



Dear Families

I am amazed to be writing the newsletter again already! This month has flown by.

May has seen some highs and lows across the school, but I feel I must specifically mention Year 6, who all worked incredibly hard in their SATs tests. They have been preparing for this week for a long time and we are incredibly proud of the mature way in which they approached their tests. Year 2 have also worked very hard to get ready for their SATs too, which they have completed this week. They are so young to be faced with tests, but we have tried not to put any pressure on them and they have all tried really hard. It is no secret that these tests are as much a measure of school performance as they are of the pupils themselves; but we are confident at Torre, that our children know that what really counts is their drive, determination, positive attitudes and their friendly and caring natures. The way Torre children approach everything they do at school is one to be admired by all of us.

As I am sure you are aware we had a visit from Ofsted this week. Many thanks to those of you who completed the online Parent View survey. I will inform you of the outcome as soon as I am able.

Best wishes

Mrs Julyan



Torre C of E Academy

Upcoming Events

20th June - Sports Day at Torquay Academy

Reception and KS1 pupils will take part in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.

23rd June 2016

School closure for polling day

Transition week

All pupils will spend mornings with their new teacher for the week beginning 11th July 2016.

Meet the new teacher

During transition week, parents are welcome to pop in and meet the new teacher on either the Monday or Friday morning from 8.30am. More details to follow.

20th July

Year 5 and 6 show

22nd July

Year 6 leavers' party

Parent/Carer Forums

We are continuing to keep you up to date with any new initiatives and other things that are going on in school.

The sessions planned for this term are:

- 6.6.16: 'Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation Subject Knowledge'
- 20.6.16: 'Maths Subject Knowledge'

Trips, visits and experiences

RNLI Assembly

Two very enthusiastic RNLI workers came to visit us and led our assembly. They shared all the dangers of living by the sea, but also gave us tips on how to visit our beaches and swim in the sea safely. It was very informative and some of the children even got to join in by dressing up and doing some role play.

Exmoor Challenge

Eight children in Year 6 spent their bank holiday Monday competing in the sixteen mile Exmoor Challenge Walk starting from Dulverton. This is a team event which the children have been training for with Mrs Crompton for several months. They have gradually built up their stamina and map reading skills by participating in seven, nine and two sixteen miles training walks. A large group of parents accompanied the year 6s on these training walks, so they know how difficult walking this sort of distance in this kind of terrain is.

Both teams did themselves proud. A big well done to: Lyla, George, Rory, Keira, Jack C, Kailan, Hannah and Niall.

A big thank you to Mrs Crompton for giving up so many of her Saturdays to make this happen ☺

Lilia Hurley – 500 words competition

Lilia Hurley (Year 5) entered this year's Radio 2 – '500 word' story writing competition and got through to the final 500 children out of a total of 123,400 entries! This is a great achievement and we are very proud of her. Well done Lilia! Her story was called 'Author's Unite'. If you would like to read Lilia's story, it is published on the website under the 'newsfeed' tab.

Walk to School Week

Miss Chew has worked hard this year to encourage travel to school to be more sustainable. Thanks to those of you who have supported the National Walk to School Week, which we have been doing this week. It is good that most days have been fine weather!

Composting workshop

Mrs Thomas organised a composting workshop for Key Stage 1, which has taken place this week. The children learned all about how mini-beasts help with the composting process. I popped in to see what they were up to and promptly left when I saw the children picking up worms and snails and saw how mucky they all were!

Please see the website for photos of this activity.

Children's University Achievements

Mrs Green has informed me that the following pupils have recently been awarded certificates and badges for building up hours at Children's University:

- Leah Cooper - Gold Award – 100 hours
- Daisy Gibbings - Gold Award – 100 hours
- Oliver Ashman - Silver Award - 65 hours
- Evie Bench - Silver Award – 65 hours
- Phoebe Kennedy – Silver Award – 65 hours
- Finley Ashman - Bronze Award
- Millie Scully - Bronze Award – 30 hours

Well done everyone!

Attendance

Whole school attendance since September is 96%. Let's see if we can get up to 97% by the end of the year. Thanks for all your support with this.

The Rainbowfish currently have the best overall attendance.

There are 40 pupils with 100% attendance since the start of this academic year in September. This time last year there were only 25, so this is amazing! There will be a draw at the end of the year for all these children and the winner will receive a special prize! All those with 100% attendance will also receive a medal.

Unfortunately, so far this year we have 324 logged late marks for this year, which just about matches the number of children in the school! Please can those of you who are sometimes late, please try to get your children in on time. Thank you for your support with this.

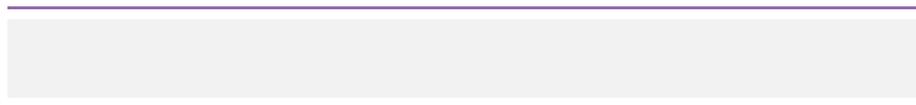
School Meals

Our Ofsted inspectors were very impressed with the quality and choice of food served at Torre and they particularly enjoyed their lunch. Well done Donna 😊

Pupils having a packed lunch have been enjoying having a picnic outside for most lunch times this week. Let's hope we can do much more al fresco dining before we break up for the summer holidays.

School Council

The School Council would like to thank everyone who donated toys for their toy sale and also to those who supported by purchasing items. Nearly £100 was raised to purchase new play equipment for play times and lunchtimes. The PTA has kindly agreed to match fund this too.



Church and RE

Prayer Board

Please remember to check out the prayer board at All Saints' Church where some of our children's prayers are displayed.

Eucharist

9.6.16

7.7.16

Governor up-date

Thanks to all of those who completed online surveys for the Ofsted process. I would like to say a big thank you to all the governors who gave up their time this week to meet with the inspector.

I would also like to thank the school staff for helping us to showcase to the team everything about Torre that we are proud of.

Mr R Dickinson (Chair of Governors)

PE and Sport

Year 5 and 6 attended a striking and fielding event at Torquay Academy last week and had great fun competing against Cockington and Shiphay Academies.

We are all looking forward to Sports Day, which will soon be here. It will take place at Torquay Academy on Monday 20th June. Children in key stage 1 will have their event in the morning and key stage 2 will be in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to support, so please come along if you can.

Parent/Carer forum

Thanks to those of you who came to the morning parent/carers forum about grammar subject knowledge. I know it was very content heavy, but I hope you found it helpful. Apologies for the temporary postponement of the evening session. The new date for this is Monday 6th June at 6pm.

Accessibility Plan

As a school, we have to hold something called an 'Accessibility Plan', which is in place to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our children, both in the curriculum and also with the buildings and premises that we provide. We are currently reviewing the plan and are in the process of setting up a small working party to include some parents to give their input. Many thanks to those who have offered their time to this project.

Classes next year

We will be able to inform you as to which class your child will be moving into next year by the end of our transition week, which is the week beginning Monday 11th July.

Diocesan Celebration Service

Every year, the Exeter Diocese holds a celebration service for its schools. This year, it was at St Matthias Church. Our worship leaders went along to this service and took our new school banner along. They talked about one of the charities we have supported this year – a local shelter for the homeless.

Personal Achievements

A big well done to the following children:

- Leah Cooper – Passed Level 4 and 5 gymnastics trampoline proficiency award – wow!
- Ethan Veasey – swam a width of the swimming pool without any aids, arm bands or floats and received his certificate. Well done.
- Lilia Hurley – got down to the last 500 in the BBC Radio 2 writing competition out of 123,400 entries! See full article above for more details. Great news Lilia!
- Abigail Perriss – Performed at the Princess Theatre on 14th May with her Circle 2 jazz group. Well done Abigail!
- Rebecca Lovegrove – Had 11 inches of her hair cut off for the Little Princess Trust and raised £114. Fantastic achievement!
- Taisha Dadoo – received a merit for her first competitive dance festival for her ballet solo in Exeter back in February. She has also been awarded a gold medal for her group dance in the 'Torbay and South West if England Dance Festival'. Taisha played the role of a lead mouse in their performance of 'The Tales of Beatrix Potter' – wow!
- Imogen Harnett, Sylvie Metcalf and Bella Abbott – Completed their first ballet stage performance at the Princess Theater in aid of the Louisa Carey ward – super!
- Sam Brueton – Received the coach's player of the year trophy for the under 9s at Torquay Athletic Rugby Club. Great!
- Tim Corbett spotted the Moon and Jupiter with two of its four moons – Ganymede and Europa, through his telescope. If you would like to see photos of this, they are on the wall in the Stingray room and also on the website. Very impressive Tim.
- Jacob Assaf – Presented with a medal in the Under 7s at Torquay Athletic RFC – well done!
- Gabriella Assaf – achieved her stage 1 Goldfish level swimming certificate – great Gabriella!
- Kyle Mitchell – achieved his level 5 award in swimming – well done Kyle!

It would be great to hear about more personal achievements for the June edition of Torre Times. Please let Mrs Julyan or your class teacher know when you achieve something special, or post it in the box in the school reception area.