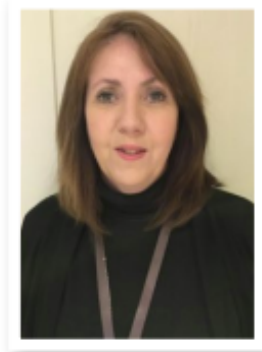




February 2024

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

I think we're all very glad that the lighter mornings and evenings are now heading our way! We're very much looking forward to Spring 2: the warmer days and new growth.

I thought I'd take the opportunity in this newsletter to talk a little about our curriculum. We are exceptionally proud of the curriculum we have developed over the last few years and continue to look at innovative and creative ways to ensure children's learning is dynamic, interesting and impactful.

We believe that through the delivery of our three ACE principles: character education, metacognition (learning to learn) alongside academic subject knowledge and skills, we are able to ensure all our children are achieving the outcomes below.

Whatever subject the children are working on, we will be looking at a value. This half term, our values has been determination. Next half term our value is confidence. We know focusing on a character value or trait undoubtedly makes a difference to children's learning, so do ask your child about this.

At the same time we teach the children how to know themselves better as learners. This is called metacognition. The children frequently reflect on their learning and use a range of thinking tools to support and develop their learning. Next half term we will also be focusing on the children's ability to learn independently, so perhaps you could continue this work at home too. At our next parents meetings in March (dates on the last page), I will hold a workshop about our curriculum, so if you'd like to know more about our unique curriculum, do come along. Have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs Burns

Headteacher

Academic
Excellence
(Subject Knowledge
and skills)

Character
Education

Learning
to Learn
(Metacognition)

Outcomes

Successful
Learners

Caring
Citizens

Healthy
Thinkers

Curious
Explorers

Knowledgeable
Participant

Confident
Individual



Y3 Trip to Kents Cavern

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Kents Cavern. They engaged in three different activities: artefact handling, exploring the caves and cave painting. Our tour guide was very impressed by the children's excellent behaviour - as well as their curiosity towards the Stone Age. Well done Year 3!



Football Matches

This half term we have had various football matches around Torbay. KS2 teams excelled in their matches and displayed our character value of leadership throughout. Well done to those who have participated in their first competitive football match.





FOREST SCHOOL



This week our learning enquiry has been all about materials and building the perfect shelter. Reception class visited Orchard Forest School and we had a fantastic time making mini-beast homes to place in our own gardens and built 2 shelters (big enough for us all to fit in and water-proof!). We also toasted marshmallows over the fire.



Science Workshop

The children in year 5 have been showing off our school values by attending a science show at Brixham College. They were excellent advocates, showing excellent listening skills. After the show, the children worked in collaborative teams to create a rocket which was launched at the end of the day.



NHS

**Come along to our
SEND roadshow!**



Galampton Primary School
**2pm - 3pm: SEND parent/carer
forum (inside)**
**3pm - 4pm: SEND bus in
playground**

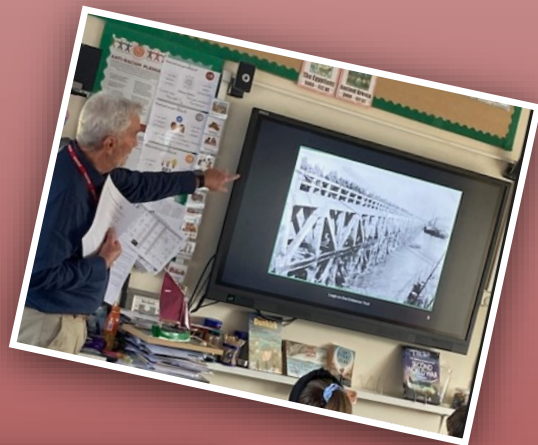
**TORBAY
COUNCIL**

Y6 History

Y6 were lucky enough to listen to a presentation about one of the 'little ships' involved in the evacuation of Dunkirk - 'Endeavour' - and the part it played. The session added an extra layer of knowledge and consolidated their learning - it was a great way to end our learning enquiry 'How do leaders reflect determination. A case study of Dunkirk, 1940.'

History Visitor: Talking about 'Endeavour' one of the little ships

Peter came in to talk to us on Friday afternoon about one of the 'little ships' involved in the evacuation - 'Endeavour'. We found out lots of information and looked at further sources of evidence (primary and secondary) and heard about stories of determination from Peter's trips to recreate the evacuation in 2005 and 2010.



Attendance Data for the period 6/9/23—31/1/24

Whole School	95.75%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.99
1	94.67
2	97.77
3	94.93
4	96.00
5	95.74
6	95.27

**Well done to Year 2
who have achieved the highest
attendance this term!**

Attendance Matters



Each month reports are generated on attendance and letters are regularly sent to families relating to any low attendance.

Please do be aware that the Local Authority can see each and every child's attendance at each school. We follow LA guidance and our own attendance policy and will refer relevant information to the Council for them to raise penalty notices if the threshold of 10 unauthorised absences have been met (5 days).

Please submit any absence requests to the office for consideration for each date your child will be absent from school - we need to be informed of all absences including funerals, weddings, dance exams etc. as well as holiday's.

It is the school's responsibility to account for each and every absence in term time and we are reliant on your assistance with this. If there is any doubt whatsoever about absence, enquiries will be made directly to the parent/carer and some form of evidence for absence may be requested - this is always the case if school is notified of absence due to illness prior to or following holiday absence.

If the threshold for a penalty notice has been met, all relevant information is then sent to the LA for a decision on whether they will proceed with a penalty notice. Surprisingly we have referred information to the Council for 11 penalty notices so far this academic year.

We would take this opportunity to remind you that we have scheduled non-pupil dates to fall straight after the Summer half term holidays. These dates may make holidays more accessible to our families.

Are you concerned about a pupil?



If you are worried about a pupil

Make a written record of your concern.
(Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature).

You must share your concerns without delay



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Officer

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If you're worried about a child and
would prefer to call the Torbay
Safeguarding Hub contact them

on:

01803 208100. Find out more
at:www.torbay.gov.uk/tscb

RECORD ON CPOMS! REMEMBER TO RECORD WHAT THE CHILD SAYS, WHAT YOU SAW.

stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

S

SAFE: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

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MEET: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

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ACCEPTING: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

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RELIABLE: Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

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TELL: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



Galmpton Primary School

Calendar Dates

Fri Feb 23rd

Year 3 Cake Sale 3.15pm

Wed 28th Feb

Y4 swimming starts for 5 weeks

Fri 1st March

PTFA meeting 3.15pm (Staff Room)

Mon 4th March

Parents Evening booking info to follow

Wed 6th March

Parents Evening booking info to follow

Fri 8th March

YR Leading Worship

Fri 8th March

SEND Parent/Carer Forum 2pm Beach Room

Fri 8th March

SEND Roadshow Bus (Playground) after School

Fri 15th March

Y6 leading Worship

Wed 20th March

Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm (Hall)

Fri 22nd March

FROGS Easter Disco times TBC

Thurs 28th March

**KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade/Tombola
Easter Service TBC**

Fri 29th March - Fri 12th April Easter Holiday's

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