

Rainbow day: our theme for this Rainbow Day was our *Rainbow Values* – all of the values focused on this with a real emphasis on community and team work. The day started with an assembly led by Mr Moore about ‘Go and be a goose’ looking at how geese fly in their V formation, how they work as a team and that they are 75% more productive flying as a team than if they fly solo. We linked many of the geese attributes to our Rainbow Values.



Singing



Family Groups



‘Build it High’



Tag Rugby



Mrs Collins – our Rainbow day Ambassador!

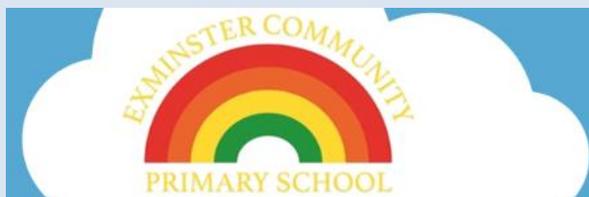


‘Chains’

There was a rotation of 7 activities.

1. Paper tower challenge: this involved 7 pieces of paper per team (representing the 7 Rainbow Values) and a roll of masking tape. Children were split into 7 teams within their colour and had the challenge of making the tallest free-standing tower that they could. The value they were focusing on was ‘Community’ – working together as a team.
2. Singing: we had a singer in, funded from the Helen Foundation, working with every class over the course of the day. They learnt a song within their 35 minutes called ‘Build it High’. The lyrics were about working together as a team to solve a problem.
3. Chiefs Rugby session: 2 representatives from Exeter Chiefs came in to work with the children on team work, staying active and having fun. They played lots of games with children moving for the whole session, playing stuck in the mud, tag rugby and other running games.
4. Friendship bracelets: children worked together to make friendship bracelets, choosing 3 of the Rainbow Values and their colours to represent them. They had lots of discussions about when they and their peers had demonstrated these values in school.
5. Decorating leaves: these have gone on display in our office reception area (known in school as the ‘school lounge’). Children thought about their hopes and aspirations for the future, what they were proud of, what they work hard at and what they would like to get better at. They were focusing on our ‘Potential’ value.
6. Construction: this session was about focusing on the community around us and the groups were representing landmarks of Exminster out of various construction materials. They used photos of these to support them and enjoyed working with the different age groups.
7. Orienteering: in this session, children had to run around our school grounds, finding clues – 8 different ones in total. When they arrived at a clue, each year group had a different question to answer and record on their sheet. The older children were supporting the younger children by reading their question and supporting them with the answers.

It was a fantastic day, watching the children with mixed year groups. New friendships were formed, family groups enjoyed spending time with one another and the older children loved supporting the younger children. The younger children enjoyed working with the older children and making these new connections, which we then saw going over to



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the playtime as well. Thanks to the staff for the range of activities and to Mrs Coville who worked hard to organise the day.

Cross Country: On Tuesday 4th July, 49 children from Exminster School took part in the DSSP Cross Country event at Stover School. The Year 3/4 event was run over 1.2km and for Year 5/6 the event was run over 1.5km. It was fantastic to see so many of the Exminster children compete at the event. Well done to every child and their fantastic motivation towards the activity. Tom M said, "I'm really proud because I improved on my position from last time." Edward said, "I tried really hard and kept on going even when I felt out of breath." It was a great result for the Year 3/4 team as they finished 3rd overall out of all of the schools competing. A special mention goes to Thomas Brown from 4S who won his race - beating more than 80 other competitors.

Staff vs Parent Football Match: will be held at St. Martins FC on Thursday 20th July 2017. The match kicks off at 6:30pm. We are looking for any willing dads who might have watched football, played football, or even seen a football to take part. Please contact James Mason on 07980930028. BBQ and refreshments will be available.

JD BUG Scooter Raffle: Eight JDBug scooters are being raffled off to raise money for the school climbing wall. There will be a winner from each year group and an overall school winner. **Raffle tickets are available for £1 cash from the school office.** Raffle tickets numbers are not limited - children can buy as many raffle tickets as they want. £1.00 per entry (payment via ParentPay not accepted). Using scooters is excellent exercise and makes people healthier so they are a brilliant object to own!

Hayden's Fun Day: a huge thank you for everyone's support. Our 'Get Reddy' non-uniform day raised a fantastic £262 to go to support the Ocean Ward charity at Southampton Hospital. Hayden's family would like to pass on their thanks for all the support.

Lost Property

We still have a huge amount of lost property in school. The box will be placed outside the school office during Parents' Evening on Thursday so please have a look through. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Medicines

On the last day of term all medicines will be sent home. They will be taken to the classrooms in the afternoon in named bags. Please ensure they are not left in the classrooms at the end of the day. Before returning medicines to the school office on the first day of term please ensure all medication, including inhalers, are in date. We have been advised by the asthma nurse that it is impossible to clean spacers thoroughly and when they become 'cloudy' they should be replaced.

KS2 Production Raffle: This year's raffles raised an amazing £270. A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes.

Knitting Club: We are running short of wool for our Knitting Club. If you have any odds and ends please drop them at the office.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 6 th July 4-7pm	Parents' Evening	W/C 10 th July	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 18 th July	New Classes Day	Tuesday 18 th July 3.30-5pm	Meet your child's new teacher
Friday 21 st July	Non-uniform Day in return for a bottle for the Summer Fair	Friday 21 st July 6-8pm	Summer Fair
Tuesday 25 th July 2.30pm	Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 25 th July 3.30pm	End of Term
Wednesday 6 th September	First Day of Autumn Term		

