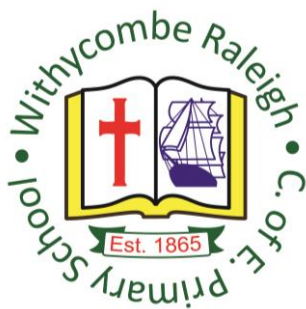


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**Withycombe Raleigh  
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## News from your Headteacher

It's half term...I hope you all have some lovely things planned for the week off school. I am sure there will be lots of things going on in around Exmouth for families to enjoy, especially with the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holidays. I am hoping that the weather will be sunny! It is of course the Exmouth festival from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June. Further details can be found here:

<https://exmouthfestival.co.uk/>

This half term, lots of classes have enjoyed trips off site and there are lots more after the week off. At Withycombe, we are proud of the many enrichment activities that we offer children. As well as trips and visits, we regularly have visitors in school to share their knowledge and expertise. Staff are skilled at creating exciting experiences in school too with theme days being a popular option. Children are slowly ticking off the 'Withycombe 60' activities, 60 brilliant things to do while at our school. Each year group has a list of interesting activities to work towards, with each class having their own 'postcard' to write down when they complete their activities.

On Monday this week, we celebrated National Diversity Day. National Diversity Day is a day to celebrate who we are, despite our differences, no matter what race, religion, gender, nationality, or disability. A day to reflect on and learn about different cultures. This links well with our school values in particular respect.



### Suncream

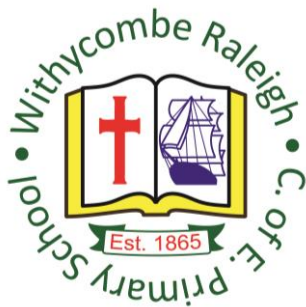
In anticipation for some hot weather after half term, please send children to school with a sun hat, water bottle and with sun cream applied. Please also send a raincoat...just in case it rains too!

### Contact us

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email [admin@wrpschool.org](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org) or [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) or call us on 01395 263397. Please be aware that

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teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely half term  
Mrs. E Jones

Mrs Parker would like to say a huge thank you to:

Emma Best

Lucy Winn

Lara O'Brien

Sarah knight

Sally Jones

Zoe Bolwell

Laura Dudman

For giving up their time to come and help with the mass book stickering a couple of weeks ago. This was no light task and thousands of books were stickered and banded. It was a very busy morning but would not have been achieved without their help- thank you!

Mrs Parker has popped a thank you for each of you in the office to collect.

### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Jubilee Celebration Day in School

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term

#### 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June

Circus Skills Workshops

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Sports Day (We hope to be able to have families spectate again this year-further details nearer the time)

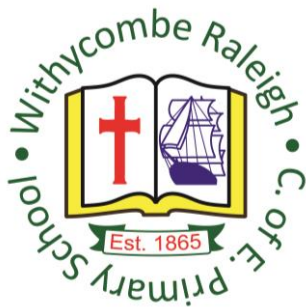
#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Production of Peter Pan

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### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Moving on morning

### w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July

Kindness Week

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Annual Reports sent home

### Collective Worship

This week we have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in our Collective Worship sessions. We have looked at how the UK has changed over the 70 years of her reign and heard about some of the technological advances during that time.



### Safeguarding



Yubo is a social networking app which is surging in popularity. Like many apps in this bracket, you must be over 13 to join, although the App Store rate it as 17+. Those aged 13 to 18 years old must have parental permission and will join a separate Yubo community that is only for under-18s.

The app is designed for users to make 'friends' by swiping right on someone's profile picture and if they do the same on yours then you can chat with them or stream live videos (like some of the adult dating apps).

Despite the fact that Yubo have created guides to help make it a safer environment for your child, it will come as no surprise that a child using this app may come across content that is not appropriate to them. The Sunday Times have recently carried out an independent investigation and found that young users had been exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with some chats referencing self-harm and drug use. Children can also launch live video streams with which strangers can interact via real time text chat. The thought of strangers watching children's livestreams and being able to potentially locate them is particularly worrying!

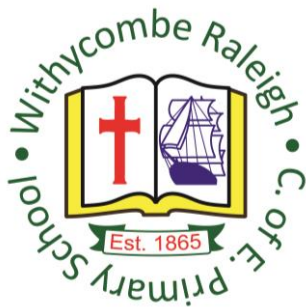
There are also real concerns about children's self-esteem and emotional wellbeing, if for example a child's profile is continually 'declined' by others using the swiping function.

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Please be aware of these risks and continue to stay attuned to how and when your child is using / accessing social media, discussing and agreeing all choices in advance.

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

### Environmental Update

As part of project to achieve our 'Plastic Free Schools' status we have carried out our first 'Trash Mob!' This high energy litter pick took place on Tuesday.



I am pleased to report that the vast majority of our pupils and staff took part and collected numerous sacks of litter from what initially appeared like a pretty tidy school grounds! It is encouraging that so many of our children understand that every piece of plastic pollution removed is a small victory for our environment!



Our next step is to analyse the data collected from the trash mob in order to investigate the main types / producers of the plastic waste found in our school setting.

A big thank you to Emma Carnell for lending us gloves and litter pickers from Plastic Free Exmouth: much appreciated.

Really well done to everyone involved, it was a fantastic effort!

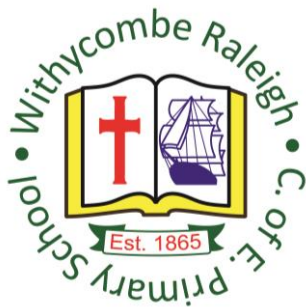
Mr Smith – Deputy Headteacher



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## Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavour to include as many of your photos as possible each week.

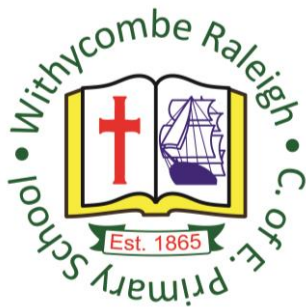


Last week, some of our children participated in a multi sports festival at Exmouth Tennis centre. They played a variety of different games such as bench-ball, Dartmoor 3 ball and had to work really hard together as a team. Well done to Evie, Teddy, Ollie, Noah, Chloe, Toby, Cowyn, Amelia, Alfie, Ollie, Leo, Ethan, Harry, Kieran, Logan, Lucas and Tilly.

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This week's sporting stars:

Tia (Dolphins) received 'player of the week' at L&F girls football.

Mimi (Oak) came 5th in her race this weekend which is great considering this was her first time at this track!

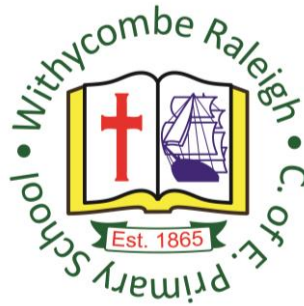
Bethany (Otters) achieved her 15metre swimming award.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Poppy, Evie, Imogen, Ayda and Phoebe, all from Hazel class, competed for Exmouth Netball in a tournament held at Blundells School, Tiverton. They played other teams from all over East Devon.

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Toby, Harry, Alicia and Charlie were all awarded their Blue Peter Sport badge for learning a new sport. They tried short tennis instead of badminton for 3 sessions last term.

Piper and Ruby (Otters) took part in this week's Parkrun.

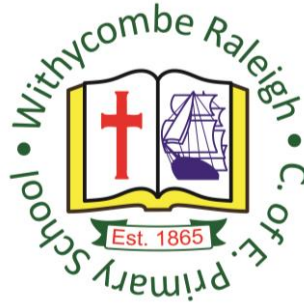




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Year 3 had a wonderful day at the Honey farm learning all about bees and how they make honey.

