

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, Y6 have taken their reading, maths and grammar/ punctuation papers this week and they worked hard and with great attitude throughout; we don't ask for more than that. Y2 have started their papers and are working in small groups and these will be finished next week and as said before these inform Mrs McAuley and Miss Downs in their judgements. The writing is assessed slightly differently as schools look at a number of pieces of writing to help form a judgement rather than the child having a writing test.

Excitingly this week, some of our **eggs hatched** and we now have four very fluffy and gorgeous baby chicks in the Pre-school and Reception area. The children (and staff) have been really excited and are very taken with them. At break and lunch children from across the school have been coming down to have a look and respectfully sitting and watching them in awed silence. Mrs Cooper has become our very own mother hen and is taking them home for the weekend and in six weeks or so they will be ready to be taken outside.

On Tuesday after-school we, (teachers and support staff) had our second of three **maths training** sessions about developing mathematical understanding and fluency for early maths. We have been looking at how to develop number sense through the language we use and activities we use to teach. To be secure with number counting back is just as important as counting on. Try saying the alphabet backwards to see how tricky this can be if not practised! We want to really ensure that all children leave the early years and Y1 with a really secure understanding of numbers 1-5, 1-10 and 1-20 and this training will really help.

On Wednesday **Y2** went to **Rosemoor** and although it was wet all had a great time; the children and Mrs McAuley came back full of enthusiasm and beaming from their day. The classes had a workshop on how plants grow and then they explored the grounds. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Grace Kevan, Kush Bailey, Logan Hayward, Freddie McGowan, Rosie Teague-Edwards, Joseph Johnson, Max Dempsey, Isis Venn, Jessie Yeo, Ethan Hopgood, Sian Canning-Matthews, George Clarke, Y6 for their excellent attitude and efforts this week.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that crisps and chocolate bars are still not allowed as part of packed lunches.



Today has been a busy day. The **Bumblebees** had their class assembly and Mrs Sim said all did really well. We had a **Royal Wedding themed lunch** in the back playground and Mrs Sim's class had their own mini-royal wedding in class.

Also, today Miss Fogarty took eight children to the **Y6 Quad Kids competition** at the athletics track. The four boys and girls did brilliantly and ended up coming first out of seventeen schools! A superb result and really well deserved. They will now go down to Plymouth for the county finals which will take place after half-term.

The warm weather has arrived and the diary gets fuller. On Tuesday Y5 are at their Olympic themed athletics festival complete with opening ceremony for the day. They will be put into mixed teams and compete against each other. On Wednesday a group of Y5 and 6 children will be playing in the PETROC Tag Rugby festival, on Thursday the Y6 children are off to Saunton for the day and then on Friday just over sixty children will be taking part in the Ilfracombe Aquathon.

Thank you to the PTA who are running the KS2 disco tonight.

I hope you manage to get out and about in the sun and have a good weekend,

Mr Page



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www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk has lots of really helpful information for parents and carers and children about keeping safe.