman, Gromit and Jaz.

Truman is a 2 year old, working guide dog local to Brixham, and

Gromit and Jaz are both 12 years old and now retired.

The children learnt lots of facts about how the guide dogs are everyday heroes and even got the chance to meet the dogs and stroke them. All the children were fantastic.



# MILLIONAIRE READERS

As part of our drive to improve and promote a love of reading, we love to celebrate when children hit big milestones. On that note, congratulations to:

Nathan Boughey

for having read an impressive 2,042,700 words.



Sofia Beltran

for having read an impressive 1,491,657 words.

What an amazing feat!





# Volunteer recruitment event

**We are recruiting Peer Champions...**

**If you have knowledge or experience of:**

- **Breastfeeding**
- **Parenting**
- **Wellbeing**
- **SEND**

**and want to help  
others, we would  
love to meet you!**

**Come along to our  
volunteer recruitment  
event to find out more.**

**Monday 11th March  
The Beehive  
Paignton, TQ3 3DZ  
1pm–2pm**

**Contact us on  
01803 210200  
or visit our website:  
[www.torbayfamily  
hub.org.uk](http://www.torbayfamilyhub.org.uk)**

**Familyhub**  
TORBAY





A welcoming school community which provides the opportunity for every child to thrive within a school with a strong, **GOOD** Ofsted.

# DON'T MISS OUT!

School spaces for your child  
available for September 2024

Nursery spaces  
available now!

CALL **01803 854011** EMAIL **ADMIN@EPPSA.ORG.UK**



## IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

**Deadlines for submissions have now passed. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort next year. Should you know of anyone with children in the area who would like to transfer in-year, please put them in contact with the school office who will be more than happy to help.**

**We are always looking to welcome more into the Eden Park Primary and Nursery family.**

# ATTENDANCE



**As you know attendance remains a top priority for us all. Below you will find this week's attendance figures.**

Class	Percentage Attendance
Ladybirds	92.61%
Grasshoppers	94.81%
Bumblebees	94.5%
Butterflies	90%
Caterpillars	93.18%
Dragonflies	89.67%
Pufferfish	91.52%
Seahorses	93.3%
Dolphins	98.75%
Starfish	94.54%
Sharks	87.93%
Stingrays	91.5%
Swordfish	92.08%
Lobsters	94.64%



**If your child is absent, please ring the school office before 8.30am to let us know.**

# KEY DATES



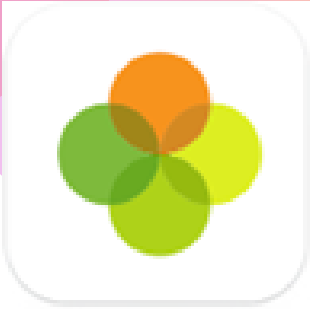
Monday 26th February	Year 4 Residential Presentation for Parents 3:30pm
Thursday 29th February	Grasshopper's Brixham Library Visit
Tuesday March 12th	Year 5 History Outcome 2:50
Thursday March 14th	Ladybird's Brixham Library Visit
WB Monday March 18th	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 26th March - Thursday 28th March	Year 4 Residential
Tuesday 26th March	Reception Outcome 2:15pm
Thursday 28th March	Year 1 Outcome 2:15pm

## YEAR 4 OUTCOME





# ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



This is our main method of communication going forward. Please ensure details are correct and you are able to log in. Please ensure you have reviewed your permissions - without these your children will not be able to be used in photographs such as our celebrations or those taken on trips - it would be a shame for them to miss out.

# Familyhub

## TORBAY

For any advice or support please visit:

Family Hub ([torbayfamilyhub.org.uk](https://torbayfamilyhub.org.uk))

There are a range of services and support avenues to explore all for free! See the website for more information. This is across the Torbay area, with many services offering local hubs right here in Brixham.