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BBC 500 Words Competition - Finalist!

We're incredibly proud to celebrate a fantastic achievement! Angela was a finalist in the BBC 500 Words competition with her brilliant short story, *Scruffy Saviour*.

Her story showed fantastic imagination and creativity, perfectly reflecting our school values through Creative Colin and Aspirational Annie.

As part of this amazing achievement, Angela was invited to a special celebration at Windsor Castle — an unforgettable experience and a very well-deserved honour.





Residentials - Year 3 and Year 5

Year 3 went to Dewerstone on Dartmoor and had an amazing one night experience.



Year 5 went to Grenville House this half-term for an exhilarating two-night experience in Brixham. They tried canoeing, abseiling and raft building.





Sporty Stars!

We have been lucky to attend a variety of tournaments and festivals this half-term.

We've enjoyed a rugby 'mega festival', a netball match at Preston Primary School and a netball tournament at Paignton College - where we came third and were awarded bronze medals! Thank you to the grown ups who organised these events and those who attended.



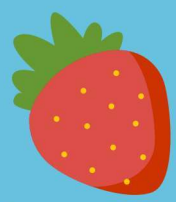


EYFS News

During this half-term in our jigsaw lessons, Turtles class have been learning about what it means to be healthy and the different ways we can maintain a healthy lifestyle, including eating a balanced diet, staying active and getting enough sleep. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons with Miss Owens and have shared many ideas about how to stay healthy.

At the end of term, the children made their own fruit salad, showing how to be collaborative and persevering. They chose the fruits they would like to include and had a turn making and stirring it all up with the help of Miss Owens, Mrs Taylor-Roberts and Mrs Singleton!

We all agree they look delicious! Well done everyone!



OPAL Update



We are really pleased to have our decking area back open. Our Premises Team have worked hard to repair this area and now it's open to everyone at lunchtime.

Our School Council met to think about how we can use the area. We thought that a mud kitchen would be a fantastic idea. We are hoping that some volunteers might help us bring this idea to life!

We are still constantly asking for donations of the below items please:



Upcycled Loose Parts

Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks





Rocksteady Performance

Again, we were treated to a concert by the children who have Rocksteady lessons. They were magnificent and really enjoyed showcasing their talent.



School Council - supporting the local community

The School Council were again invited to Mr C's Care Home to help the residents with some Easter arts and crafts. We were supported by Mrs Robbins who volunteered to help us. Thank you very much!





Easter egg-stravaganza!



We ended the term with our annual PTA egg hunt and Easter decorating competition. The entries were simply stunning and you could tell there was a lot of care and attention put into all entries. Thank you to the PTA who gave up their time to support this event. Each child received an Easter treat and there were prizes for the competition winners too!



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Absence

Please remember to phone the school office on each day your child is absent from school.
Thank you.

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!



Key Dates

- Return to school
Monday 20th April

- May Bank Holiday
4th May

- SATS Week
11th May

- Break up for half term
Friday 22nd May

- Back to school
Tuesday 2nd June

- Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd June

- Summer Fair
Friday 19th June



Look out for an invite to 'Stay and Play' next term. This will be an opportunity to experience OPAL play with your child after school.



Remember to check our Facebook page for all the latest news throughout the term.





OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy at Cockington Primary School

Do you have some time to help our children before and after school?

Can you help?

We are looking for a patrol person to help our children cross the road to our school.



To find out more - please contact

[School crossing patrols - Torbay Council](#)

Or call 01803 207678

Can you help our children by helping them cross the road safely? If you can help, please apply for the position above.

