

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

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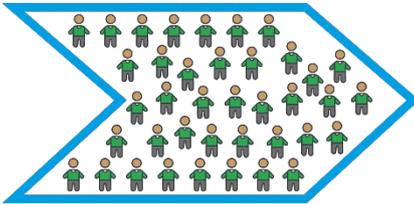
News from your Headteacher

I hope that you all managed to meet with your child's class teacher this week and that you found the appointment useful and informative. In the Summer Term, teachers will write an annual report which will detail your child's progress and attainment. The report will also highlight some areas that children may need to develop or target. In the meantime, if you do have any queries regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email account to arrange a meeting. At Withycombe, we are proud of the fact that we know all our children well and that we strive to ensure each and every one of them meets their potential.

The recent parents' evenings indicated that parents would like to know more about how we cater for the wide range of children's needs at our school. Our Special Educational Needs Team is led by members of the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Hollingsworth and Mrs Wheeler. We thought it may be useful to remind you about how support is arranged for children within our school.

How each child's needs are met in school.

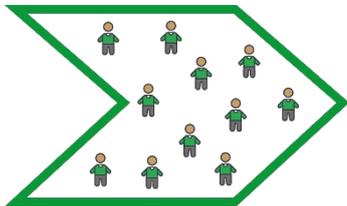
Universal Provision.



The majority of our children will have their needs met via 'Universal Provision'. This means that when we plan any lesson, we prepare a range of tasks and learning goals to suit each child's level of ability. We aim to challenge each child just the right amount so that they make progress at the rate that is right for them.

Children are regularly assessed via quizzes, tests, questioning and observation. The senior leadership team conducts a termly 'monitoring meeting' with each teacher to monitor each individual child's progress over the term.

Targeted Provision.



If a child is not making progress in the way that we would expect, the senior leadership team will support the teacher to set targets for that child and discuss strategies to achieve those targets.

The child may be included in one of our 'intervention' groups. Our interventions cover a whole range of needs and subjects including boosting confidence, developing reading fluency, pre-teaching, supporting well-being or addressing misconceptions.

We use interventions that are pre-planned and almost always have a proven record of success through research. The impact for the child is measured once the intervention is completed.

If this applies to your child, your teacher will (or will have) speak to you at a parents' evening.

A small number of children may continue to make limited progress and this is when the SENDCo will become involved.

For a very small number of children, where the Universal and Targeted provision is failing to meet their needs, specialist support will be required.



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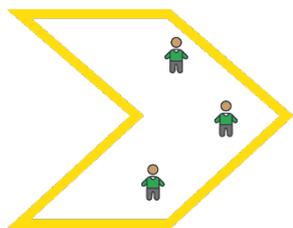
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Specialist Provision.



For children who are making limited progress, despite interventions, we will look at ways to identify barriers to learning.

The SEND Department provides support for pupils across the four areas of need:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs

These areas of need are laid out in the SEN Code of Practice 2014.

Any child with an identified special educational need is supported in a wide variety of ways:

- Quality first teaching, with appropriate adaptations in place
- Extra adult support in classrooms where appropriate
- Small group teaching where appropriate
- Personalised provision through time limited programmes
- Personalised provision through adapted resources and intervention

The curriculum/learning environment may also be adapted. If you have any queries regarding your child's needs, please do not hesitate to contact a member of SLT.



This week was **Mental Health Week** which we kicked off on Monday with a special assembly run by our dedicated Wellbeing TA Mrs L Jones. Withycombe Raleigh Primary School focused on the Zones of regulation, which we shared with you in the newsletter last week. 'Zones of Regulation' is an internationally recognised approach to helping children understand and manage their feelings. Classes took part in a range of activities based around this theme during the week.



This week, our Reception children have started taking part in the Big Brush Club, a fun, NHS-supported toothbrushing scheme that helps children to build healthy habits early on. It's a simple, fun routine that supports good oral health and helps set children up for a bright, healthy smile as they grow. We're so pleased to be brushing together!

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



Wishing you all a very happy half term.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs E Jones, Headteacher

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Year 1 children were very lucky to enjoy a special visit from **Exmoor Zoo** this week. They brought a selection of animals and other artefacts in for the children to see up close - and even stroke if they wished! In our Science lessons we have been learning how to group and classify animals, and this visit really brought our learning to life. The children were fascinated and asked lots of thoughtful questions, making it a memorable and exciting experience for everyone.



Year 3 have been focussing on length and measuring this week.

We have measured and compared how tall we are, and how far we can jump!



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Safeguarding



This week our school has recognised Safer Internet Day, a global event that promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Our curriculum is designed carefully to include learning activities and discussions which help children learn how to stay safe, kind and responsible online.

Technology plays an important role in children's learning and social lives, and working together with families helps to ensure they have the safest possible experience.

How we keep pupils safe online at school

Keeping our pupils safe is a top priority. In school, we ensure that:

- ✓ Pupils only access devices under adult supervision
- ✓ Internet access is protected by filtering and monitoring systems through RM SafetyNet
- ✓ Inappropriate content is blocked and alerts are generated if any safety concerns arise
- ✓ Pupils are taught how to stay safe online through our computing curriculum, including understanding privacy, respectful communication and what to do if they feel unsafe
- ✓ Staff regularly remind pupils about safe and responsible use of technology

These measures help us provide a safe and secure digital learning environment.

What children are learning in school:

- * How to keep personal information private
- * How to be kind and respectful online
- * What to do if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable
- * The importance of talking to a trusted adult

Tips for keeping your child safe online at home:

- * Talk regularly about online activity: ask your child what games they play, which websites they visit and who they talk to. Keep conversations open, positive, and non-judgemental.
- * Use parental controls: most devices, apps and broadband providers offer parental controls to help manage what children can access.
- * Keep devices in shared spaces: encourage children to use tablets, phones and computers in family areas rather than alone in bedrooms.
- * Remind children not to share personal information: teach them never to share their full name, address, school, passwords, or photos with people they do not know in real life.
- * Encourage children to speak up
- * Make sure your child knows they can always come to you or another trusted adult if something worries or upsets them online.
- * Set clear rules and boundaries
- * Agree on screen time limits and which apps, games and websites are suitable (the battle of the ages?!)
- * What to do if you are concerned:
 - ✓ Stay calm and listen to your child
 - ✓ Reassure them they have done the right thing by telling you
 - ✓ Report concerns using in-app reporting tools or contact the school if needed

By working together, we can help children enjoy the many benefits of the internet safely, and confidently.

If you would like further advice or support regarding keeping your children safe online, please contact your class teacher in the first instance.

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-safer-internet-day>

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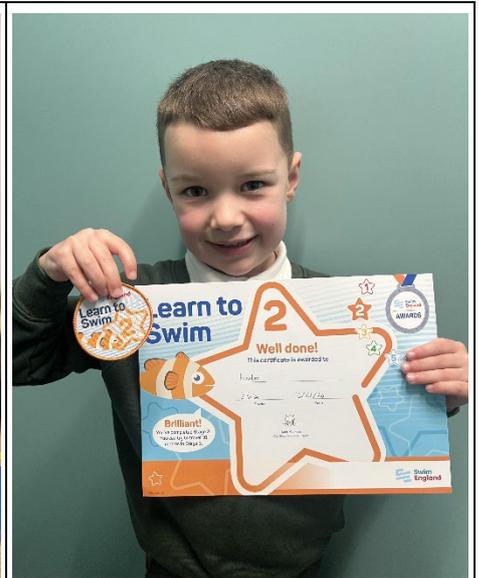
Sports and Other Achievements



Leila goes to after school Musical Theatre on Thursdays and last week she came home with the trophy for Star of the week!
Well done Leila!



Arthur and Ophelia were both awarded their brown belts in MMA today!
Super proud of the dedication and commitment!



Hunter has just passed stage 2 swimming and has moved up to stage 3, he has done so well and is such a good little swimmer!



Emily from Barn Owl Class has successfully completed stage 4 of the Learn to Swim programme.
Emily is very excited for stage 5!



Huge congratulations to Alban in Willow Class who has been awarded his Gold Secret Book Quest certificate after reading 100 Books!



Hattie from Ladybird Class got a certificate for completing the Book Quest at Exmouth library.

If you have some news about sports or other achievements from outside of school that you'd like us to share, please email us a photo and a brief explanation to admin@wrpschool.org

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Thelma
Hulbert
Gallery

Half Term Family Workshop

Tuesday 17 February,
Drop in 11am - 3pm

Join printmaker Emma Molony this Half Term to create your own original print inspired by the exhibition.

All ages and abilities welcome!
events.thelmahulbert.com/workshops-and-events



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUPPORT AT OPEN DOOR EXMOUTH

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

All children under 18 can enjoy a free meal during the school holidays at our Community Café on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Simply choose from our school holiday menu and pick either breakfast (served until 11:30am) or lunch (served from 11:30am to 2pm).

A WELCOMING SPACE FOR ADULTS

Parents are more than welcome to relax in a warm stigma-free environment. Access to further support is available should you need it.

For more info: Email info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk or call 01395 224218
Open Door Exmouth, Church Street, Exmouth. EX8 1PE

A photograph of three children hanging upside down from a horizontal log in a forest. They are smiling and appear to be enjoying the activity. The background shows tall trees and a dirt path.

ENJOY THE ULTIMATE
HOLIDAY CLUB
EXPERIENCE THIS SPRING!

ENJOY ADVENTURE, FUN AND ENDLESS
EXCITEMENT DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
IN EXMOUTH, ESCOT, TOTNES AND OKEHAMPTON

The Outdoors Group

Looking for something fun for kids this this half term?

Our forest-based Holiday Club is packed with outdoor play, nature crafts, exploration and muddy fun.

Click here to find out more:
<https://bit.ly/3ZoKzWj>