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Year 5 & 6 Girls' Beach Football

This half term, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls headed down to Goodrington Sands to take part in a Girls' Beach Football Festival.

The girls were given a number of different challenges to help them learn and improve their football skills, to work in teams and as individuals, ending with a couple of quick matches.

One of the coaches was from the England Beach Soccer Women's Team and she chatted to the girls about her experience playing for England. There was so much fun, joy and laughter amongst the girls under the September sunshine. What a memorable afternoon!

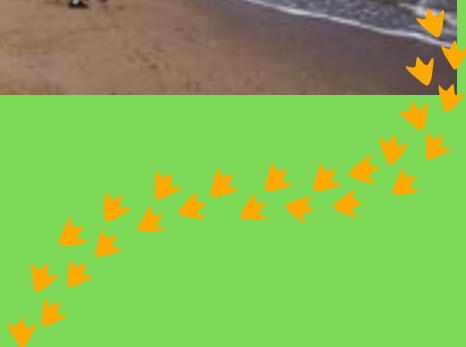




Hooked into Learning Year 1



This half term, Year 1 went on a trip to Torre Abbey Sands: identifying human and physical features in our local environment. The children used their maps to help them find the way from school to the beach. On the way, we stopped off at King's Gardens to feed the local ducks and swans. We then walked along the seafront and the tide was really far in so the children loved watching the waves crash up against the wall, trying not to get wet! We were lucky to find a little bit of beach at the corner of Corbyn Head where the children sketched a human and physical feature. We then had a play on the beach before heading back to school. Lots of fun was had by everyone, we were very lucky with the weather again. Thank you to those parents that were able to come along and help!





Hooked into Learning Year 2



This half term, Year 2 had a slightly soggy fieldwork trip to the seafront. We were looking for human and physical features and even carried out a survey to see whether we met more tourists or locals (it was about even!). The children behaved beautifully and did some lovely sketches of geographical features they had seen.





Hooked into Learning Year 3

This half term, Year 3 visited Torre Abbey Gardens as part of their art and science learning enquiry. The children enjoyed taking photographs and sketching the flowers and leaves that they saw. They hosted a fabulous showcase where they were able to show off their creativity and flair with parents.





Hooked into Learning Year 4



Year 4 visited Torquay Museum to learn about the Romans. They learned about their armour and how their armies attacked and defended themselves. They looked around the museum and learned many interesting facts.





Hooked into Learning Year 5



Year 5 took a trip to Cockington Court to explore their yearly sculpture trail, somewhere where we will display our finished art sculptures.

While they were there, they were lucky enough to take part in a workshop with sculptor Allan Poxton, who gave them a brilliant introduction to making wire sculptures. He showed them some of his amazing work, talked about his creative process, and explained how long each piece can take to bring to life. We cannot wait to show him our finished pieces.

The children showed all our school values while at Cockington Court and were an asset to the school. They even displayed their sculptures in one of the studios. They will be there over half term if you would like to pop down and take a look!





Hooked into Learning Year 6

Year 6 have been getting stuck in with their learning this half term with a visit from Miss Wilson, a former teacher here. Many of the children remembered her from their Year 3 days, and it was wonderful to welcome her back to Cockington. She shared her journey as an artist, talking us through her inspirations, techniques and the creative process behind her work.

Her visit left them full of ideas, and they used this inspiration in their art sessions over the half term as they looked closely at nature and experimented with different ways to capture it — while also exploring and developing their own artistic styles.

Safe to say, Year 6 really branched out with their creativity this term!





EYFS

This half term, our newest children have been settling into school life and enjoying meeting all their new adults and friends. They have enjoyed getting to know their new learning environment and exploring the outdoor spaces. They have been busy learning new sounds and their new routines. We look forward to another busy half term when we come back.





Cockington performs at the Baton of Hope

This half term, some members of Performing Arts Club had the privilege of performing four songs on the stage at the Baton of Hope Torbay event. It was a wonderful afternoon and we loved getting to write on the Sound Communities Graffiti Wall of Hope. It was lovely to support such a worthwhile event.



Super Sporty Stars!



This half term, we had the pleasure of inviting David Hill, a GB paralympic athlete, into school. We enjoyed completing circuit training to help raise money for charity and for the school. We raised a staggering £2198.63! This means we will have a large amount of money to spend on PE equipment. Thank you to everyone who donated some very generous amounts of money.





Pupil Voice: School Council

We have been busy this half term with meetings about how we can improve our school. We have already presented an assembly and introduced the new tidy up areas after our OPAL lunchtimes.



We have been working on '30 ways to Connect' which is a list of activities that all of the schools in our MAT are committed to. They list 30 different things that each child in our schools should experience by the time they leave their school. In school, we have been working together to ensure we give all of the children in school these opportunities planned throughout their journey at Cockington. Can you spot how many your child has experienced so far?



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Clubs

We are proud to offer a wide range clubs at Cockington. We have started our drawing clubs, multi skills clubs, performing arts, football and rugby clubs - to name a few! After half term, we are pleased to be running a new club for Years 1&2 . In addition to our free clubs, Plymouth Argyle FC will be offering a football club to Years 3&4 for a small cost. To book your place directly with them, please use the link below:

<https://www.abler.io/shop/pact/2313123/product/Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDgxMTU=>



Thank you to our keen members of staff who run our clubs and try to offer something for everyone, especially at a time when challenging school budgets mean paying for costly external providers is no longer possible.



OPAL NEWS



Please keep donating items for our OPAL play. Thank you to the PTA for buying some more crates, wheelie boards and bubble machines! You can donate at the main office or drop off at the Avenue Road gate at the beginning/end of the day. Thank you also for the donation of wood chipping and those who helped spread them in the den building area. It has made a massive difference!



Before



During



After





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School Start Times

Please remember that lessons start at 8:45am.

Our school gates open at 8:40am to allow time for your child to be in school at 8:45am. The gates shut at 8:50am to allow parents time to leave the site. If your child arrives after 8:50am, please head to the main office to sign them into school.

Thank you!

PTA Autumn Competition

Can you create an Autumn scene over half term? The PTA will award prizes for the best efforts. Bring in your creations after half term, or you could take a photo and share it on Seesaw.



Key Dates

Monday 3rd November
Return to school

Thursday 13th November
Individual Photos

Friday 14th November
Children in Need - non uniform for a donation

Friday 12th December
Non uniform - chocolate donation for fair

Monday 15th December
Years 2-6 Christmas at St Matthew's Church

Friday 19th December
Children's Christmas Winter Wonderland

Friday 19th December
Break up for Christmas Holidays



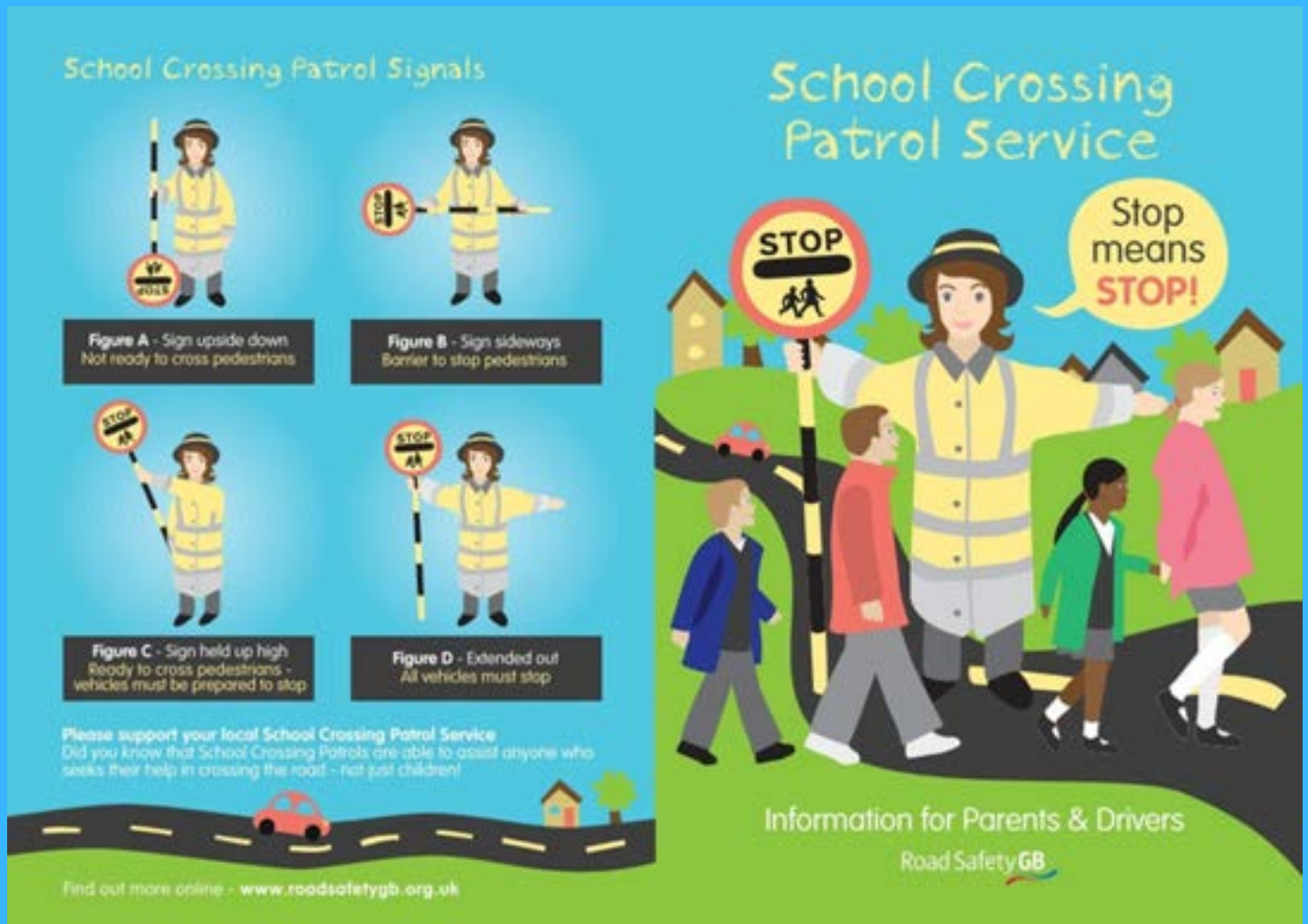
Parking around school

Please remember to park courteously around school. We have free parking permits for Torre Valley North car park that you can display whilst dropping off or picking up your child. These are available from the main office.



Keep up to date with all our amazing activities and latest news on our Facebook page.





We have enjoyed using our new Avenue Road crossing patrol over the last couple of weeks. Remember to say thank you to Jason, and Jacqui at Old Mill Road, when crossing the road. Please remember to wait on the pavement until you are told it's OK to cross. Jason will make his way into the road first, stop the traffic, then signal that it's safe for you to cross.





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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL



MONDAY: Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis
Torquay Boys Grammar School - Girls

TUESDAY: Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis
Teignmouth College - Youth (6-13 Years)

WEDNESDAY: Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis

FRIDAY: Torquay Boys Grammar School -
Youth, Minis & Girls

EVERY COURSE 9.30AM - 3.00PM
£15 PER DAY

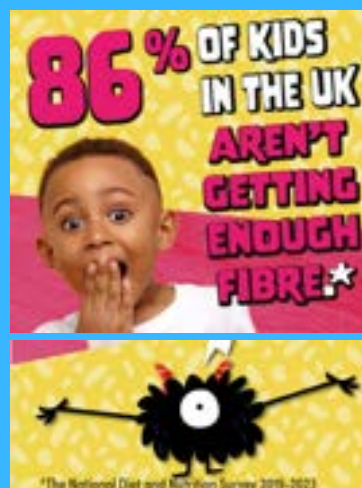
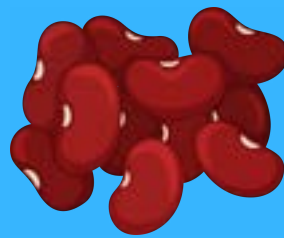
AGES MINIS: 4-6
YOUTH: 7-13
GIRLS: 6-13



BOOK: [HTTPS://TORQUAY-UNITED-CST.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/](https://torquay-united-cst.classforkids.io/)
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SHOP SAVE CONNECT

Helping to build
a community that
values and empowers
togetherness

**Is the cost
of a weekly
shop causing
financial
strain to you
or someone
you know?**

Turning Heads has created a social supermarket full of surplus food, local donations and purchased food, available for you at a fraction of the cost.

Our social supermarket will reduce food waste, save you money every week and help the environment.

We will also be providing members with access to a wide range of free support services that can help improve your overall situation. This support could be for debt advice or mental health and wellbeing.

Becoming a member is a simple process. You will need to complete a self-assessment form, come in for a quick chat, meet the team and then start shopping!

To download a self-assessment form visit: **www.turningheads.org.uk** or call in to see us where a friendly member of staff will help you.

We are situated at: **1b Parkfield Road, Torquay TQ1 4AL T: 01803 921366**

Turning Heads is a local community interest company that is helping to build a community that values and empowers togetherness.





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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

	Morning 9am - 12noon	Afternoon 12.45pm - 4pm
MONDAY	Day Service Activities	Day Service Activities
TUESDAY	Day Service Activities	Digital Skills Programme
WEDNESDAY	Day Service Activities	Day Service Activities
THURSDAY	Digital Skills Programme	Day Service Activities
FRIDAY	Friday Film School	The Music Factory Digital Skills Programme



These activities are for anyone who has a disability, learning difficulty, seeking employment or who is retired. We will also be offering volunteering opportunities.

To find out more about what each of these activities involves:

telephone **07817 777739**

email **admin@turningheads.org.uk**

or visit **www.turningheads.org.uk**

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