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Autumn 1 - 2021- Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term so far! It has been absolutely wonderful to see all of the children back in school together following the summer holidays. They have all settled extremely well into their learning, their new classes and working alongside different adults, as well as a return to some normalities such as eating lunch in the school hall, something that the children have all been really excited about.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Brixham C of E Primary School, like the other children, they have settled into school life extremely quickly and are already thriving, we are all very proud of how well they are doing.

We started the half term with the children learning about and celebrating difference as part of our diversity work. It has been great to chat with the children about their thoughts and feelings and I'm sure they are chatting with their families at home about this.

We are all really looking forward to the year ahead and working alongside all of our families and our community as we move into the academic year.

With best wishes

Cristy Nelson



Our School Ethos



Vision & Values

“Life in all its fullness.”

This half term our focus is on **CITIZENSHIP**, with our thoughts around how we make a difference to our home, school, community and the wider world through showing **compassion, empathy** and **drive**.

COMPASSION being our Church School value.



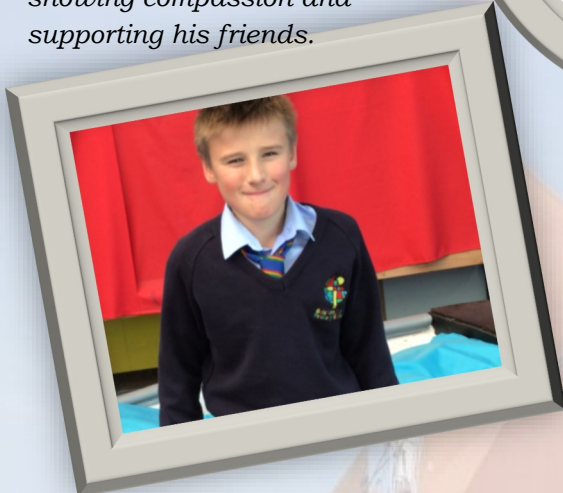
Year 2 have been good citizens by looking after their class library.

Year 5 have been working with Operation Smile to show compassion and empathy for people with differences.



Year 4 have been learning about compassion and made cakes to be shared with Messy Church.

Haydn in Year 6 has been an excellent role model for others showing compassion and supporting his friends.



From learning about compassion, I know that it's very important to help and be helpful to each other. In my family, but their mummy up but also we're kind words because it makes us feel better.

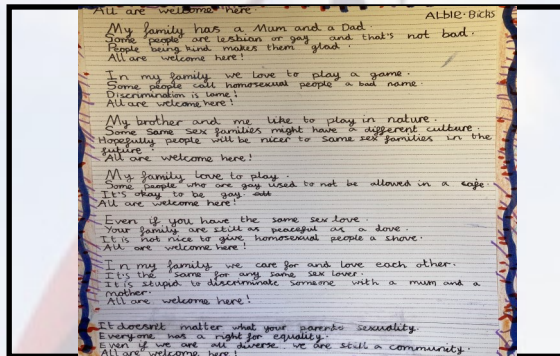
Year 3 have been reflecting on how they show compassion in their families.

Next half term we will be thinking about **LEADERSHIP**, we will be thinking about how we act with integrity, authenticity and determination. We will be focusing on our Church School value of **INSPIRATION** and thinking about how we **INSPIRE** those around us.

Our Learning



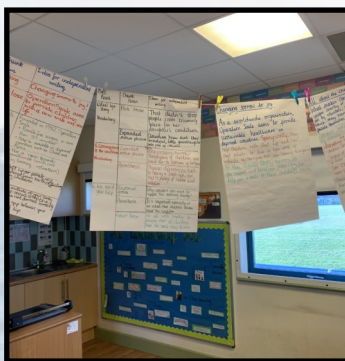
Year 2 have been engaged with their reading in their new class library and the reading bears.



Year 4 have been learning about diversity and have written their own poems.



Our Reception children have been busy making self-portraits.



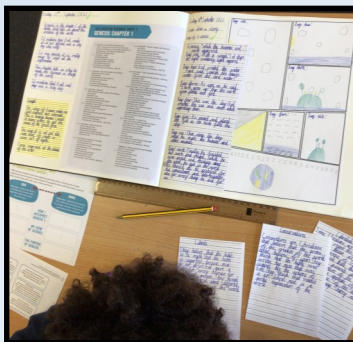
Year 5 have worked hard to plan and write their own professional leaflet.



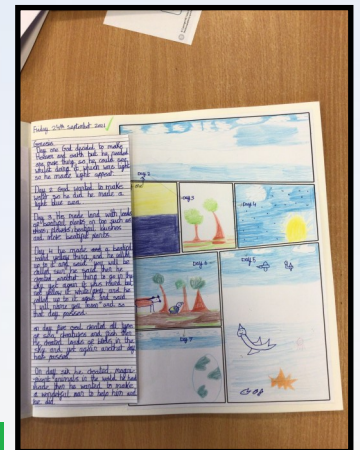
Year 3 have been investigating what 100 actually is by making 100 paper chains.



Pre-School have been investigating Autumn colours.



Class 6 have been exploring the Christian creation story. They have showed their understanding of the different interpretations of Genesis to help them develop empathy and citizenship by appreciating and accepting types of belief.



Pupil Voice

What our children say...

Welcome to the new school year.'

We're now a month into the new school year and we are looking closely at our school values. This term, we are concentrating on the value of compassion, which is also one of our Citizenship Gateways. We are coming to the end of our first learning Experience, where we have looked at the plight of refugees and immigrants and we are all a lot more compassionate towards them. We are trying to show empathy and understand the situations they are going through

Events



A massive well done to Reuben's mum who completed the 3 peaks challenge! A huge achievement. To donate, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/55u4eued>



It has been wonderful to have all of the children in the dinner hall at lunch time! The chat and buzz has really made the hall come back to life after the past 18 months.

Future Events & Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th October	YR phonics workshop
Thursday 13th October	Y1 Phonics workshop
Saturday 16th October	Grounds Day (9am—1pm)
Monday 18th October	Harvest celebration
Friday 22nd October	Last day before Half Term
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Thursday 4th November	Reception Welcome Service
Monday 22nd November	Parents evening
Wednesday 24th November	Parents evening
Saturday 27th November	Brixham Lantern Festival

Church School Links

Hello from everyone in the Brixham Mission Community. Messy Church hasn't happened since the start of the very first lockdown but it finally returned on Friday 8th October at Saint Mary's Church. It starts straight after school, it's free and we would love to see you next time. We also have a harvest celebration service on 17th October at 9.30am at All Saints again all are welcome.

Key messages from us all



School Uniform

Please can we remind all families that we are expecting children to be in the full school uniform. This includes for PE lessons. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website or from the office. If you are struggling to get any items please do speak with either your class teacher or the office as we do have spares in school.

Remembrance Day

This year we are hoping to make recycled bottle bottom poppies to cover our school garden. Please can we ask you to save any plastic bottles that you may have at home and put into the bin outside the school office.



Reading for Pleasure Book Bag.

Each of our classes has a blue bag, this has 2 books, one chosen by the class teacher and the other by the children. These are to share at home over the weekend along with the hot chocolate provided to support the children in building a love of learning.

We would love it if you would share your thoughts around the books with us.

Pupil Premium

If you do think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals please follow the link attached

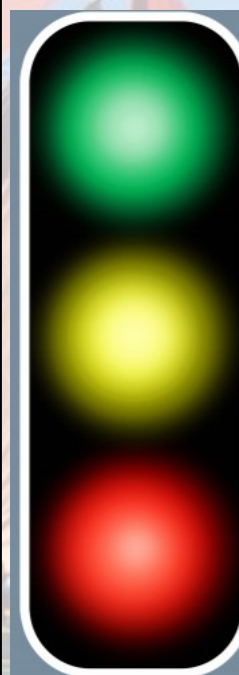
<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/>

Attendance for weeks

08.09.2021—01.10.2021

Whole School	94.40%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	94.61
1	90.74
2	96.63
3	97.10
4	93.31
5	94.77
6	93.55

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.

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