

Moretonhampstead Primary School Newsletter

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1st December 2017

Upcoming Events

Easdon's Parent

Lunch:

6th December

Christmas Fair

Friday 8th Dec

'It's A Baby!'

Christmas Show-

Weds 13th

December,

9.30am and

3.45pm

'Straw & Order'

KS2 Show-

Thursday 14th

December, 2pm

& 6pm.

Theatre Alibi

Show:

15th December

School Christmas

Lunch:

20th December

Last Day of

Term: Thursday

21st December

Return to

School:

Wednesday 3rd

January

Dear Children and Parents,



I have to mention Matilda in Pepperdon who, after receiving some promotional materials from the RSPB, set up a stall at the end of her driveway and made a sign to catch the attention of passing traffic.

She sat out there for 3 hours and managed to sell all of her tickets and even had to order some more! As a thank you, the RSPB sent her a robin teddy. Everyone is very proud of her dedication!

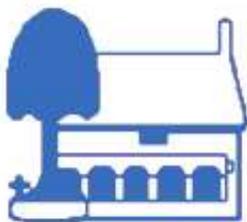
The school building had its 10th Birthday this week- many thanks for the wonderful cakes you sent in to help us celebrate. Here's to the next 10 years.

The school, as ever, is a busy place with much going on. The children are excitedly preparing for the Christmas Shows and we look forward to seeing you then.

Tilley Haley, who is joining us as our new reception teacher in January, has spent two days here and has met lots of our parents. We look forward to welcoming her properly and also welcome Adriana Trif who is joining us as a cleaner next week.

With best wishes,

William Bentall
Headteacher



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Please remember that school day does not start until 8.40am and children should not be dropped off before then as they are not supervised (unless signed into Early Morning Club, available from 8am).



Thanks to Mrs Burns, our Facebook page is really worth a look with lots of photos of recent events. We have also used it to remind parents of upcoming events and reminders so do please visit and 'follow':

www.facebook.com/moretonhampsteadprimaryschool

Ambassadors

Some children have been selected to support other children in key areas of learning and also to organise events.

Our current Ambassadors are:

Writing: Blake H and Izzy C

Maths: Rhiannon and Ruan

Sport: Sol, Harriet, Jaz C and Rio



School Council

Our councillors have organised our Children in Need fundraising efforts with a grand total of £472.12.



Golden Circles

Awarded for excellent work since the last newsletter to:

Henry, George, Alice, Alex, Oscar D, Ste, Max, Reuben, Angelo, Tate and Bridget.



Stars of the Week

Pepperdon: **Sage, Alex K-M and Lilly-May**

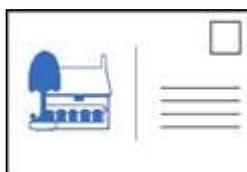
Easdon: **Hal, Ste and Lily-Mae**

Shapley: **Summer, Leah and Hannah**

Mardon: **Harry C, Gulliver and Aurelia**

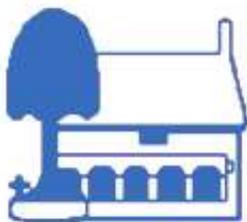
Butterdon: **Davids, Georgia and Ember**

Beckaford: **Luis, Blake H and Jasmine C.**



Postcards

These have been sent to Isaac for his super effort with letter sounds and maths, to Taylor for a great 'can do' attitude, to Rory for his fantastic effort with creative writing and to Willow for learning letter sounds and for making everyone smile! We have also sent postcards to Bonnie for her maturity, to Harry P for being a great team-player, to Tildy for always being supportive of others, to Milo C for his superb attitude to learning and to Blake K for always trying his best and for persevering. Well done to all of them.



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1000 Housepoints Awards

Awarded for many things including kindness, effort and achievement. Many congratulations to the following children who have been awarded their badge during our Celebration Assemblies: **Lottie, Leah, Jago, Tom, Jaz Mc, Sol, Angel, Mylla, Ste, Max, Rory T, Scarlett, Maisie, Arlo, Caleb, Ruby and Sophie.**

Marvellous Manners

These have been awarded to Milo C, Isobel G, Annie, Sennen and Angus.

Absence & Lates

Please remember that you need to report your child as absent on every day of absence so we can ensure they are safe.

We also now have a record of late arrivals in the office. Please ensure this is signed if arriving late and, for your information, if children are late (and miss the register), we have to mark them as absent for the whole morning session.

First Aid Workshops

Thank you to Jim Ulyett and Andy Pearn who led a whole school first aid assembly this week with follow up workshops in years 3-6. The children spoke eloquently about how they now felt more confident if dealing with an emergency situation. Thank you to FOMs for funding these workshops.

Outdoor Developments

The development of the Outdoor Area and garden is going strong; soon we will be harvesting willow and planting some more, along with more fruit: Raspberries, strawberries and blackberries have all been on the children's wish list and thanks to the Grant from Awards for All, we have been able to order the plants for the garden.

We would be very grateful for DONATIONS of TOP SOIL and building materials, mainly WOOD, to help us make more raised beds. (roofing batten, weather boarding, planks, slab wood - any offcuts welcome!)

Many thanks,

Annkattrin and all the fantastic gardening helpers!

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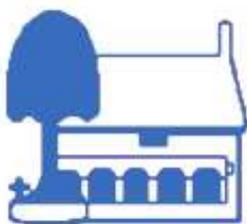
Donations please!

We are asking if any of you could kindly donate unwanted pots, pans, wooden spoons, kitchen utensils, measuring equipment, etc. for our kitchen area? We are working hard to give children more opportunity both to grow and cook food but our equipment is rather lacking. Any donations can be dropped off at the office- many thanks.



Safety

Please, please do not walk children into school through the main double gates into the car park. Cars and minibuses are in use in this area before school and it is very dangerous.



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Sport

Football

We have had two home matches in the last two weeks and our team have played fantastically. We narrowly lost to Chudleigh Knighton 2-1 in a very close game and we won 7-0 against All Saints Marsh. In both games, the team had a superb attitude, were welcoming hosts and were gracious in defeat and victory - well done!

In KS1, some children attended a mixed sport festival involving dancing, gymnastics and yoga. They had a great time and learnt a dance that they performed together with all the other schools. They also learnt a special superhero dance. In yoga they learnt some new balances and in the gymnastics sessions they looked at different rolls and ways of travelling.

Class Learning News

Cranbrook (Pre-school)



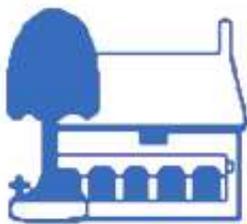
We have been investigating festivals and celebrations such as Bonfire night, Diwali, Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. Our children have been putting their creative talents to good use, designing firework pictures, clay divas, Rangoli designs and dancing to traditional Indian music. At present we are decorating our tree of thanks and making plate turkeys.

Despite the wet weather the children are still enjoying the outside area, matching the numbered bikes to the correct numbered parking bay, exploring letters by pegging alphabet socks on the washing line and observing how ice reacts when exposed to the sun.

Pepperdon

Pepperdon have spent the last 3 weeks celebrating! We started with Halloween and Bonfire night. Then we all enjoyed Diwali by making Diva lamps, looking at the special food, cooking doodh peda and creating Rangoli patterns. We have also been learning about the history of Thanksgiving and looking at how food is a special part of showing how they are thankful. We have thought about what we are thankful for and are working on our independent writing.





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We have also been thinking about how we can overcome those things that scare us a little by writing our own version of Orion and the Dark, exploring shape and place value and exploring our senses with popcorn and slime!

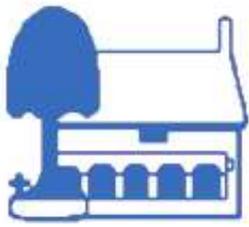


Easdon



In Easdon, we are having a busy half term learning about the body. We have looked at different parts of the body, including the skeleton and how they help us move and grow. We thought about how we use our senses and tried some different foods. Some we really liked and others we didn't! We have also looked at characteristics of living things and worked with Miss Dickson to think about what things are essential and which things are luxuries.

In our literacy, we have been writing poetry about our senses in a variety of different forms. We are now looking at a story from Africa and using it to help us add detail to our writing with adjectives or expanded noun phrases and how we punctuate speech. In maths we have been looking at shape and money and we are working really hard to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



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Shapley



In maths, Shapley have been working hard using the column method to add and subtract three digit numbers with a great deal of success. We learned alongside equipment to help our understanding especially of exchanging.

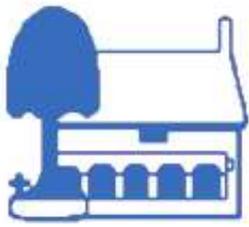


In English, we have based our learning on the lovely Christmas legend 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' retold by Michael Morpurgo. We have been focusing on how writers help us learn about characters by giving us clues by what they say and do. Also, we have been using inverted commas to show when characters in the story are speaking and using different sentence starters to make our writing more interesting. I am really pleased with how much effort the children are putting into their learning.

Science has been all about exploring light. We blew bubbles and shone the torch splitting the light to make rainbows, learned about which materials reflect light well in the 'dark cave,' designed a safe book bag with reflective materials and made the most of sunny days by investigating shadows on the playground. We will be pulling all our learning together to create a shadow puppet performance at the end of term.

All the children enjoyed our visit to the RAMM in Exeter to kick start our 'What is Art?' topic. We gathered lots of ideas and inspiration for our own art work which we will continue to develop in the next few weeks.





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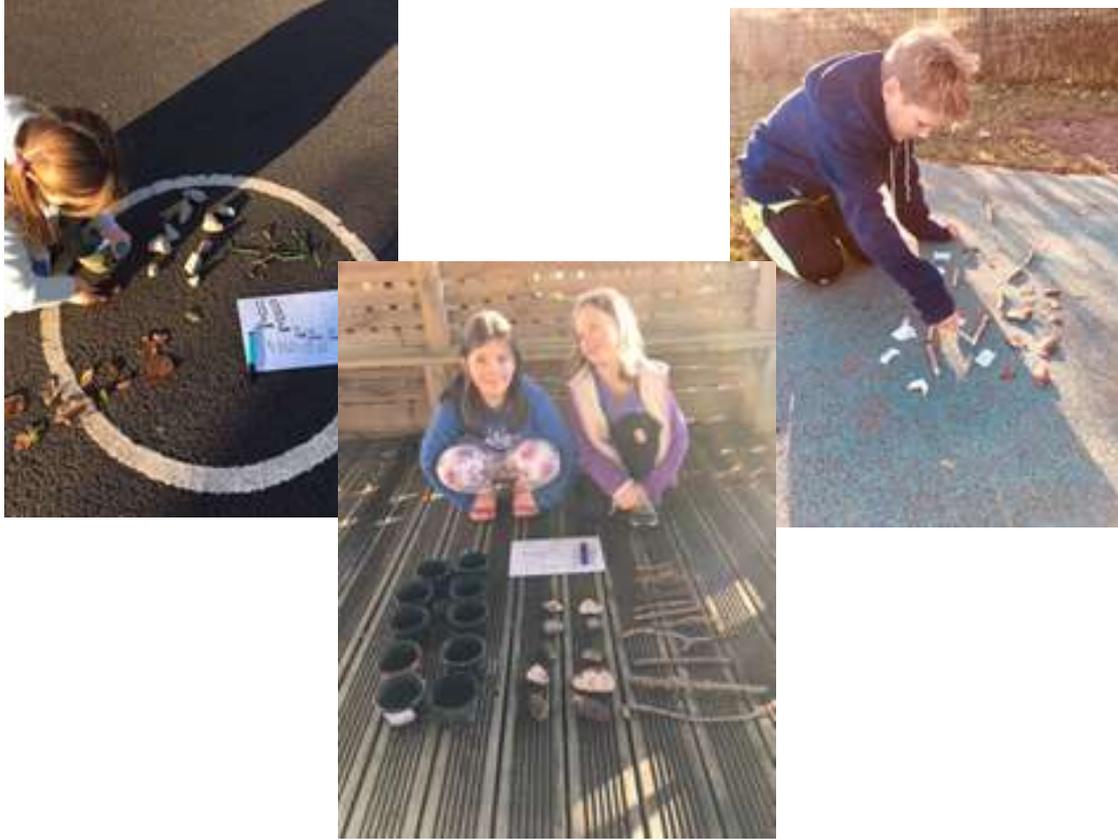
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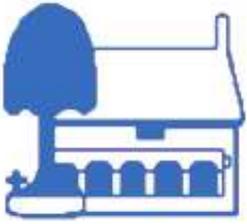
Mardon

In maths, we have been learning about converting measurements. We have moved on to multiplying and dividing by 0, 1, 10 and 100.

We have been learning about the Vikings and where they came from and found these countries on a map. We went on a school trip to Torre Abbey and learnt lots and made rune stones and Viking brooches. We have been writing to describe a Viking setting. We have described what it was like on a longboat. We have worked hard at using richer vocabulary and fronted adverbials. We have also been working hard on our handwriting and learning about the correct joins and consistency of joins.

In French we have been drawing a monster and describing it using the words we know. We took maths outside and created arrays to help us multiply by 10.

By Isabelle and Bonnie



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Butterdon



We went to Torre Abbey to learn more about Tudors and now we know all about the Terrible Tudors! We then used our knowledge about Torre Abbey and the Tudors to write a diary entry.

In our diary entry we needed to include EMPHASIS and parenthesis (extra information). In literacy, we were really focusing on identifying how a character was feeling, using what the author had written, for example:

Scared- "my legs were still shaking"

Angry- "my face turned red as lava"

We are also learning about model verbs and homophones (words that are spelt differently but sound the same).

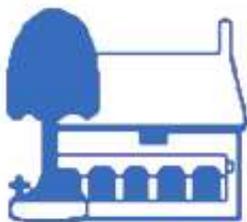


In maths, we have been using tables and timetables. We have been also learning about line graphs and grids. We have three minutes to finish our times table questions every day!

In science, we have learnt about the water cycle and how it can make water cleaner or unsalted. Water can be solid (ice), liquid (water) or a gas (water vapour). Now we are looking at solids that dissolve in water.

By Sylvie and Liza





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Our Butterdon children also spent the day at SDCC on Tuesday getting in touch with their inner 'rock gods'. They had dance, drama and music workshops in the morning and watched a performance of 'School of Rock' in the afternoon. Since the event, we received this message from Rachel Lewis, Head of Music at SDCC- *'Just wanted to drop a quick email to say how incredible your pupils were yesterday. They were simply great - some wonderful performers. I absolutely loved working with them'*.

Beckaford



In Beckaford we have continued to find out about WW2 in our topic and have explored light in science.

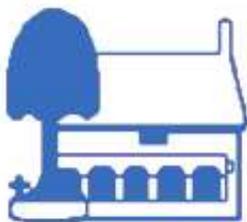
In art we made shadow people. First, we made small people made out of tin foil. Then we shone a torch on them, and drew around the shadow. We traced it on to a black piece of paper and cut it out. After that we stuck it on another piece of paper along with the foil man.

In science we designed and created our own periscopes, then used them to spy on enemy soldiers and write down codes that they were transporting. (As part of our topic we have been learning about WWII and researching Dunkirk and we are now writing newspaper reports about it).

In maths we have been working on place value. We have also been working on ordering numbers in the millions, rounding, finding intervals across 0 and problem solving in real life contexts.

In PE we have been enjoying football and have also started to practise our dance for Body Language!

by Izzy M & Izzy C



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Community News

Information Centre

The children have also all made stars which will be used to decorate the window in Moreton's Information Centre. Do have a look!

School Admissions and Travel Arrangements Consultation

The community is invited to engage in a Public Consultation regarding School Admission arrangements for state-funded schools and Education Travel Arrangements for the academic year 2019-20.

You are asked to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by the Academy.

To view the proposals please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper version.

Consultation period runs until 5th January 2018.



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