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Well done to our KS2 children for their amazing performance this week. There is an awful lot of hard work that goes into this performance from both the children and staff. They have learnt so many songs, dances, lines, made props and so many roles both on and off stage. Thank you for all your hard work and how you have worked as a team to produce a funny, uplifting show.

Rainbow Day: today there is an amazing family feel to school as children are mixed up across the school into their Rainbow colours. The older children have been doing a great job of looking after the younger children and it is fantastic to see family groups working together on activities. Children have rotated around the different activities of nature art work, Dartmoor 3 ball, team building activities, exploring our brand new library books, pastel art work, designing and decorating of biscuits and an allotment activity group. Our thanks go to Mrs Coville and Mrs Gibson for their organisation of the day and all the staff for planning the creative and sporting events.

Transition day: on Tuesday 19 July it is our transition day. Children will be dropped off to their new classes and picked up from their new classes. They will order their dinners in the new classes and leave their belongings in the new class for this day. At the end of the day, between 3.30pm and 5pm, there is a chance for you to pop in and meet your child's new class teacher. There is no appointment system for this. The new class teachers will be found in the classrooms where they are teaching next academic year.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly: we would like to invite our Year 6 families to their special assembly on Friday 22 July for a 2.30pm start. The doors will be open from 2.15pm for you to take your seats.

Staff v Parent Netball match: your support/encouragement is needed for the annual staff v parents netball match taking place at Deepway at 6pm. Debbie Goodwill is organising the parent team and Lucy Perry will be in charge of us! As soon as we hit the MUGA, it's game faces on and no prisoners! Please come and cheer!

Staff v Parent Football match: The football match will take place at St Martins on Thursday 21st July with kick off at 6pm. Exminster School Association will be organising a barbecue and refreshments.

A busy summer term at Exminster Community Primary School:

The children and staff have had another exciting and varied term involving lots of learning and new experiences. Here are some of the comments made by the children in the different year groups.

Reception: **Ethan:** "I really loved going to the zoo on our trip. My favourite animal was the big elephant. It had big tusks. Woolly Mammoths used to have the same thing." **Zach B:** "I really like jumping off the benches in P.E. You have to bend your knees so that you are safe." **Charlie H:** "I play with the diggers outside. I love diggers. I've actually driven a real one."

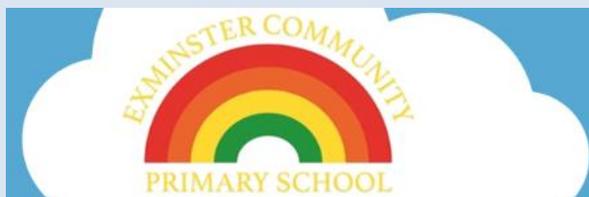
Year 1: **Mille:** "Mutley, Mrs Martin's dog came. We had to wash him. It was part of our story writing. When he shook he got everyone wet." **Freddie:** "I love playing football with lots of my friends. You have to score a goal for your team. You've got to work together." **Louis:** "I liked when we watched the ducklings hatch. They ran around like crazy and played follow my leader with Mrs Martin. We learnt lots about them."

Year 2: **Thomas:** "I liked the Rio carnival that we had in the playground. It was fun. We followed Mrs Miller who was blowing a whistle." **Martha:** "I really enjoyed our trip to Paignton Zoo. We got to do a special workshop. I got to hold a squirrel skull. We saw a gorilla skull too. We went to the crocodile swamp – I enjoyed making the rainstorm noise." **Tom:** "I really liked reading about polar bears in guided reading. I really like reading – I am good at it. The other day mummy couldn't read a word but I could."

Year 3: **Thomas:** "I've really enjoyed our home learning projects. You get time to find out more facts. You can be free to use your own ideas. I made a game when we had to learn about body parts." **Jasmine:** "I really enjoyed learning my times tables. They are really useful for addition and division too. It makes it faster working out problems." **Josh:** "I'm really enjoying taking part in some music workshops. You get to make a musical story. My story is about a monster in space."

Year 4: **Emily O:** "I really enjoyed going to the Reading Roundabout. I went with my little brother. We got to read lots





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of new books from the library. My granny came too – she even borrowed a book.” **Primrose:** “I enjoyed our persuasive writing activity. We had to make a poster and try to persuade people to live in Athens or Sparta. We got to talk to the whole class. We had to think of lots of reasons why they should agree with our idea to live in Athens.” **Emily P:** “It’s been great designing our own package holidays to Rio. I like working with different children in the class. We had a budget of £15,000 for a family of 4. We’ve had to use lots of maths ideas because of the special offers and discounts.”

Year 5: Kitty: “I loved working with the clay in art. We got inspired by the Rio Olympics. I made Olympic rings and painted them I am very proud of them.” **Gina:** “I have enjoyed learning the bus stop method for division. It has made doing maths problems lots quicker. It’s really helped my confidence in Maths.” **Hannah:** “We looked at the Brazilian artist Romero Britto. We designed pictures based on her artwork. We thought about our favourite things. My favourite things are Smiggle, football and making mosaics.

Year 6: Thomas: “The best thing about this term has been the teachers. They are always funny and kind. They have really helped me with my learning.” **Freya:** “I loved our residential to the Ultimate Adventure Centre in Bideford. I loved the assault course – especially the wipe out balls. I was really excited to try the high ropes. I really challenged myself.” **Eva:** “I really enjoyed the pop-up SEAL session. It was great to do messy and silly things with my mum, and being allowed to! The table with the jelly and shaving foam was great – I got covered.”

If you would like to know more please take a look at the class blogs section of our website:

www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk

SATs results: you will have heard an awful lot in the press recently about the recent SATs results. As I put in last week’s newsletter, we are immensely proud, disregarding any data, of how hard our children have worked, how motivated by their learning they are and how actively engaged they been. Below is an outline of our results for end of KS1 and end of KS2. There is currently no national comparison data for the end of KS1 for 2016.

End of KS1 Teacher Assessments

	% of children working at expected level or greater depth	% of children working at greater depth
Reading	77	24
Writing	75	14
Maths	77	16

End of KS2 Test results (reading, maths, grammar) and Teacher Assessment (writing)

	% of children working at expected standard Exminster Community Primary School	% of children working at expected standard National	% Difference between Exminster and National
Reading	84	66	+18
Writing	84	74	+10
Maths	90	70	+20
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	76	72	+4
Achieving expected in all of Reading, writing and maths	76	53	+23

Medicines

On the last day of term all the medicines need to go 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 they are in date (particularly inhalers) and that all spacers have been sterilised.





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Maternity Cover

Sammy Philips, one of our Kitchen Assistants, is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 30th September. If you would be interested in covering this position, please come and see Mrs Munslow who will be able to give you further information. The working hours are 10.30 – 2pm five days a week.

Sports News

On Thursday 7th July 2016 the children of Exminster Community Primary School were treated to a once in a lifetime assembly. As a reward for our participation in so many of the DSSP events and festivals this year we were visited by Cassie Patten; Beijing Olympics Bronze Medallist in the 10km Open Water Swim. The assembly by Cassie was extremely motivational and was aimed at promoting children to persevere in everything they do in order to reach their potential. After the assembly, sixteen lucky girls from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an hour of games run by Cassie and her assistant Scott. The girls chosen have all been part of our Change4Life Club over the school year, and hopefully the experience will give all children in school a passion for reaching their goals. "This is the best day of my life!" Scarlet. "I never thought I would meet someone in the Olympics!" Emma
Thank you Cassie for your visit. It was an honour for the children to meet an international sports star.

Exminster School Association

ESA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to support our Summer Fair this year. The atmosphere was great and everyone looked like they were having good time! Thank you to all our talented pupils who performed so brilliantly.

This year we raised over £2300. This money will go towards funding a climbing wall.

As always, our thanks go to everyone involved in organising the fair and helping it to run smoothly on the night and a particular 'thank you' to everyone who donated a bottle!

We have 3 unclaimed prizes from the Summer Fair:
Pink ticket number 204
Green ticket number 143
Orange ticket number 300

If you are one of the lucky winners please pop into the school office or see Kathryn Jose.



Help raise money for
Nayamba School

For more info visit www.nayambaschool.org

5k run for any age

With a few surprise rugby challenges!

Register from 11:30am, run will start at 12:30pm
Entry £10 per person or £30 per family of four

Why not get sponsorship for this event, if you raise over £50 you can become one of our
HEROES

11th September 2016 CHILDREN raise money for CHILDREN walk, jog or run with RUGBY challenges

Raucous Rugby Run

Come in your best fancy dress!

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

To pre-register or to find out more info please email info@nayambaschool.org
Text 07977 419636 Ring 01392 823065

BBQ, food, cakes, hot and cold drinks will be on sale

To be held at Saracens Rugby Ground, Exeter, EX4 8NT
(next to Exeter Arena)

