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Comic Relief

Thank you for all your kind and generous donations. A total of £270 was raised. Our Y4/5/6 School Learning Team prepared and held an assembly for the whole school to tell them about the history of Comic Relief and what the money is used for. Special thanks must go to Jennifer for her hard work in the preparation of this assembly.

'Bob-a-job' for Nayamba

In June half term, I am going back out to Nayamba School in Zambia. Mrs Edwards and Becky Mason from Exminster are also part of the trip with 7 other teachers from this area. The focus for our trip this time will be reading and we would like to fill our suitcases with new reading materials. We are also having a focus on art and PE. Between the 10 of us, we have 400kg of luggage to use for resources. All our own clothes are limited and will be packed into hand luggage so that our suitcases can purely focus on getting resources to leave with the school.

To raise money, we are asking that over the Easter break, children earn money helping their family, neighbours and friends: car washing, hoovering, washing up, hanging out the washing, tidying etc. The children of Nayamba school do daily chores before school and after school. Sometimes they do not attend school because they are needed to do chores for their family. We are asking that our children do chores to earn money and donate it to the children of Nayamba School. 100% of all the money you raise, will go directly to help the children of Nayamba School. After the Easter holidays, either bring in what you earn or donate it directly to the just giving page:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=exminsterbobajob&isTeam=true>

There will also be an additional non-uniform day on Friday 21 April for a donation – all monies will go directly to fill the suitcases full of resources. Our target for the 'Bob-a-job' and the non-uniform day is £1000.

OFSTED

Our OFSTED report has now been released and it will be published after the Easter holidays. We are delighted that the report recognises aspects such as:

- There is a positive ethos in our school;
- There are caring relationships between staff and pupils;
- Parents are very supportive of our school;
- The embedding of our Rainbow Values is strong and are known by the pupils;
- Pupils' involvement in decision making and choices in their learning motivates them;
- Pupils are keen to learn, they enjoy lessons;
- There is a sense of togetherness as staff work towards common objectives;
- The team approach: Staff's involvement in development planning and improving the school, many teams are pushing forward initiatives;
- Pupils' good behaviour was recognised, leading to good progress;
- Our governors provide effective challenge and support;
- Pupils feel safe at school and there is a safeguarding culture where staff are suitably skilled and vigilant;
- Staff and governors have a clear understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the school;
- All staff are heavily involved in drawing up plans for improvement;
- The school's assessment systems show that disadvantaged pupils are currently making the same good progress in KS2 as other pupils;
- Children have responded positively to GOAL time and are motivated to learn through the choice that this presents; and
- The quality of written work has improved, pupils are confident editing their work and many pupils are now achieving at a greater depth.

The inspector will always look at safeguarding and judge whether or not it is effective – he reported that our safeguarding is effective. The inspector then sets 3 lines of enquiry on the morning of the inspection, based on data, our school development plan and our school self-evaluation. All areas set on our inspection day have been central to our development plan this year. The inspector outlines these in his report and was complimentary of our progress towards these areas so far.

The final stage of the inspection is to set next steps, based on those lines of enquiry. We are pleased with the next steps that were set between us and the inspector and these will remain central to this year and next year's development plan.

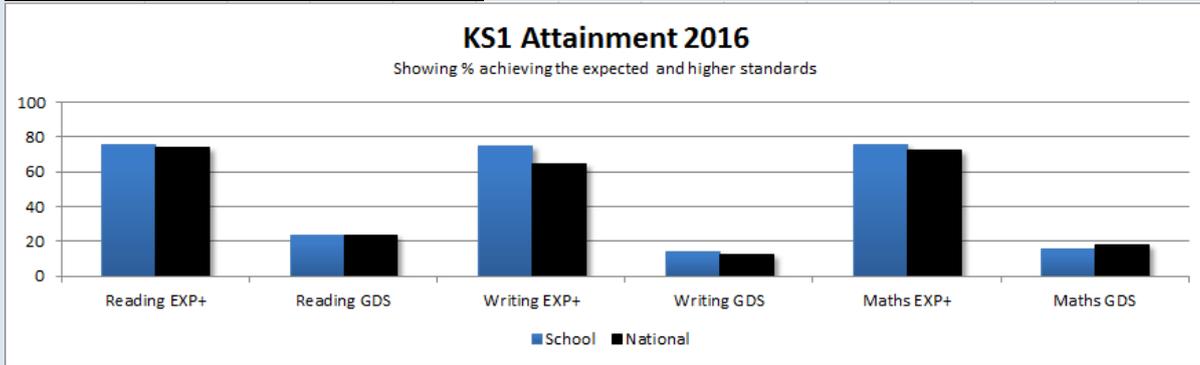
Below is an overview of our end of Key Stage data. Further information and detail can be found on the DfE site: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/113201>





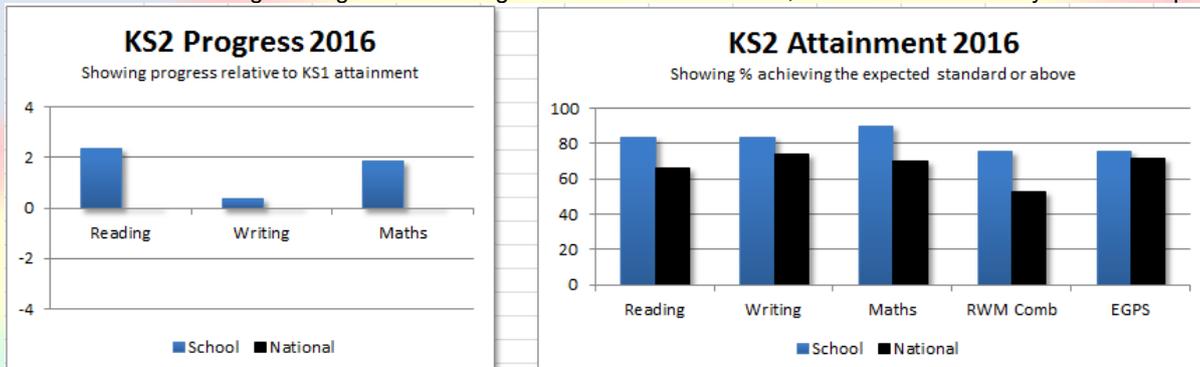
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KS1 Outcomes compared to national data



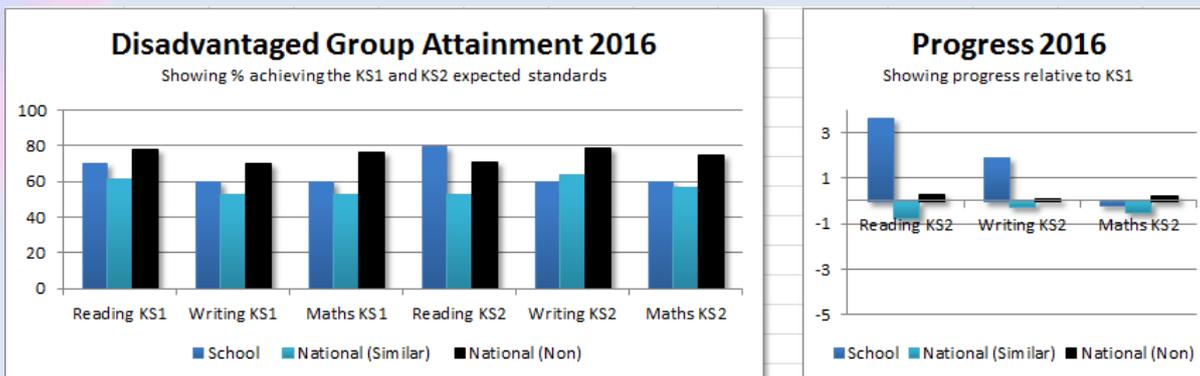
KS2 Outcomes compared to national – progress and attainment

National progress is 0, we were above national in all subjects, and significantly so in Reading (2.4) and Maths (1.9). We achieved above national in writing although not as strong as other curriculum areas, this is a focus on this year's development plan.



Overview of our Pupil Premium group

This is a national agenda for OFSTED and will always look at this group of children and how they are performing compared to their peers. Whilst being over the national SAME group for Pupil Premium, the national group comparator is now the NON group (all other pupils who are not the Pupil Premium group). This is a whole school focus within our development plan.



We are pleased with the outcome of the report and feel that it was a fair and collaborative process. Whilst it is frustrating that wider areas of school development cannot be recognised, the nature of a short inspection with one inspector is very limiting and different from previous processes. We will be inspected next in approximately 3 years, our aim is to be outstanding in all areas.

Breakfast Club

If anyone has any spare wool or any plastic food or toy kitchen items, the Breakfast Club staff would be very happy to give them a home. Thank you.





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Nits

Unfortunately we are currently experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. Head lice are very common amongst primary school children and can easily be transferred by head to head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore request that **all** long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. The Easter holidays would be an ideal time for parents to deal with this problem and ensure we are nit free when we return on 19th April. Unfortunately head lice are becoming more resilient to chemicals and we have found the most effective treatment is to apply lots of conditioner and comb through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out.

Allotment Club

Sadly Storm Doris destroyed our recently purchased polytunnel. We would really like to replace it so that the whole school can benefit from our growing themes next term. A parent has already made a very generous donation, for which we are very grateful. If you are able to make a contribution, any amount, however small, would be greatly appreciated. There will be a donation pot in the school office. Thank you for the support, the children really do enjoy the whole 'seed to plate' experience.

On a positive note, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mr Kilpatrick (Ellie's dad in reception) who built a bespoke gate for our allotment, it really does look amazing.

Mrs Pike

The Little Princess Trust

Evie in 1m will be having her hair cut at Exminster Hair & Beauty on 22nd April and will be donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer. At the same time she will also be raising money for Exeter Neonatal Unit, where Evie was admitted when she was born. If you would like to support Evie's fundraising there is a Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/james-bodycombe

The Bill Douglas CINEMA MUSEUM

Family Fun Day

Tuesday 11th April 2017 10.30am - 3.30pm

A free drop in activity day for 5 - 11 year olds and their families. Make flick books, shadow puppets, badges and film clapperboards. Explore the museum, complete our quiz and join in with our collaborative group animation to celebrate our 20th anniversary!

Contact us for further details at bdc@exeter.ac.uk or 01392 724321
The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum, University of Exeter, Old Library, Prince of Wales Road, Exeter, EX4 4SB
All children must be accompanied at all times.

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Lyme Regis Fossil Festival

TIME, TIDE & TECTONICS

Fri 28th - Sun 30th April 2017

LYME REGIS COAST & TOWN VENUES

*Friday 20th Schools Day - not all activities are available to the public

- Walk the sand time line help create sand sculptures
- Visit the Natural History Museum
- Enjoy expert talks - Meet Dean Lomax
ITV palaeontologist and expert presenter of 'Dinosaur Britain'

www.fossilfestival.com

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