

JUNE NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28th June, 2024

Joyful June

The past month has been a whirlwind of activity, and we are delighted to have basked in the warmth of the beautiful sunshine. Among the highlights, Class 2 embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Hooke Court in Dorset. The pupils had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of captivating activities, fostering their personal growth and creating cherished memories (please see the post below for more details).

Our school was delighted to welcome a visit from a renowned local author, Jennifer Davy, whose presence ignited a spark of inspiration and creativity among our young learners. Class 1 also had the privilege of participating in a puppet workshop funded by DAISI, where they unleashed their artistic talents by crafting puppets inspired by "The Lion King," a show they had the opportunity to witness in London.

Class 3 has been immersed in the wonders of nature through their engaging Forest School sessions and have been really enthusiastic about their time at Methley Meadow with Gin. Additionally, they embarked on an educational trip to Dawlish Warren, where they explored various habitats and gained a deeper appreciation for their local environment.

We take immense pride in celebrating the remarkable achievements of our students. Four talented Year 5 girls represented our school at the prestigious Geology Day at Torquay Grammar School for Girls, last week.

Feedback from the day was extremely positive and they were a credit to Cockwood School, well done to Ottelie, Faye, Chloe and Jasmine.

Furthermore, we came together as a united school family to celebrate Sports Day, a cherished tradition that fosters sportsmanship, camaraderie, and healthy competition. While Exe House (blue) emerged as the overall winners, we are immensely proud of every pupil who participated and supported their team mates with such gusto!

READING IN JUNE

Cockwood Primary School Reads!

In June 2024, students have read...

- 434 Books
- 2,713,825 Words
- for 41 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

PE Impact Day Year 3 and 4

(details to follow)

THURSDAY 4TH JULY

Move up morning – we welcome our new EYFS into school

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

The Mix Festival at Bridwell Park

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

Year 6 DCC Transition Day

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

Move up morning- EYFS stay for lunch

PFA Summer Disco St Mary's Church Hall 5-6.30pm

MONDAY 15TH JULY

Non-uniform day for a suggested £1 donation to the PFA

TUESDAY 16TH JULY

Year 6 perform Disneys-

THE LION KING

At the Auditorium, Teignmouth School, Exeter Road 6pm

FRIDAY 19TH

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9am in the Village Hall.

LAST DAY OF TERM

CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL TO HOOKE COURT



Class 2 had a wonderful adventure at Hooke Court in Dorset, where they've been busy making memories and learning new skills. They've been getting creative with kite making and enjoying the warmth of a campfire in the forest. The Forces workshop was a hit, especially the water slide – there were plenty of laughs and splashes! The beautiful grounds at Hooke Court provided the perfect backdrop for fun team-building games, helping our students grow closer as a group. It's been fantastic to see them embrace new experiences and challenges with such enthusiasm.

CLASS 3 DAWLISH WARREN NATURE RESERVE

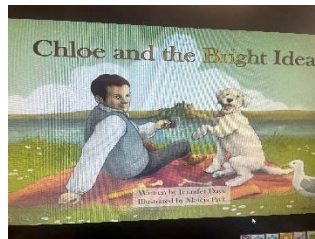
Last week, Class 3 enjoyed a trip to Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve. They were fortunate to have beautiful weather for this outdoor adventure, which provided our pupils with a wonderful opportunity to explore and learn about our local environment. It's always a joy to see our children engaging with nature and developing a deeper understanding of the world around them. The day was filled with engaging activities that allowed our students to immerse themselves in the diverse ecosystems of Dawlish Warren. One of the highlights was the chance to work alongside local rangers, who shared their expertise and guided the children through various hands-on experiences.

Pond dipping proved to be their favourite activity, they eagerly peered into the water, nets in hand, discovering the fascinating aquatic life that thrives in our local ponds. This practical approach to learning not only educates but also instils a sense of wonder and respect for our natural world. Another exciting activity was meadow sweeping, where our budding naturalists searched for wildlife in the grassy areas. This exercise opened their eyes to the abundance of small creatures that inhabit these seemingly simple ecosystems, reinforcing the importance of biodiversity.

On the beach the children spent time searching for and identifying shells, a task that required keen observation skills and patience. This activity offered insights into the various forms of marine life that frequent our shores, connecting our students to the broader coastal ecosystem. These hands-on experiences are invaluable in nurturing our students' curiosity and developing their understanding of environmental science. By engaging directly with nature, they're building a foundation of knowledge that will serve them well in future studies and in becoming responsible stewards of our planet. It was wonderful to see their genuine interest in the natural world around them.

CHLOE AND THE BIG IDEA

Local author Jennifer Davy dropped by to share news about her upcoming book, 'Chloe and the Big Idea', set to be released this August. The story draws inspiration from Jennifer's ancestor, the famous scientist Humphry Davy. Did you know he invented the miner's lamp? This incredible invention saved over 500,000 lives! It's wonderful to see how local history and scientific innovation can spark creativity in literature.



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6

Present



Tuesday 16th July, 6pm

in the Auditorium Teignmouth School, Exeter Road

Please email admin@cockwoodschool.co.uk to apply for tickets

Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Taymor

Director
Miss Brown

Music Director
Noah Kirby

Choreographer
Mrs Wenman

Stage Manager
Mrs Buttree

Music Adapted & Arranged and
Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

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As you may know, Year 6 students have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines for the upcoming Lion King show. To ensure minimal disruptions during the performance, we kindly request that no pre-school children attend the show. We understand that this request may be inconvenient for some parents, but we believe it is important to support our Year 6 students in showcasing their hard work and dedication.

CAREER'S WEEK

We've had an incredibly inspiring and eye-opening Career's Week, which ties in beautifully with our school value of ambition. It's crucial that we expose our young minds to the vast array of jobs and careers available to them as they grow and develop. This week, we were fortunate to have an impressive lineup of professionals visit our school to share their experiences and insights. Our pupils had the opportunity to meet and learn from a diverse group of professionals, including a Dog Handler, an Audiologist, a GP, an NHS Consultant, a Holiday Park Manager, and even a representative from McDonald's! It was wonderful to see our children's eyes light up as they discovered careers they might not have known existed before. They asked so many interesting questions, demonstrating their genuine interest in learning about these various professions.



Career's Week has once again proven to be a great annual event that broadens our children's horizons when it comes to the world of work. By exposing them to such a wide range of professions, we're helping them understand that there are countless paths they can take in life. Who knows? Perhaps we've inspired a future dog handler, doctor, or holiday park manager among our students. Events like these are vital in helping our pupils dream big and understand that with hard work and determination, they can achieve whatever they set their minds to. It's not just about introducing them to different jobs; it's about showing them the endless possibilities that await them in the future. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the professionals who took time out of their busy schedules to visit our school and share their experiences with our pupils.

ATTENDANCE

First off, we are thrilled to announce that our current attendance year to date is an impressive 96.1%! This is fantastic news, and we want to thank everyone for their commitment. Let's keep up this great effort until the end of term to ensure we finish above 96%. Looking ahead to the next academic year, we would like to gently remind parents to try and avoid taking holidays during term time. We understand the importance of family time, which is why we've scheduled a two-week half term in October. This extended break gives families a perfect opportunity to plan trips and spend quality time together.

For those of you already thinking about next year's holidays, you'll be pleased to know that the term dates for the upcoming academic year are now available on our school website. You can find them at <https://www.cockwood-primary.devon.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/>.

CLASS 1 SHADOW PUPPET WORKSHOP



We are very grateful to The Helen Foundation and DAISI for supporting Class 1 Art provision by providing a shadow puppet workshop based on the animals from the Lion King. The children had a fabulous day working with a professional artist and using a wide range of materials to create their own individual puppet.

CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY



Class 3 treated us to a wonderful assembly based on their learning this term. We were all impressed by their knowledge of the continents – they certainly know their geography! Working with Mrs Wenman, the class put together an amazing African dance and it was a joy to watch them express themselves through movement. They presented a lovely interpretation of the book, 'Handa's Surprise'. It's always heartwarming to see how our students engage with literature and bring stories to life. As always, the photo montage showcasing the many exciting learning opportunities throughout the year was a delight. It's a beautiful reminder of the range experiences our students enjoy.

TAPESTRY

I wanted to touch base about Tapestry, our online learning portal. It's a fantastic window into your child's school life, but we've noticed that parental engagement has been a bit low lately. Our dedicated staff invest considerable time in posting photos and updates to keep you in the loop, and we'd love to see more interaction from you! We'll be reviewing Tapestry's effectiveness in September and will send out a survey to gauge your interest in continuing with it next year. Your feedback is invaluable, so please keep an eye out for that. Let's work together to make the most of this great tool!

FINALLY...

June has been jam-packed! As we approach the end of the academic year, I'm bursting with pride over the incredible achievements of our students this month. Our little ones have tackled their phonics screening with remarkable composure, while our Year 4 pupils breezed through their Multiplication Test. It's heartwarming to see our children face these challenges with such confidence and ease.

*The air is buzzing with excitement as our Year 6 and Class 1 team pour their hearts into preparing for their production of *The Lion King*. The school is alive with the sound of their beautiful voices as they rehearse, and I can't help but smile every time I hear them. I strongly encourage you to secure your tickets through the admin email. Trust me, you're in for an absolute treat and an evening of top-notch entertainment!*

As we wind down the school year, our dedicated staff are busy putting the finishing touches on your child's annual report. Keep an eye out for these on Monday, 15th July – they're packed with insights into your child's progress and achievements.

I'd like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful parent community, the PFA, and our incredible staff. Your unwavering support and dedication make everything we do possible. We truly couldn't do it without you!

As we gear up for the final weeks of the term, I'm crossing my fingers for more of this beautiful weather we've been enjoying. Here's to ending the year on a high note! Looking back on this action-packed month, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of such a vibrant and supportive school community. From our youngest pupils to our soon-to-be graduates, every child has shown remarkable growth and resilience. Whether it's mastering phonics, conquering multiplication tables, or bringing beloved Disney characters to life on stage, our students continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm and dedication.

As we approach the finish line of this academic year, let's celebrate these achievements and look forward to the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you all for your continued support and for being an integral part of our school family.

Here's to a fantastic end of term and a well-deserved summer break on the horizon!

Alison Roper

