

St Mary's News



Tuesday 21st July 2015 – Issue 9

Farewell from the editors!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in making the newspapers this year. We have enjoyed our time as editors and wish everyone a lovely summer holiday! The new editors will be chosen in September.

Story-telling festival

We all went to the Christian story-telling festival and had a really great time. First of all we went to see Bob Hartman, a very famous American author, and he made us all do some really weird and wonderful things. He told us about all of his books and also made us all sing some songs. Everybody thought it was really fun. He also did book signing but no one could get one because we all didn't bring any money.

After that we saw Footprints Theatre Company perform an old tale but changed it slightly so it was more fun and exciting. We all enjoyed that too. We all had to join in with the songs and do some percussion as well.

Finally we went to the Schiller Hall to watch another theatre company perform a little play that was based on the Little Match Girl. Luckily, on that day we all had a lot of fun and bought two of Bob Hartman's books for our library.

Delicious dinners!

When we return after the holidays, the good news is that, being a Thursday, it will be it will be a roast day! The menu will be as follows:-

Thursday – Roast Pork or Homity Pie or Jacket Potato with Chicken & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise

Friday – Tuna Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Jacket Potato with Egg Mayonnaise

Dinners are increasing to £2.20 per day. All children in Venford are entitled to Free School Meals.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

This week we celebrated the following achievements:-

Pupils of the term

Venford – **Hannah W** Fernworthy – **Darcie** Burrator – **Caitlin**

Golden Book- **Rowan**

Annual Awards

Spirit of Devon – **Sophie N**

Playleader - **Jodie**

Sheila Cocks Award for Endeavour - **Sam**

Helen Foundation for the Arts - **Jasmine**

Curriculum - **Brian**

Sports - **Fin**

Buddy – **Sophie C**



Diary dates

Thursday 3rd September – Pupils return
Thursday 15th October – Yr 3 / 4 Residential
Friday 16th October – Yr 3 / 4 Residential
Thursday 22nd October – Individual photos
Monday 26th October – Half term starts
Tuesday 3rd November – Pupils return
Friday 18th December – Last day of term
Tuesday 5th January – Pupils return
Monday 15th February - Half term starts
Monday 22nd February – Pupils return

Brilliant Bikeability!

A member of the bikeability team came in the summer term and gave up their time to teach us at school some important rules for riding our bikes on the road.

We started the course in the school car park on the first day, improving our confidence before hitting the road with the skills we never knew or the skills we had improved on. The people that took part were split in to two groups when we started riding on the road, it was scary however you got used to it. We were learning every second how to be safe. If you passed the course you awarded a badge and a certificate congratulating you and highlighting what needs to be improved. It was an experience we will never forget!

Mud, mud not so glorious mud!

On Monday 13th July the day Burrator had been eagerly awaiting finally arrived! We came into school as usual but then set off on the first activity for our residential. We had a divided opinion on the muddy challenges, but all in all, we had a wonderful experience.

The entire event consisted of twelve tasks. Our first one was to create a three metre tall flag pole. Once you've finished that you would set off to your first trial.

There were various missions but all of them involved lots of **MUD!**

Fiver challenge

This year, Year Five and Six pupils all took part in the Fiver Challenge. All the children were put into the groups to start their 'business enterprises'. Each then chose a product or service to sell/ provide to raise enough money for a trip to Crealy! It was quite challenging but all of the groups did very well and all of the groups took part in the Fiver Challenge Fair. Altogether, we earned over £500 profit.



Burrator's Trip to Crealy

After two weeks of running our successful mini businesses for the fiver challenge, year 5 and 6 made enough money to fund a day out at Crealy. We travelled to Crealy by bus. Unfortunately the bus driver missed the turning so we were a bit late arriving.

Everyone had lots of fun going on daring rides and getting soaked on the water slides. We all had a lovely picnic lunch and sat on the benches.



Swimming Gala!

This year's swimming gala was exciting with lots of races and lots of different strokes, such as front crawl, breaststroke and butterfly.

There were four teams; Green -Teign, Red-Otter, Blue-Taw and Yellow-Dart. All the teams battled it out in an attempt to be crowned the 2015 champions

In the end Teign house (Green team) WON THE SWIMMING GALA for the second year in a row.

Filming at the Abbey

Over the past few weeks we have been going over to the Abbey to help the educational centre make a film advertisement for their website. Very kindly Luke Davies, Ben's Dad, offered to film us with professional equipment so that the Abbey could have an amazing video. We were all included although some of us weren't in the film as there were several other jobs to do other than acting.

Some of them included: camera man, lighting and the boom mike.

Refugee day

On Tuesday 16th June lots of schools up and down the country took part in a refugee day. One of those schools was St Marys. Six children from Burrator class, Denham; Ellie; Polly; Ethan; Mahlia and Hannah M, all went to Ashburton primary school and they discovered how different schools do things differently and more importantly they learnt what it feels like to be a refugee.

We did lots of activities including making a shelter for our teddies.

Tree Day

Burrator and Fernworthy enjoyed Tree Day at the Abbey. We learnt about the different types of trees around the local area and discovered how the trees are kept healthy by the Abbey gardeners. We also made a variety of things using wood and natural materials, including key rings and willow plant holders.

One of the workshops involved creating a crown using different shaped leaves from around the Abbey (see below the picture of Thomas and Brian wearing their crowns).



Fernworthy Calligraphy

On Friday 10th July, as part of their topic on Anglo-Saxons, Fernworthy class were lucky enough to spend a morning with Calligrapher Ruth Hodges. The children learnt all about the history of early writing from the Anglo-Saxon period and how the monks and script writers wrote on vellum with quill pens. Then they were lucky enough to try out some calligraphy for themselves. The children loved the experience and soon realised how difficult writing must have been for the ancient writers.



Art Day

Lucy Jackson came into school again this term to work with the children on creating some monoprinting, based on the theme of Creation. The finished artwork will be displayed in Avon in the Autumn term.



A little birdie told me...

The children in Venford and Fernworthy class were treated to a show and talk session courtesy of Mr Taylor.

They learnt all about the Goshawk and Saker Falcon which linked in with their recent learning on animals and bird flight. The children were amazed to see the birds close up and learn some fantastic facts about their top speeds during flight. A big thank you to Mr Taylor for his time in sharing his wonderful birds with us.

Please send any ideas or suggestions for St Mary's News to the School Office or email the information to admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk. If you are in Year 5 and wish to be considered as a Newspaper editor, you may want to start on your letter of application over the Summer holidays.

Have a lovely summer holiday!