



# Brixham C of E Primary School

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## Spring 2 - 2022- Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the sun shining over the past few days, it is beginning to feel like spring has finally arrived! It has been a joy to see the children playing and laughing together on the playground or relaxing in the quiet courtyard at lunch times, reading books and drawing together.

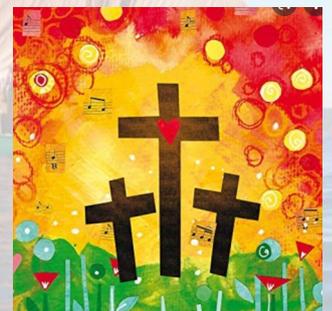
At this time of year we begin to think about the run up to our Easter celebrations. The children have received a letter with our activities outlined, we are really looking forward to inviting you into school to celebrate with us. Before we break up for the holidays the children will be learning about the Easter story and coming together to re-tell this.

This half term the children have been thinking about our gateway of Expression. It has been wonderful to see so many of them confidently talking about, and presenting their learning to others. The children show great pride in their learning journals and are able to talk about themselves in different roles, such as being an historian or a scientist.

This half term the children have enjoyed having Rev. Stephen in school for our Key Stage worships on a Wednesday. It has been wonderful for the children to be able to come together and think about our school values and reflect with Rev. Stephen in person rather than on the screen! The children have also had the opportunity to share bible stories with their neighbouring class and discuss their ideas together. We hope to build on all of these experiences throughout the academic year. We are really looking forward to bringing our school community back together after the Easter break, we have really missed having families into school over the past 2 years, please make sure you look at the dates on the back of the newsletter for our up and coming events and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best Wishes,     Cristy Nelson



# Our School Ethos



## Vision & Values

***“Life in all its fullness.”***

This half term our focus is on **EXPRESSION** We are thinking about how we **gain confidence** to present ourselves in an **honest** and **insightful** way. As part of our Church School Values we have been thinking about **honesty** and what this means to us.



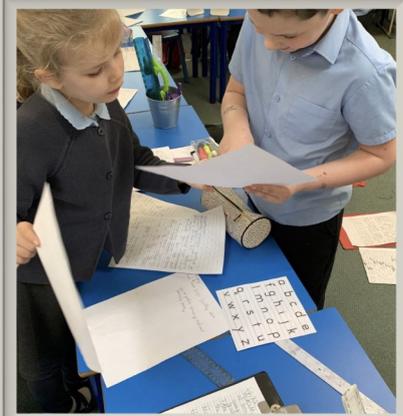
*Year 3 expressed themselves confidently to other classes while collecting data about Forest School.*

*Codei, one of our Year 6 perfects has been a huge support to children in the dinner hall and around school, he has modelled great confidence and expressed himself well.*



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Year 5 have been thinking about how the way they present themselves shows what they value. They did themselves proud at the Wonderstruck Science event at Brixham College.



Year 2 have been practising how to present themselves confidently.



*Year 4 have been sketching then making sculptures in the style of Giacometti and honestly sharing their views and ways to improve them.*

Next half term we will be thinking about **FLOURISHING**. We will be thinking about seeking a purpose for life and taking responsibility for our own lives and that of others. We will be focusing on our Church School value of **RESPONSIBILITY** and how it can have an impact on our lives and others around us.

# Our Learning



*In Year 1 we have been learning about human and physical geographical features of our local area.*



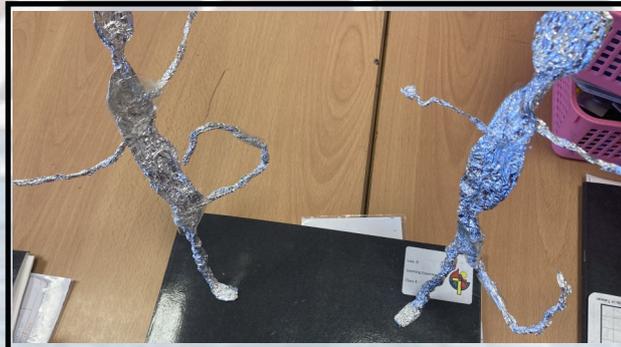
*Year 3 are learning how to use compasses so we can create a simple map of our Forest School site.*



*Year 2 have been learning how to write a non-chronological report on food chains.*



*In year 5, we have been learning about the water cycle through a range of investigations.*



*In Year 4 we have been learning about Giacometti and his sculptures, then used his ideas to create our own showing emotions.*



*In our Reception class we have been learning about our different emotions.*



*Year 6 showed teamwork, determination and learnt the skills needed to play cricket when Brixham Cricket Club visited the school.*

## Pupil Voice

### *What our children say...*

As Easter is coming around, in Year 6 we have been learning about Jesus' sacrifices and how they compare to modern sacrifices. Jesus died to forgive mankind for their sins—that's a big sacrifice! Today, many people sacrifice their time and money to help charities and the community. All these sacrifices are valued by society and we are proud to be part of a community that makes sacrifices in order to help those who are more vulnerable and less fortunate than us—even if this is just a small donation to charity or spending some time caring for our environment. All sacrifices, however small, can make a difference. Sophia and Lola.

# Events and Celebrations



The children really enjoyed non-uniform day and wearing red for Comic Relief. We managed to raise a fantastic £120.58



World Book Day!

Thank you all for supporting the children with their wonderful costumes and helping us celebrate WBD

## Civic Award

This year seven of our Year 6 children have set themselves the challenge of completing the Torbay and Devon Civic Award. Well done!!



## Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

Thank you for wearing your colourful socks to raise awareness for Down Syndrome.



## Future Events & Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 4th April</b>	EYFS / KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade	<b>Monday 9th May</b>	Well-being Week
<b>Wednesday 6th April</b>	Years 3 and 4 Easter Art and Story sharing	<b>Sunday 15th May</b>	Church in School
<b>Thursday 7th April</b>	Years 5 and 6 Easter Art and Story sharing	<b>Thursday 26th May</b>	School Disco
<b>Friday 8th April</b>	Last day of Term	<b>Friday 27th May</b>	Last day before Half Term
<b>Monday 25th April</b>	SEN virtual parent meetings	<b>Thursday 9th June</b>	School Returns
<b>Friday 29th April</b>	Civic Award Pirate Day (RNLI)	<b>Friday 19th May</b>	Sea Week Performances
<b>Wednesday 4th May</b>	EYFS / KS1 Parent Book Look		
<b>Thursday 5th May</b>	KS2 Parent Book Look		

Please look out for letters with further information regarding all of our up-and-coming events.

# Key messages from us all



Thank you for all of your generous donations helping to support those in the Ukraine. Along with the donations of food and toiletries we also received £231.38 in donations. Some of our children went as far as selling personal items to support families. Well done, we are extremely proud!



Please remember to book your child's school meals in advance on ParentPay, this saves valuable classroom time and reduces food waste.

## School Leadership Structure

If you do have any question or queries, please in the first instance contact your class teacher. If you still feel you need further support, please contact your key stage lead, for EYFS and Key Stage 1 this is Mrs Matthews and for Key Stage 2, Ms. Synnott.

## PTFA

Now that many of the restrictions have eased, we are looking for new members to help support our PTFA in planning lots of exciting opportunities and fundraising events to support our school. We are grateful for any time or ideas that you can share. If you are interested in joining us, please let the school office know.



## Parents Evenings

It has been wonderful to talk to all of our parents about the children's progress over the academic year. If you do have any further questions, please contact your class teacher for an appointment.

## Attendance for weeks

**01.02.22—25.03.22**

Whole School	91.26%
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Reception	93.66
1	89.66
2	92.96
3	90.73
4	92.40
5	92.81
6	86.55

## Attendance Matters



### 95 to 100%

Congratulations on reaching the school target! You're showing school is important.

### 91 to 94%

Be careful you are missing too many days of learning. This will have an effect on your progress.

### Below 85%

Please try harder to come to school every day. The amount of school you have missed will have an impact on your learning and your education is very important.

*“life in all its fullness.”*