



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 18

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Dear Parents and Carers

A huge well-done goes to our active and eager School Council today for their hugely successful 'healthy' bake sale this morning. Within recent meetings, the School Council had decided that they would like to raise money for animals and people affected by the Australian bushfires and set about organising this event, which was enjoyed by all. Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to the bake sale. It was great to see an array of sweet and savoury goods whilst reducing the amount of sugar on offer. We are delighted to report that we have raised £46.69! This will be donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, which supports communities in need and have pledged that 100% of donations will go directly where they are needed.

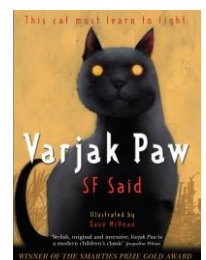


Our Curriculum

Hopefully you have now received your child's new topic map which details the areas of the National Curriculum that each class will be covering this term. Our topic maps are in a different format to previous ones, but we hope that our new maps provide more detailed information regarding the knowledge, skills and vocabulary the children will be learning.

Impressive Learning

Year 3 and 4 have been busy writing stories about Monsters this week based on their text 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon'. Year 5 and 6 have been reading Varjak Paw and this week, were asked to invent a new chapter about a new adventure Varjak might have in the city. The children produced some wonderful responses to this, with some children even predicting what actually did happen in the following chapter! What budding authors we have in school.



Pippin class children have been making sliders as part of their DT project, "Moving Pictures". They have been practicing their cutting and folding skills as well as demonstrating to and helping their younger classmates with these skills. A new addition to our Curiosity Cube provided a "Wow" moment of awe and wonder as the children speculated what the strange object could be and what might possibly be inside. This generated lots of animated discussion in class!



Sporting Events

Well done to selected children for representing the school so well in the PE event at Axminster Primary School on Monday. We have a number of great sporting events coming up in the diary. Next Wednesday 29th January, we are hosting the Lyme Regis Cluster Cross Country which we are thrilled about. It will be great to put our extensive school grounds to good use and we are hoping for as many children as possible to take part in the event. Please do return consent slips as soon as possible to the office (or email your consent if you prefer). Parents are warmly invited to attend and should you wish to volunteer with marshalling, please inform the office. Thank you.

The following week, we will attend a Year 3 and 4 Netball Tournament at Chardstock. It would be helpful for children to attend Thursday's Team Thorncombe After School Club in preparation for this event.

After School Club

This week we welcomed paramedic Dan Wilsher – as well as an ambulance - to our weekly Q&A session. He spent over an hour answering a torrent of questions from the children, as well as teaching them some wound-bandaging skills, showing them the inside of the ambulance – and of course, demonstrating the sirens!



Important Dates

Wednesday 29 th January	Key Stage 2 Lyme Cluster Cross Country 3-4/4.30pm Parents and supporters welcome.
Friday 31 st January	2.45pm Celebration Assembly
Monday 3 rd January	1.30-3.30pm Y3/4 Netball Tournament at Chardstock

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind Regards

Miss Smith