

Civic Award

For the first year, Mrs Nowell has introduced the Year 6 children to the Civic Award. 5 of our students, Anna, Callie, Erica, Ella and Eva have spent 9 months working towards this. Below is an outline of what they have been busy doing:

1. They have had to show they are an active citizen in the school community for at least 4 months. Activities they have done have directly impacted on other children in school and widened their experience through running a KS1 choir, running a drawing club, being part of the Sports Council, becoming reading ambassadors and helping with the allotment club.
2. Be an active citizen in the local community and charity work. The children have helped at pre-school breakfast club, held sales to raise money for WESC and the Blue Cross and raised money for Nayamba school.
3. Take part in an active hobby. The girls have enjoyed clubs such as ballet, street dance and rugby and will continue with these beyond the award.
4. Take part in a non-active hobby. The girls have enjoyed cooking a varied range of recipes, designing clothes and completing book reviews.
5. Take part in adventure training. The girls all enjoyed challenging themselves and overcoming fears with their residential week and loved surfing, the adventure assault course and the whole residential experience.

The girls have had to provide evidence of all these aspects of the award. We enjoyed a breakfast together this morning to talk about their award and now they are having individual interviews with the assessors, Mr Clements from DCC and Mrs Mason, one of our school governors.

I would like to congratulate the girls on their commitment and contribution. They have positively impacted on their school, their local community and the wider community through the great work they have done. We are all very proud of you. Mrs Whalley and Mrs Nowell.



Sports Days

Well done to all the children for their motivation and enjoyment of our KS2 and FS+KS1 sports days. Our KS2 morning was a slightly soggy event but all the children participated fully and we managed to complete it. We managed to hold our FS+KS1 event second time round this week with a sunny morning of interactive sports. I think the adults took their races slightly more seriously than the children but I must point out that strictly speaking, Mr Wilsher should be disqualified for being out of his Key Stage in the teachers' race.



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DSSP Outdoor Cricket Tournament

On Thursday 23rd June 2016 we took two teams of cricketers to a DSSP Outdoor Cricket Tournament at Abbotskerswell Cricket Club. One team consisted of boys from Key Stage Two, and the other of girls from Key Stage Two. All the children represented the school's values brilliantly throughout, showing outstanding motivation for their team mates and being part of the DSSP community by congratulating all their opposition and shaking hands after all matches.

The girls took part in 4 games, winning two and losing two, and eventually they came 3rd overall. A very good effort girls, and a huge improvement on our very first cricket event of the year when none of you had played cricket before!

The boys also took part in 4 games and won all of them, which means they were crowned the DSSP Boys Cricket Champions! They won the DSSP trophy which is an exact replica of The Ashes Trophy which is contested by England and Australia. The boys all worked tirelessly as a team and their tactics were spot on in the tight matches - protecting their stumps in order to not lose 5 runs for a wicket, rather than trying to slog the ball as hard as possible.

Both teams deserve a big pat on the back for their involvement and commitment to the continuing sporting successes of Exminster Community Primary School. Well done.



PE

We would like to remind you of expectations regarding PE kit for every child in the school. All children's PE kit bags should contain the following:

- A long sleeve top which will keep them warm when outside
- Trousers which will keep them warm when outside
- An Exminster PE t-shirt
- PE shorts
- A pair of outdoor trainers with a hard sole
- A spare pair of socks

Additional items:

- Plimsolls
- A lightweight waterproof coat

It is important that your child comes into school prepared for indoor PE, and outdoor PE. If the weather is wet, cold and windy, it should be no reason for children not to be outside and enjoying physical activity, but it is essential that they have the correct clothing. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, please could you ensure they do have it in time for their next PE session.

The government recommends that children do at least 60 minutes of moderate exercise a day, and at least three sessions of vigorous exercise a week. PE provides children with a variety of health benefits. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, they may miss out on these benefits and develop a lack of enthusiasm towards physical activity.





KS2 Production Tickets

The first run of KS2 production tickets has now been completed. If you have not yet received any tickets it is because we have either not received:

- your order form
- your payment
- both!

We will start dealing with the second run of tickets on Tuesday so you still have a little time to submit your order forms and payment. If you have any queries please email the school office for the attention of Mrs Welch and she will get back to you on Tuesday.

Musical Showcase

A huge well done to all our performers in Monday night's musical showcase. It was a great new format to showcase our musical students. It takes a lot of confidence to be able to perform in front of an audience and also a great deal of music practise week after week. It was fantastic to see such a range of instruments being played. Many thanks to Mrs Mac for organising it and thanks to all our music teachers for giving up their time. If your child is interested in taking up an instrument, do pop in and have a chat with Mrs Macdonald or email the school office.

Breakfast Club

Regular users of Breakfast Club will have received a booking form for the Autumn Term this week. If you do not currently use Breakfast Club and are interested in learning more about it, please speak to Mrs Welch or Mrs Perry in the school office who will be happy to help and provide you with the necessary paperwork.

Sidmouth Donkey Assisted Interaction Centre

The Sidmouth Donkey Assisted Interaction Centre is located within the grounds of the Donkey Sanctuary and is dedicated to providing interaction to children with additional needs. Once a month the Centre runs a Saturday club from 10am to 1pm which is completely free of charge. During the school holidays the Centre also allocates 'Drop In' days. All sessions need to be pre-booked. If you would like any additional information or would like to book a session please contact them direct on 01395 573009 email sidmouth@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk

