

DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 22nd November 2024

Headteacher's Notice



Hello Devonshire!

On Monday, a group of 16 Devonshire pupils attended an Athletics Competition which was held at Blackpool Sports Centre. The children spent the morning sprinting, leaping, throwing and thoroughly enjoying themselves with other Blackpool school children. Although we didn't win on the day, I would still like to congratulate the pupils as their enthusiasm and effort was excellent! Thank you to Miss Hayhurst for organising the event and to Mrs Hazlehurst and Miss Stowell for attending.

On Wednesday, we took part in Switch Off Day and tried to reduce our carbon footprint by using as little gas and electricity as possible. Switch Off Day helps to raise awareness of how much energy we use daily and inspire discussions about how and why we can reduce our energy usage. The staff skilfully taught the children in old fashioned and creative methods. It was a brilliant day and I'd like to thank Mrs Hornby for organising the event.

Towards the end of this week, we had an exciting visit from a representative of the Department for Education (DfE), whose social media team filmed in our Preschool and Honeycombers Breakfast Club. The purpose of the short videos is to highlight issues faced by families and schools, as well as to show how schools tackle these problems and support children into readiness for school. The short videos are due to be released in early December and we will share the link with you once we receive it. Thank you to the staff who were involved in the filming and also to the parents who kindly agreed to be interviewed on camera.

We will be very busy in school over the next four weeks in the run up to the Christmas holidays. We have lots of lovely Christmas events for pupils and parents to look forward to. You can see a list of events on the 'Countdown to Christmas' poster further down the newsletter. As always, please keep an eye on the Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook.

Mr Simm Headteacher

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Hold onto your berets and lederhosen! Year 3 have been researching European countries and finding out the customs of each.



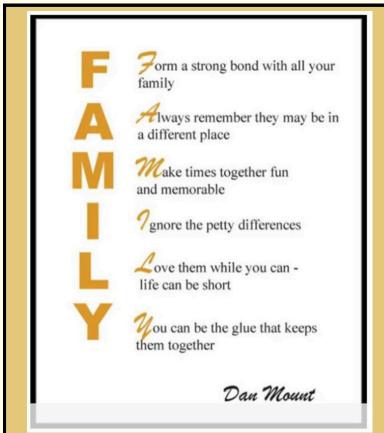
Preschool have been HANDS on investigating the 5 human senses. The children tasted, smelt, listened, felt and looked at

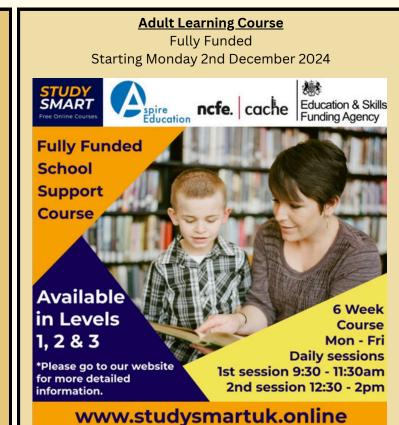


We're WALKING IN THE AIR after seeing this latest addition from The Way I Roll! Preschool doors have been given a FROSTY refresh ready for Christmas and we've SNOW doubt that the community will be very excited to see this **BRRR-ILLIANT** creation!



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Christmas Tree Lighting Service and Choir Performance at St Thomas' Church

This year's service will take place on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 4:00pm and everybody is welcome.

Refreshments will be mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.



Blackpool School Nursing Team are there to support you and your family.

The School Nurses are based at Moor Park Health Centre, South Shore Primary Care Centre and Whitegate Drive Health Centre.

Contact Blackpool School Nursing Team:

By telephone: <u>01253 951740</u> Mon - Fri 9:00 - 16:30 By email: <u>bfwh.blackpoolschoolnurses@nhs.net</u>

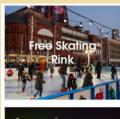


Attendance Incentive

This half-term we are trialling a new School Attendance Incentive. Children who attend school on time and without absence all week will be entered into a draw to win a £10 One4All voucher the following week. A voucher will be awarded every week for 8 weeks; the incentive will be reviewed after Christmas.

As you are already aware, regular and punctual attendance is vital for children to succeed in their educational journey. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships and building good habits that are essential for adult life.

Thank you for your support.













Christmas By The Sea!

From Friday 15th November 2024, Blackpool Tower's Festival Headland will become a magical Christmas village, perfect for family fun!

Experience a winter wonderland with an outdoor skating rink, simulated snowfalls, cosy log cabins and giant Christmas light installations. Enjoy this festive outdoor experience from noon to 9pm daily. Plus, free

Christmas ice skating until 8pm!



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Cashpot for Schools is really simple and easy to do! If you use the ASDA rewards app, please search for our school using our postcode FY3 8AF and link your Cashpot to 'Devonshire Primary Academy'. Each time you shop and scan rewards, ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value to our school without affecting your personal pot or rewards.

The scheme is running until the 30th November.

Blackpool Fire Station Christmas Tree Service Tuesday 3rd December @ 6:30pm

This event is free to attend but please book a place for each person attending using the Eventbrite link below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-fire-stations-christmas-tree-





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Class Attendance: 5D

Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RM	Kymberly S-P	RM	Amayah A
RG	Relaeya A	RG	Ariana W
1H	Darcie I	1H	George A
15	Rebecca S	15	Jayjae G
2CM	Caleb O	2CM	Ethan B
2AM	Khaleesi G	2AM	Kobi M
3P	Jack E	3P	Ryan P
3H	Heba S	3H	Lily-Rose F
4MT	Poppy C	4MT	Arya N
45	Yasmin B	45	Wyatt R
5S	Casie-Lee W	5 S	Alessia C
5D	Minnie G-W	5D	Ruby J
60	Jessica W	60	Summer B

Word of the week: Ambient

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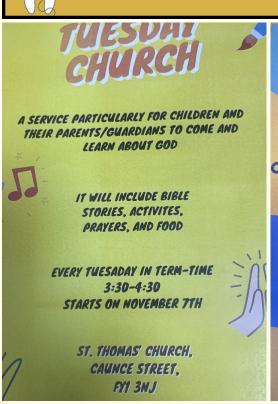
This week's Makaton Sign: Good Morning



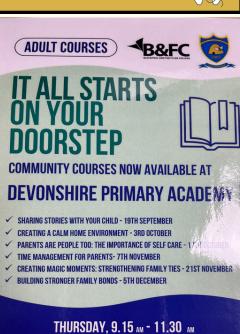


<u>Friday 22nd November:</u> National Flossing Day









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the church office on 01253 399276