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Week 11

A week of visitors. Bikeability trainers in upper key stage 2, Vikings in year 5 and the Gruffalo (twice no less!) in Foundation Stage.

Christmas Fayre is on December 11th and we can now confirm it will **start at 3pm**. Each class has been given £25 pounds by the PTFA and their mission is to try and make a profit by selling their creations at the fayre – The Apprentice comes to Appledore!

Changes have been made to our ordering systems for the **Free School Meals** available to all in Key Stage 1. We must get daily numbers to our providers by 9.15am on the day, so it is very important that your child is at school on time.

A letter has been sent to all parents today with information about:

1. Parking on Kingsley Avenue
2. New website and communicating with you
3. Free school meals

Please make sure you read it, because it contains information that affects you all. If your copy did not make it home, please visit our website and find it on the Parents/Letters and Forms Page.

We performed very well at the schools' **tennis tournament** this week (please see website!) and thank you to the parents who helped make it happen.

Have a great weekend and if your child has been running in the **Gliddon and Squire Cross Country runs**, don't forget the next race is this Sunday at Arlington Court.

Best wishes

Jeremy Cooper and all of the staff

PS - The children's Christmas lunch will be on 15th December and more details will follow. KS1 children must order a dinner by Friday 4th December under the Infant free school meal scheme.

AROUND THE CLASSES

Turtles & Dolphins (FSU)

The Gruffalo came back to see us this week and we were able to interview him, we asked him lots of questions and found out a lot more about him. Did you know the reason he has purple prickles is so that everyone can see him, even people in space! We also designed a new member of the Gruffalo family and we certainly had some interesting features and names! We finished the week off by making not Gruffalo crumble but apple and raspberry crumble, it was delicious.

Sea Lions (Year 1)

This week we have been measuring in Maths; we have estimated and measured capacity in the water tray, we have compared and weighed boxes and we have measured our body parts. We have played some place value games and sorted numbers into Carroll diagrams. We have discussed and written what we know about Post Offices and are writing letters to take to the Post Office. We have continued our weaving work and have started making Christmas decorations as well as props for the Nativity. We were really impressed with the imaginative number lines that were produced for the homework task - Well done!



Lundy Puffins (Year 2)

Lundy Puffins have written a fantastic class story about the Fairy Godmother in the style of the book 'Previously'. They used what we had been learning about noun phrases to write descriptive sentences. Next week they will be writing their own 'Previously' stories about a fairy tale character of their choice.

In Maths, they have been practising number bonds and have been asked to learn these by heart if they don't already know them. They've been busy making angels for the corridor display and have been using moving toys to investigate pushes and pulls. They are all looking forward to our first performance of 'The Nativity' next week.

Seahunter (Year 3)

Seahunter have worked hard on their multiplication and division skills this week and really impressed themselves with their progress! In art, they produced some beautiful dragon pictures, ready to be displayed around the classroom. They wrote a plan for a dragon report, based on the images they have created and started to write their reports, which will be published in dragon seekers guide books next week. Finally, they are taking part in a house rugby tournament this (Friday) afternoon...they are all very excited to see who will win!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...



Willow.

KS2 children will be able to have a Christmas dinner at a cost of £2.00, this must also be ordered by 4th December.

HMS Echo (Year 4)

This week, HMS Echo pupils have chosen their Roman Life topic to investigate. They are in the course of learning about the style of writing needed to write a successful non-chronological report and beginning their research into their chosen topic. In Maths, they are really having to look closely at 2D shapes to ensure that they describe their properties correctly. They have begun to decorate card stockings ready for the Christmas display in the main building. What has been really lovely to see is such great co-operation whenever they are working together either in pairs or small groups. Very well done HMS Echo!!

Beechcroft (Year 5)

This week 22 year fives have completed their level 2 bikeability training. They all learnt how to ride safely on the road and can now ride their bikes to school. Amelia said the best part of the training was going on the long bike ride to Westward Ho! Its been a fun week in maths too, starting with coordinates, then collecting data from birdwatching, following a number trail and trying to solve a sweets puzzle which was very challenging. This morning we performed our Viking play to the whole school. It went really well and the class got a lot of compliments about how well they sung and said their lines. They are looking forward to doing it again, to parents, this afternoon. Report by Amelia.

HMS Enterprise (Year 6)

A sporting week with bikeability and tennis for some year 6 children - I believe the tennis duo have made it to the semi-finals (great work Charlie and Caris). Literacy is becoming mysterious with detective stories underway. Hopefully, they will not be too gruesome and you'll enjoy reading them, when they have been published. Year 6 still have a long way to go with spelling - please practise your year 3/4 and year 5/6 lists.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 8th December: KS1 performance to parents 10am. FSU play 2pm.
Wednesday 9th December: FSU play 10am.
Friday 18th December 2pm, KS2 Christmas at St Mary's Church, Appledore

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK AWARD

Last week it was won by HMS Echo class with 99.3%. Well done!

GOVERNOR MEETINGS

Copies of the minutes for all meetings are available to parents upon request. Please ask Annemarie in the school office or email admin@appledore-primary.devon.sch.uk

Resources Committee:

12th January, 1st March, 26th April & 14th June

Teaching & Learning Committee:

12th January, 1st March, 26th April & 14th June

Full Governing Body:

9th February, 22nd March, 17th May & 12th July

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding policies available for you to view on our website or request a copy from the school office.