



Dear Parents & Carers,

As some of you may know Ms Redwood has recently had surgery following an accident. She hopes to return as soon as she is well enough to do so.

In the meantime, Mrs Matthews will be in charge so if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

This week we have asked the different key stages to look at what the pupils will be learning this half term.

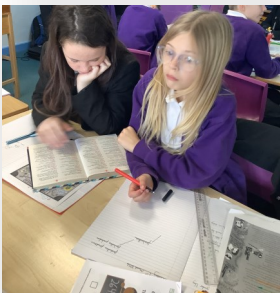
## KS1

### Mardle, Bovey & Tavy.

This half term KS1 are exploring the topic, 'Once Upon a Time'. We are reading the story of *Little Red* and learning lots of new literacy skills such as speech marks and expanded noun phrases. In history, we are studying how the High Street has changed over the last 80 years and are focussing particularly on Newton Abbot and are hoping to also arrange to a visit into town. Maths has been fun and varied. Following a unit on money, we are now starting division and multiplication to really get our brains working. We are also all getting excited about World Book Day next week, get those costumes prepared.

### Tamar, Teign & Torridge.

Year 5 & 6 are focusing on our use of vocabulary this term. We carefully selected some of the tier 2 statutory words together which we felt would be useful within our literacy topic: **Women in Science**. We have these words displayed in the classroom and frequently revisit them to develop our understanding and embed this vocabulary.



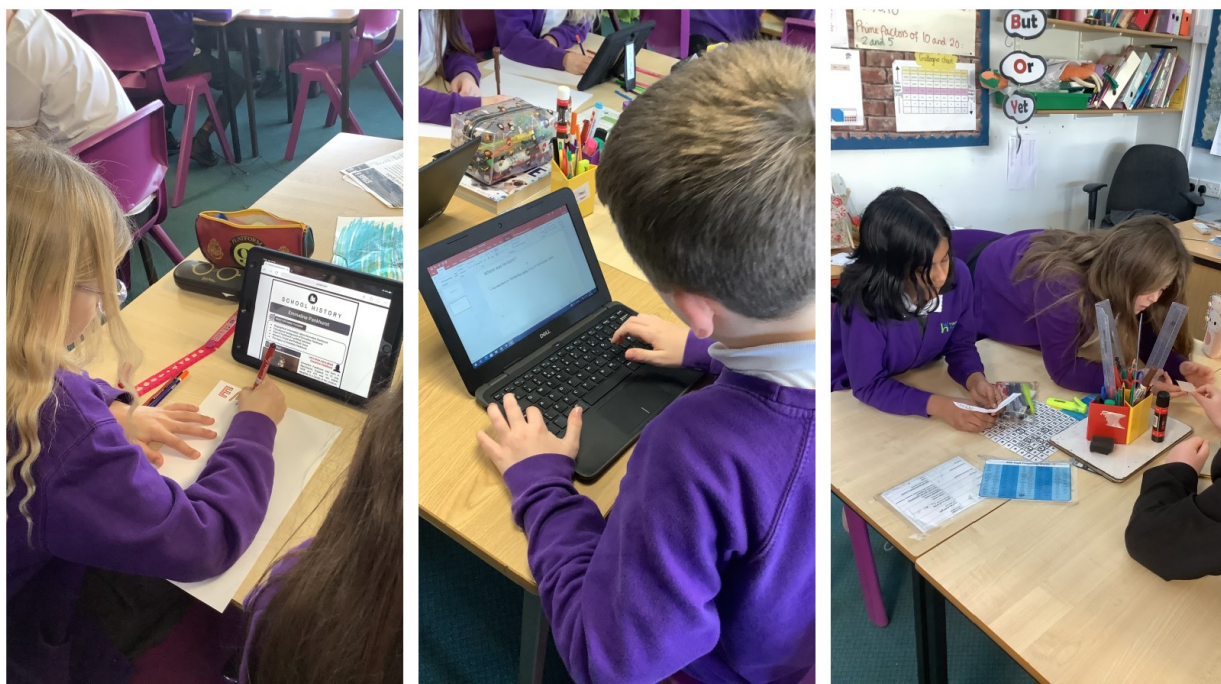
Our year 5 & 6 children are beginning to write about their own inspirational person using the biography genre. In maths, we are developing our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. Special shout out for our fabulous and resilient year 6s who are very busy preparing for their SATs which will take place in the Summer term.

## **Plym, Dart & Exe.**

The children will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder and building on their reading of pitch and rhythm notation from last term. We will also be learning about 20th century minimalism in music. The children will listen to and discuss different examples of music from the genre and then create their own minimalist style pieces.

We will be reading *Heard it in the Playground* by Allan Ahlberg and writing our own poetry. During Maths, we will be working on fractions of shapes and numbers and exploring the terms, denominator and numerator. In History, we are looking at **The Kingdom of Benin** and in RE we are finding out about Hinduism and Hindus in Britain today. In science we will be undertaking lots of practical work to explore our topic on **sound**.

## **BRITISH VALUES DAY**



Last Monday, we had our British Values Day. We were lucky enough to have our valued school governor, Phil Bullivant, join us for our assembly where we talked about the British Values and he shared a bit about his job as a councillor for Newton Abbot. Each year group explored a different British Value:

**Early years: Respect and Tolerance**

**KS1: The Rule of Law**

**Year 3&4: Democracy**

**Year 5&6: Individual Liberty.**

We enjoyed learning about the individual British Value and considered what each of these meant for us. We took part in debates, discussion, research and more.

The year 5&6 children had the opportunity to ask Mr Bullivant questions. Some of these included asking about how schools are funded and the issues with the roads in Newton Abbot. Our oldest pupils were so inspired by the day that they have decided to revamp the school council, and children will be able to elect two members of their class to represent them.

We are collating some of our work to share altogether in assembly on Friday and we will be creating a new British Values display!

## ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 5th Feb	W/C 19th Feb
Taw	98.5%	99.5%
Mole	91.7%	96.1%
Mardle	91%	92.4%
Bovey	92.8%	95.3%
Tavy	92.8%	95.6%
Plym	92.6%	98.2%
Exe	95%	95.7%
Dart	92.8%	97.1%
Tamar	90.4%	96.4%
Torrige	93.8%	96%
Teign	95.4%	95.9%



Taw class had 98.5% attendance for the period of 5th - 9th February 2024.

Taw class had 99.5% attendance for the period of 19th - - 23rd February 2024.

Well done to Taw class!!!

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

## Join us for our 'Maths Cafe'

Years 1 & 2 Thursday 14th March at 3pm in the main school hall.

EYFS Thursday 26th March at 2:30pm in the EYFS building.

We look forward to seeing you!

 **HIGHWEEK**  
Primary School



## RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day this year will be on Friday 15th March.

This year, we are inviting pupils to come to school in non-uniform, however this must include an item of clothing or accessory that is **red**.

Suggested donation of £1.



# Ways to Wellbeing

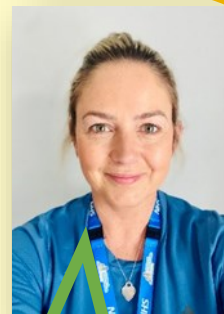
A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

## Digital Detox

Too much screen time can affect our physical and mental health. Can you complete the family digital detox challenge this month?

Find out more here: [30-Day Family Digital Detox Challenge - ParentsTogether \(parents-together.org\)](https://www.parents-together.org/30-day-family-digital-detox-challenge)



I'm Tia Bailey,  
Supervisor - Mental  
Health Support Team



Let's work together to have a digital detox!

Also, remember your 5 ways to wellbeing: [Five ways to wellbeing - Mind](#)

## UNIFORM SALE

We still have a very small amount of uniform in school for sale. If you require any items then we will be selling them off at a significantly reduced price.

These items will be sold on a first come first serve basis. **Cash only.**  
We cannot reserve items.

**Jumpers & £3.00**

**Cardigans**

**PE T- £2.50**

**Shirts**

**PE Kits £6.75**

**Book Bags £3.00**

**PE Bags £2.50**

## Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme	Able to examine mistakes		Embracing Challenge	
<b>Date</b>	Weekending Friday 23rd February		Weekending Friday 1st March	
<b>Bovey</b>	Joseph Havelock	Ruby Brighton	Harley Newman	Khalid Shaibu
<b>Dart</b>	Sam Palmer	Caroline Johns	Alfred Smith	Freya Paris
<b>Exe</b>	Albie Gillingwater	Nathan Jewell	Henry Joint	Fraya Jowitt
<b>Mardle</b>	Serenity Perry-Feecham	Emilia Edwards	Harvey Martin	Macauley Jones
<b>Plym</b>	Rose Liju	Alexander Avery	Sophie Gater	Ahmad Sultani
<b>Tamar</b>	Charlie Mason	Dexter Beverley	Emmanuel Benoy	George Macey
<b>Tavy</b>	Elsi Palla	Oscar Freeston	Millie Harrison	Layla Forster
<b>Teign</b>	Jayden Havelock	Leonard Coleman	Isla Edwards	George De Abreu
<b>Torridge</b>	Elsie-Jo Briercliffe	Joshua Havelock	Mason Edmundson	Poppy Chapman

## Thursday 21st March



All pupils are invited to join us for an Easter Bunny Run in aid of Cancer Research

Please come to school dressed in Easter themed clothes/hats/accessories.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home or are available from the main school office

This event has been organised by 2 of our pupils in years 5 & 6.

## Well done to our



**100,000 words**

Leo Hole, Alfie Mitchell, May Williams & Samuel Joint.

**250,000 words**

Paige Payton, Sayed Alqarooni, Scarlet Feasby & Albie Gillingwater.

**500,000 words**

Ignas Silevicius, Bartosz Kiezun & Alex Fairweather.

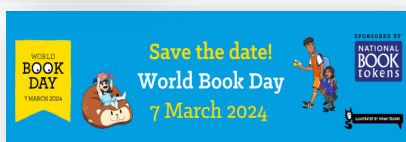
**1 million words**

Elise Keskin.

**1.5 million words**

Felix Miller-Sledge.

## We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.



All pupils are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other.

## CAKE & BAKE SALE vs CANCER

Some of our year 5 pupils will be holding a Cake & Bake sale on Monday 25th March at 3:30pm on the KS2 playground

All proceeds will go to **YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER**



## Parents Evening



Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th  
March 2024

To book please go to:  
<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>

### MARCH

**Tuesday 5th** - PTFA Annual General Meeting in the EYFS building at 6:15pm. All welcome.

**Wednesday 6th** - Year 3 & 4 Alternative Sports at Newton Abbot College.

**Thursday 7th** - World Book Day. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

**Wednesday 13th** - Reception to year 6 Heights & Measurements.

**Thursday 14th** - Year 4 Residential to Dartmoor Residential Centre

**Thursday 14th** - Year 1/2 Maths Café 3pm in the main school hall.  
Parents invited.

**Friday 15th** - Year 4 pupils return from residential.

**Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th** - Parents evening.

**Thursday 21st** - Sponsored Easter Bunny Run.

**Monday 25th** - Whole school Easter assembly with Reverend Gareth Regan.

**Monday 25th** - Cake & Bake sale on the KS2 playground at 3:30pm.

**Tuesday 26th** - EYFS Maths Café 2:30pm in the EYFS centre.

**Thursday 28th** - School closes for the Easter break.

### APRIL

**Monday 15th** - School re-opens at 8:50am.

**Wednesday 17th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 24th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

### MAY

**Wednesday 1st** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 8th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Monday 13th** - KS2 SATs week.

**Wednesday 15th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 22nd** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Friday 24th** - School closes for the May half term break.



We are hearing of more and more incidences of inconsiderate parking and driving around the school site and local area.

- Please could we ask that all parents /carers when dropping off and collecting their children to please be mindful of the parking restrictions around the school.
- Please do not block driveways and do not park on pavements - this is a particular issue especially when this causes pedestrians to have to walk on the roads, which is not acceptable.



We understand that the school is very busy at these times. Therefore if you are able to walk or car share that would be appreciated.

## Playzone After School Club March 24

Costs 3.30pm – 4pm £4.50

3.30pm -5pm £7.00

3.30pm – 6pm £8.50

3.30pm – 3.45pm Registration

3.45pm – 4pm snack

4pm – 5pm chosen activity

5pm – 5.45pm indoor play

5.45pm – 6pm tidy up

6pm Close.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Pizza Computers	Pizza Movie night	Pizza Free play	Pizza Easter crafts	Pizza Games
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Toast/sandwiches Games	Toast/sandwiches Computers	Toast/sandwiches Movie night	Toast/sandwiches Free play	Toast/sandwiches Easter crafts
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cereals Easter crafts	Cereals Games	Cereals Computers	Cereals Movie night	Cereals Free play
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Toasties Games	Toasties Easter crafts	Toasties Games	Chinese Meal Computers	Holiday

**Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.**

Laying the foundations of lifelong learning