



Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has been lovely to meet so many parents and other family members at the gate and during the meet the teacher event on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for all being so welcoming.

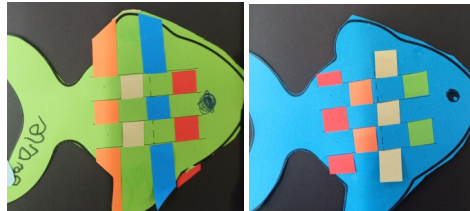
The children have all been fantastic at helping me to get to know their names and helping me to feel welcome as part of the Milverton community. During my first whole school assembly this week the children described belonging to Milverton School as brilliant, polite, kind, respectful, safe; and that being part of the school makes them feel good, lucky, grateful and all warm inside! I feel very privileged to be here - what a wonderful start. Please see my separate welcome letter that has been sent out via Parentmail.

Mrs Stoddart



Class 1 have been learning about fish in Science and weaving fish scales in Art this week. It's so lovely to see everyone choosing their own colour patterns. We have made a lovely hanging display in our classroom.

Ms Boullin



Class 4 had a wonderful Forest School session with Mr Wedderkopp this week. Our morning was full of activities connected to our quest Stones and Bones. The morning began with some work on timelines and discussion on early humans and the animals they may have encountered. We played a game where we had to search for cards with pictures of acorns and berries in amongst the trees as if we were early hunter gatherers. Later in the morning, we learnt wrapping and frapping techniques to secure our sticks and stones together to make stone age tools! Thank you Mr Wedderkopp, we had a great morning.

Class 4



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 3 2nd October
 Class 2 9th October
 Class 1 16th October
 Class R 23rd October

South West Heritage

Workshop for Classes 3 & 4
 Tuesday 1st October

Class 3 Sports Festival at Kingsmead
 Thursday 3rd October

Vision Screening for Year 1
 Tuesday 15th October

Class 2 Sports Festival at Kingsmead
 Thursday 17th October

South West Heritage Workshop Classes 1 & 2
 Friday 18th October

Tempest Individual Photos
 Thursday 24th October

Harvest Festival
 St Michaels' Church at 2pm
 Friday 25th October

Half Term Break
 Monday 28th October to
 Friday 1st November

Inset Day
 Monday 4th November—
 school closed to pupils.

Reception Class trip to Bear Town
 Monday 18th October

Year 6 First Aid training
 Monday 25th and Weds 27th
 October

PCSO visit to Reception Class
 Tuesday 26th October

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	413	413
Cork Oak	465	465
Blue Cedar	382	382
Horse Chestnut	387	387

★ OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK ★

Preschool	Alfred for doing so well in potty training this week.
Class R	Kitty for showing such care and kindness to the other children in the class.
Class 1	Finn for including others so well in a game of tennis! Otterly for your beautiful presentation in your writing.
Class 2	Maddie for being a great role model both in and out of the classroom!
Class 3	Willow for really concentrating on developing your handwriting and joining your letters more consistently.
Class 4	Ethan for fantastic engagement in your learning this week. Keep it up!
Class 5	Cas and Nellie P for your amazing encouragement and support of your peers.
Class 6	Gypsy for the effort you are putting in to being the best you can be.



Gypsy, Sophia, Elliot, Harry J, Wilf, Elis and Noah from Year 6 went to Taunton Rugby Club on Thursday evening and took part in some friendly matches against other schools. The children showed such great attitude towards the sport, having hardly played it themselves! They showed perseverance and team work and improved massively from the first to last game. They scored some excellent tries and started to really cover ground quickly. You should all be proud of yourselves.

Miss Storey



Year 3 took part in a Tri-Golf enrichment lesson. The session focused particularly on learning the basic technique of holding the club and striking the ball, as this was a new sport for many pupils. We also took the opportunity to split into groups where the children created their own "hole". These individual holes were then combined to create a whole class course, which the children tested out with commendable enthusiasm. Two young golfers who really caught my eye during the session were Orea and Freddie, their effort levels were immense as were their chip shots! Hopefully two stars have been unearthed for the world of golf!

Mr Brown



Our new Eco Committee members met up for the first time this week. We are all really looking forward to meeting up soon to plan our year ahead.

Ms Boullin



Please be aware that there is a second hand uniform shed on the playground with loads of uniform donations from kind parents so please have a look should your children need anything. Further good quality uniform donations also greatly appreciated we just ask that NO white tops be included with these. Thank you!

Your MSA

Well done to Erin for playing the guitar and Kit for playing the piano in recent singing assemblies!





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Exmoor Dark Skies Festival 2024

Friday 18 October to Sunday 3 November

DARK SKIES CHILDRENS' WRITING COMPETITION 2024

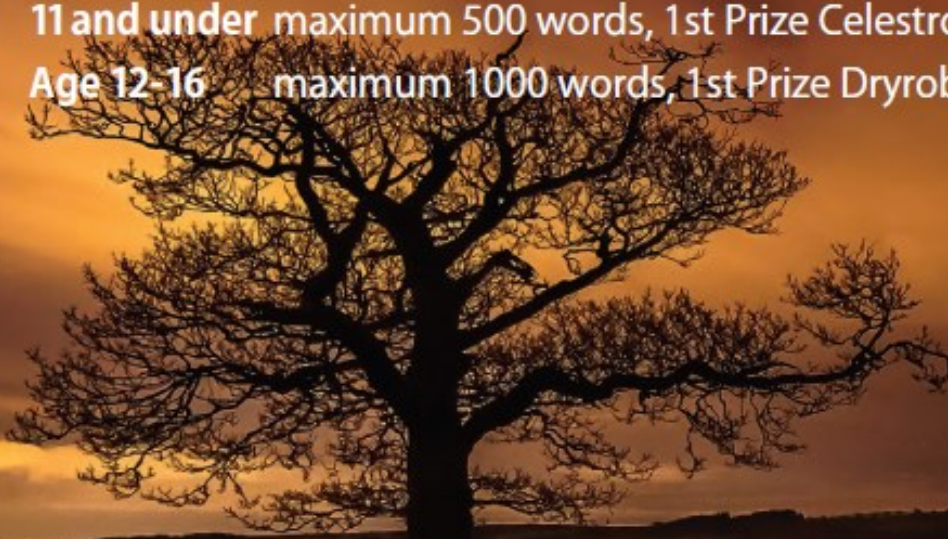
with prizes sponsored by  **CELESTRON** and **dryrobe**[®]

We are looking for children to take inspiration from the Exmoor Dark Skies and incredible landscape to write an exciting and engaging story.

Age categories:

11 and under maximum 500 words, 1st Prize Celestron Telescope

Age 12-16 maximum 1000 words, 1st Prize Dryrobe



Scan the QR code for full full entry details, or click on **Story-writing competition** on our main Festival page: www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival

Your stories can be submitted by email or hard copy to: Dark Skies Writing Competition
Exmoor House, Dulverton TA22 9HL Or email jcolman@exmoor-nationalpark.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Friday 1st November 2024. Entries will be judged by local authors and book shop owner and the winners will be notified and announced by Friday 16th November. Please ensure you include your name, address, age, phone number and email address.