



July 2023

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

I can't quite believe that I'm writing the final newsletter of the Year!

It's been such a successful year with all children completing some amazing learning enquiries and being so inspired with their learning too! All the children have taken part in some wonderful trips to enhance their learning and we've had so many visitors into school to inspire and enthuse our pupils. Well done children, you're a credit to Galmpton and your families.

We've worked hard this year to ensure our offer in music, Spanish and computing is as strong as other subjects! Most certainly the performance at the Princess Theatre a couple of weeks ago really demonstrated what amazing performers and musicians we have. We are now able to offer lessons or clubs for the following instruments: ukulele, violin, recorders, xylophones, drumming, piano, saxophone, guitar and of course we now have our own choir and rock group! All Key stage 2 children have a weekly Spanish lesson with Mr Hicks, a fluent Spanish teacher, and we now have a weekly Spanish club too.

This year has also seen us really improve our computing offer for children as a result of the PTFA funding 60 new chrome books and charging trolleys. All classes now have access to computing hardware including iPADS throughout the school day!

Over the holidays we will be improving classroom environments and ensuring that they reflect the excellent standards of pupil's learning. Again, thank you to our PTFA and ACE for funding the much needed improvements! And thank you to all our families for supporting all the events which have contributed to the PTFA funds. We very much value all the support you give us.

Finally, we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6's! They've been a fabulous cohort and excellent role models to younger children. They have continued to represent the school so well and taken on a wide range of roles throughout the Year. Well done Year 6. We will miss you but know that you will continue to have great successes at your next schools and beyond!

We hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September!

Katy Burns Headteacher



BUDE RESIDENTIAL ADVENTURE

MAY 2023

Year 6 had a fantastic, fun-filled week at Adventure Bude last half term. Surfing, body boarding, high ropes, canoeing and caving were among the favourite activities of the week - just a part of a week packed full of activities and adventure. The great 'tutor system', the action-packed days and fun-filled evenings made the week extremely enjoyable, but the children made it amazing! They threw everything into the week & approached obstacles with positivity, whilst looking after each other on the way. A great week had by all!

Year
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Y5 Eden Project Trip

The Year 5's had an excellent time at the Eden Project. They spent the day as tribesmen and tribeswomen finding evidence of the indigenous group that live in the rainforest biome at Eden. The year 5's had to identify how to use the rainforest for food, shelter, water and health. They were a credit to the school.



STAFFING NEWS

We'd like to thank Ms Seabrook who has worked in Year 6 this year. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on her new career within the NHS. Ms Seabrook has been an excellent support to our Year 6 pupils in particular and we're hoping that as she's very local, will continue to be in touch with staff and remain a good friend to the school.

Miss Topic finishes working as a Teaching Assistant with us, but continues her Post Graduate Teaching placement with us. We also thank her for her contribution to Galampton and are looking forward to her continuing to work with us in her new role as a Student Teacher. Miss Topic will be working in Year 4 with Mrs Hartley for two of the three terms.

We're really pleased to announce that two new Teaching Assistants will be joining us next September. Mrs Shakespear-Bright will be supporting our Y6 children and Mrs Wenyon will be working with Mr Hicks in Y3. Both Teaching Assistants have considerable experience and skills and, we consider ourselves very fortunate that they've taken up posts with us at Galampton.

As many of you will already know, Reverend Stephen returns to teaching in September. I know that the children and staff have hugely enjoyed Stephen leading our weekly Thursday Worship and we will miss him hugely. We thank both Stephen and Victoria Yates for their work with our school and wish both of them and their family the very best as they move onto pastures new.

Sports Day

What a day! The weather looked a little dicey, but we were lucky and it stayed dry all day. All the children were fantastic throughout the day and displayed our character values superbly. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – looked like the parents may have too!



Y1 Golden Hind Trip

Year 1 had a lovely morning visiting the Golden Hind to learn more about Sir Francis Drake, in order to aid our final outcome - a debate as to whether he was a hero or a pirate. We learnt that the Golden Hind had about 70 crew members and took approximately 3 years to sail around the world from Plymouth. The children enjoyed exploring the ship and collected stamps as they went around and at the end won themselves a certificate and a gem. They asked fantastic questions and it was pleasure to have them represent the school.



PROJECT EVOLVE

All children in school, from YR to Y6 have been learning about the importance of online safety using Project Evolve. The aim of this programme is to support children in learning about the importance of self-image, identity, online relationships, bullying, health and well-being, privacy and security, copyright and ownership. These sessions are age appropriate and delivered in class in addition to our ICT learning. If you would like an introduction to Project Evolve, please watch a short video by [clicking here](#) or talk to your child's class Teacher.

Attendance

We are really delighted to announce that attendance has really improved from last year. This year's attendance data up until 21st July is 95.74%, which is a real improvement on last year's overall percentage.

Well done!

Summer Fayre

Takings all costs into consideration, the Summer Fayre has raised £2131.96.

It was an amazing day. Well done Kirsty (FROGs Chair) and all your colleagues on the committee, as well as all our volunteers who were just brilliant. Whilst the weather put paid to some of the arrangements and we had to move indoors, we had a fantastic time and clearly all those who came to support us did too.

These funds mean so much to us and we're truly grateful for all your support.

Well done everybody.



Goodbye Reverend Stephen

Sadly Reverend Stephen leaves the Brixham Mission Community after three years.

We will miss him hugely at Galampton and thank him for all his support and the wonderful worships he has delivered across his time with us.

We wish him and his family all the best as he returns to teaching.

WELCOME TO
THE RAILWAY INN

A PUBLIC HOUSE SINCE 1861

GARDEN *Party*

JULY 22ND 2023

RAISING MONEY FOR
**GALMPTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

12PM UNTIL LATE

**CHILDRENS KARAOKE • OUTSIDE
GAMES CRAFT STALLS • MAGICIAN
& BALLOON MAKER • FACE
PAINTING & MORE!**

FREE ENTRY

**HOG ROAST
AND LIVE
MUSIC!**

THE RAILWAY INN,
DARTMOUTH ROAD,
BRIXHAM TQ5 0LL

All funds raised from our school Summer Fayre and the Railway Inn Garden Party (on Saturday 22nd July) will go towards the much needed classroom re-configurations and updates. These works have already started in school and I'm sure the children are keeping you up to date with progress so far! More news on this will follow in September once the works are complete.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Congratulations to two of our Y3 children who have been offered contracts to play for Plymouth Argyle's Football Academy.

Jesse Maker and Pierre Edwards have been playing football from the time they could walk and, following successful spells playing for Brixham Town and Saints Southwest, they were invited to train with the Argyle Pre-Academy when they were just 6 years old. Both boys have worked very hard during the last 2 years and have travelled the UK representing Plymouth, playing in matches against teams such as Arsenal, Liverpool, Man City, Brighton and Aston Villa!

Earlier this year, the boys received the fantastic news that they have been selected to play for Plymouth Under 9s next season. We are very proud of them both and it just goes to show what hard work and dedication can achieve.

Well done boys!



Y6 Sailing at RDYC, Kingswear, July 2023

Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Royal Dart Youth Sailing Trust's Schools Week 2023 on the 4th and 5th July. The aim of the 'Schools Week' Programme is to give local school children a fun introduction to sailing by the Royal Dart Yacht Club through the Youth Sailing Trust. Each day, roughly 11 pupils took part and were instructed by Ed Jones, Senior Dinghy Instructor at the Club. The sailing days were, once again, a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils. We thank the RDYST for enabling it to happen again this year.



Year 4

Torre Abbey Visit



Y4 had a superb visit to Torre Abbey to help us answer our learning question – “Should the Barn at Torre Abbey be called ‘The Spanish Barn’”? We were able to work inside the Barn itself and see what it would have been like for the 397 Spanish prisoners who were kept there during the Spanish Armada invasion. We were also given the opportunity to look around the Abbey and to explore how this had changed over 800 years.

Equipment List for KS2

We ask that each KS2 pupil (Y3-6) has their own equipment readily available on a daily basis please. We have found that children who have their own equipment take more responsibility for their belongings and it really does help to prepare children for transition to secondary school:

- HB pencil
- Glue stick (this will need replacing regularly!)
- Colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Green and orange highlighters
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Black gel / ink handwriting pen (for children who have a pen licence)



Thankyou

Civic Award

Congratulations to the twelve year 6's who have completed their Torbay & Devon Civic Award, an award that requires a great deal of determination and independence.

To achieve the award, pupils have had to prove participation in the following seven areas:

- **Active Citizenship in their school community, including positions of responsibility bringing positive change in the school.**
- **Active Citizenship in their home communities, such as beach cleans, bulb planting, helping at Brownies /Cubs/sports clubs and looking after people in the community.**
- **A physical hobby, which creates a sweat.**
- **A non-physical hobby, which really interests them.**
- **Residential experience and adventure training which entails sleeping away from home and taking part in outdoor challenges.**
- **Adopt a cause or charity, which they feel strongly about. This includes researching it and finding ways of supporting it.**
- **Pledge to the planet – a promise that will contribute to the sustainability of our planet.**

The children must also pass a rigorous assessment when they have to present all this evidence to an external assessor.

These children have worked so hard to achieve this award and I am immensely proud of all of them.



Musical Performance

Our Choir and some of our Y6's performed with such great confidence and enthusiasm at this recent event at the Princess Theatre. Ten ACE schools took part with all the children singing two shared songs in addition to their individual school song. We had children of all ages singing in the choir and their performance was really fabulous. Many thanks to Harriet our Choir Lead. We're incredibly proud of all the children taking part and look forward to another ACE performance next year!

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Galmpton Primary School **Calendar Dates** 2023

Mon 4th & Tues 5th Sept:	Non-Pupil Days - Staff Training
Weds 6th Sept:	Pupils return to school
Friday 22nd Sept:	Individual/Sibling/Family Photo's – Siblings attending other schools should arrive around 8am
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October:	Half Term Holidays
Wed 8th November:	Flu immunisations in School
Fri 15th Dec:	End of Term, 3.15pm finish

SPRING TERM

Tues 2nd Jan 2024:	Pupils Return to School
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