

School disco: This Friday! Please see the attached poster about the school disco. Entry is £3, there is a payment item on School Gateway. **The ticket sale payment item will close tomorrow, Wednesday.** This is to allow the ESA to prepare for the number of children we have coming, so please make sure to **buy your ticket today**. Tattoos/glow sticks/face gems will be on sale on the night.

- Reception Disco: 3.30pm - 4.10pm (children will go straight from their classrooms)
- Year 1 / 2 Disco: 4.25pm - 5.10pm
- Year 3 / 4 Disco: 5.25pm - 6.10pm
- Year 5 / 6 Disco: 6.25 - 7.15pm

Please note: All children, including years 5 and 6, will need to be collected by a responsible adult from the designated pick up zones on the school site as below. **Please note that only the back gate will be open for drop offs and collections.**

Year group/class	Start time	Time	Location
Reception	3.30pm	4.10pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 1-2	4.25pm	5.10pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 3-4	5.25pm	6.10pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 5-6	6.25pm	7.15pm	Back of the hall

Teacher for the Day returns: On Friday 15 December, your child could have the chance to be a 'teacher for the day' in their own class. This is a fundraising opportunity, raising money to directly support the children through the Exminster School Association (ESA) support of the creative curriculum. Parents can pay £1 per go (you can have as many goes as you choose, deadline for this is 12pm Wed 13 Dec) for their child via School Gateway. The children who are selected at random will be announced on the afternoon of Wed 13 Dec. On Fri 15 Dec they will then be the child 'teacher for the day' in their class and support the class teacher.

Year One plea: We are looking to replenish some of our play boxes. If you having a toy clear out and can spare any of these things we would be very grateful!

- Farm or zoo animals
- Dolls and dolls clothes
- Construction equipment
- Easy puzzles (100 or lower)
- Small world play such as Sylvanians or doll house figures and furniture etc.
- Crafting bits - Pom poms, stickers, sequins etc.

Tuesday 17 Nov 2023

This week;

Fri 24 Nov –School Disco

Dates for the future:

Mon 27 Nov - Shoe box appeal collection opens

Wed 29 Nov – Yr1 Aesthetics festival

Thurs 30 Nov – Flu vaccine in school –see separate email

Fri 1 Dec – non uniform in exchange for a raffle hamper donation

Tues 5 Dec - Reception Nativity and raffle

Wed 6 Dec - Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with raffle 9.30-10.45am

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches

Tues 12 Dec - Yr2 Christmas 2.15pm Performance and raffle



Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm - Carols in the Yard and raffle

Fri 15 Dec – Teacher for a day

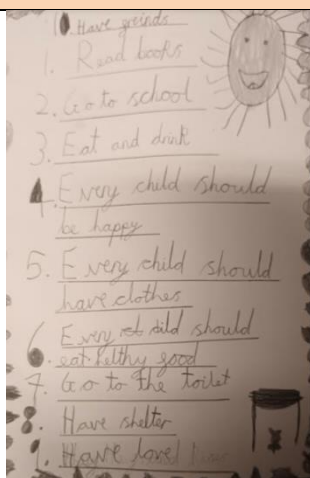
Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

We are also in the process of creating a role play area so anything home related- small rugs, wooden boxes, wicker boxes etc. would be gratefully received. Please pass anything directly to the Year One teachers, Mrs Fuller or a member of staff on the gate. Thank you in advance. Mrs Miller

WE NEED YOU! Are you able to help sell Raffle tickets at the Carols in the Yard evening on Wed 13 Dec? We are looking for 3 or 4 Volunteers. Please complete the Google form if you are able to help at all <https://forms.gle/khBoeF1cAx978cGm6>

Rainbow Day - Diversity	
Reception	
<p>Reception enjoyed a visit from Aru, from the Exeter Hindu Centre, making a diva lamp. They enjoyed time with their Y6 rainbow friends – drawing each other and noticing what is the same, what is different and what makes us special. They are also enjoying the ‘Think Equal’ programme and their current book ‘The weather inside me’ linking emotions to colours and how emotions come and go as with the weather.</p>	
Year 1	
	<p>Year 1 were looking at ‘Marvellous Me’ book, noticing characteristics that were the same and characteristics that were different and the special things about them. They talked about us all having skin and each of us having different colour skin, all being different shades of brown, some lighter shades, some darker shades. They also read ‘The Great Big Book of Families’ that looked at lots of different families, homes, schools, jobs, holidays, food, clothes, pets, celebrations and hobbies.</p>
Year 2	
<p>Year 2 have been sharing a range of diversity books. They did finger prints adding to the world map. They spent time looking at a wonderful book called ‘We are all different’ by Asa Gilland and Tracey Turner which celebrated differences in lots of different aspects: families, neuro-diversity, learning difficulties, physical disabilities, cultures, ethnic groups, what they want to be in the future, being kind and a sense of belonging.</p>	

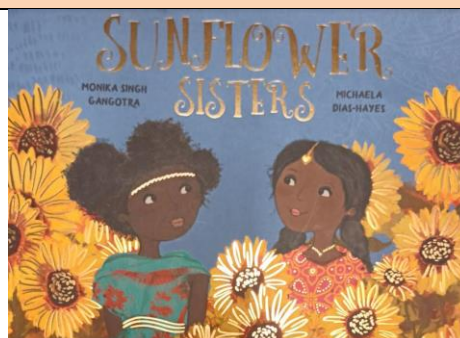
Years 3 and 4



Year 3 and Year 4 have been exploring tolerance v respect and looking at scenarios. They have explored the story of 'Beegu' who arrives on the planet and feels lonely and scared as he does not know what to expect. Children talked about welcoming and feeling included. Aru, from Exeter Hindu Centre, did a Q and A session for children in Y3 and Year 4. They also looked at Universal Children's day, creating their own list of children's rights.

Year 5

Year 5 have been focusing on cultural diversity and looking at the range they have in their classes. 5JN focused on the diversity within Indian culture. Rathees and Hartlyn confidently shared stories about life in India and taught 5JN some family names and numbers. 5D focused on Ukraine and different aspects about language and culture. They also all made friendship sun catchers to celebrate uniqueness and explored the sunflower sisters book.



Year 6

Part of Josie's Poem 'Everyone is different'

*Light,
Dark,
Doesn't matter,
Everyone is different.*

*Drop the words that hurt you,
We're not the same,
But should be treated equally,
Everyone is different.*

*Respect,
Equal,
Strong and Bold,
Everyone is different.*

Year 6 enjoyed meeting their Rainbow friends and drawing one another, celebrating their similarities and differences. They then explored the story 'The Proudest Blue'. This is about Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. It is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, written by Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad. They also explored music from 8 different countries around the world and even fit in some poetry writing about diversity.



Christmas Dates 2023:

1st December –non uniform day in exchange for donations for our raffle. We are planning to hold several raffles over December at various Christmas events. We are looking for the usual donations of chocolates, wine, bubble bath etc. to make into hampers. As well as these lovely hampers we would also be very grateful for things we could use as standalone prizes such as vouchers or larger items, do you work for a company that would be happy to provide a voucher or item for our raffle? The money raised from the raffle ticket sales will go towards visits, books, art materials and chrome books.

We will also need some volunteers to help put the hampers together and to sell tickets at each of the events. If you're able to help with any of this please complete the Google form below. We are so grateful to our families for being so generous with their time and donations. <https://forms.gle/khBoeF1cAx978cGm6>

Tues 5 Dec Reception Nativity and raffle – **Tickets are on sale on School Gateway now at £2 each**, 4 tickets are available per child. Doors will open at 2.30pm for a 2.45pm start. Reception will be using the ticket sales to buy construction toys for inside and outside use. We will also be looking to purchase pirate toys, knights and dragons and Polar animals to use for our small world. These items will hugely support our Early Years Curriculum.

Wed 6 Dec Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with raffle 9.30-10.45am- We would love to invite you to our festive fun session! The session will be in place of a show as we feel like the children can have more involvement with you and enjoy singing and crafting! No tickets to buy but we would like parents to let us know if they're coming by completing the below Google form <https://forms.gle/gh1E4sQ8gsL9qxJfA> If you would like to make a Christmas donation to Yr1 to go towards additional resources a School Gateway Payments item will be set up.

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches. Rec and Key Stage 1 lunches will be on the Wednesday and KS2 on the Thursday. All children should have made a menu choice via the Google form links sent previously.

Tues 12 Dec Yr2 Christmas Performance and raffle - **Tickets are now on sale via School Gateway at £2 each**, 3 tickets are available per child. Doors open 2:15pm for a 2.30 performance. All money raised will go directly to the Yr2 classes to buy wet play activities including dolls, small super hero characters and puzzles.

Carols in the Yard and raffle –Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm – come and join us on the school playground to enjoy some carols. Years 3-6 will be learning some carols to perform for you. Please arrive for a 6.15pm start – everyone is welcome, bring your singing voices with you. Parents/carers will be responsible for their own children at this event.



Thelma
Hulbert
Gallery

Thursday 7 December, 3 - 6pm.

Gifts & Garlands

Family crafts session

- Create a mini wreath to take home.
- Enjoy mince pies, cookies and apple juice.
- 10% discount on gifts and decorations in the exhibition and shop.

Free drop in, donations welcome.

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