



July 2023

NEWSLETTER

Life in all its fullness



Dear Parents & Carers

And just like that, the academic year is near the end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Brixham C of E since January and getting to know the children, staff and parents and look forward to continuing the work we have started in September. There is a special feel about Brixham C of E.

It has been an exciting and busy term with a plethora of learning opportunities taking place. In this half-term alone, our pupils have taken part in a Design Technology experience where cooking and designing have taken place towards an outcome. The children are now finishing an experience in science across the school with lots of exciting investigations taking place.

The end of every school year brings an element of mixed emotions. As always, we will be sad to see our Year 6 pupils and their families leave. They have influenced our school for the past 7 years and things won't be the same without them. However, it is also exciting to know that they leave our school prepared and ready to start a new chapter of their lives where we know they will excel and flourish.

We also say farewell to Mrs Seymour, Miss Atkins, Miss Sharman and Mrs Thatcher. I know that you will all join me in wishing them best wishes as they go onto pastures new.

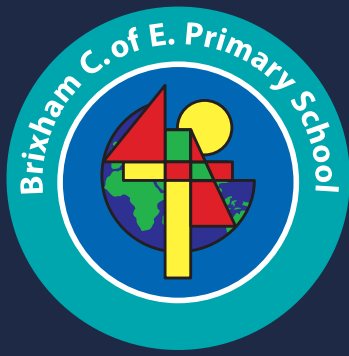
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. The education of our pupils, your children, works best when school and home work collaboratively and I am confident that our strong links will continue with you next year.

I would also like to thank the wonderful staff that make Brixham the special school it is. I hope you manage to have some quality family time with your children over the summer and we all look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 6th September.

Ben Nelson-Smith

Headteacher





LEAVERS & FAREWELLS

Year 6 and Staff



The end of the year always brings a mixture of emotions as we say farewell to our **Year 6 pupils** after 7 years of being part of the school community. The current Year 6's have been a pleasure to have in our school and been excellent role models for the younger children. I have no doubt that they will all go onto to have successful futures as they start their new chapter in secondary school. Go and be amazing!

We also sadly say goodbye to some members of staff as they too embark on new adventures. We are sad to see you leave but wish you the best of luck on your new ventures!

We sadly say goodbye to **Miss Anslow, Miss Sharman, Mrs Thatcher** and **Mrs Seymour**.

Lastly – we are also sad to announce the departure of **Rev Stephen Yates** from our school community and parish. Rev Stephen has had a pivotal influence on our school community and Ethos of the school and wish him all the best as he returns to a career in teaching.

PRE-SCHOOL

Our Reading focus this half term has been based on, *Franklin wants a pet*. The children absolutely loved sharing photos of their pets and their knowledge of how to look after them. The children had a visit from Simon at Animal HQ this half term which enabled them to meet lots of different animals that they may not have experienced up close before.

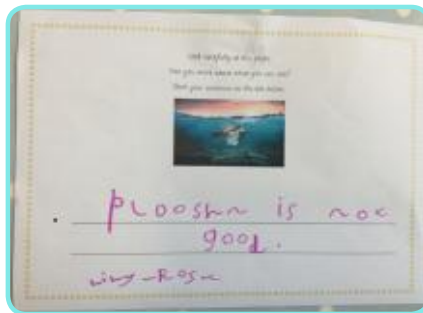
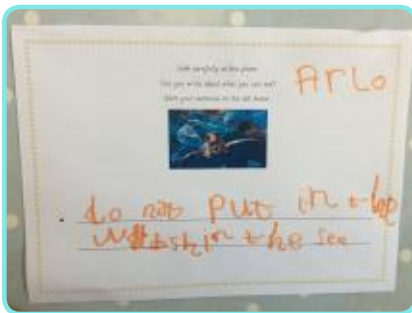
It was a fabulous experience, the children were able to see and touch soft and cuddly animals such as dogs, guinea pig and rabbits as well as comparing how they felt to snakes, lizards and stick insects.

The children behaved amazingly showing care and respect for all the different animals as they learnt about how to look after them.





Year R



Our most recent learning experience has had a focus on the Science aspect of Understanding the World.

Our learning question is all about our blue planet.

In particular we are thinking about how we can make a difference and share this message with others.

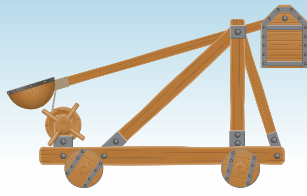
We are building on our previous learning about minibeasts and their natural habitats.

The children have learnt about how damaging sea pollution can be to the wonderful sea creatures that live there.

We have been thinking about how we can help and have learnt about recycling. We have been encouraged to engage in lots of different activities linked to this within our provision.



Year 1



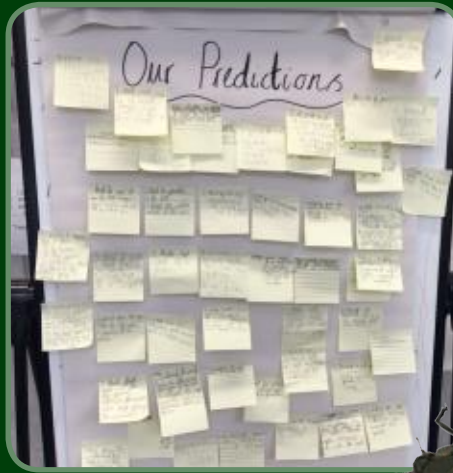
Year 1 have been enthusiastic designers and have worked collaboratively to design a catapult that will hit a target. We have had to think about how to make improvements to our catapults in order to ensure that they are more effective about hitting the target. The children were very excited and cheered supportively when anyone was near to the target. We have also been super keen scientists, learning about 'Plants' and how to keep them healthy. We have learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees and how they differ. As scientists we have learnt how to do a simple test and explain what we are testing and why.



Year 2



Year 2 have been keen scientists this term. Our big question has been 'How can we support more wildlife in our school area?'. We have been undertaking a scientific investigation which has involved putting six different materials into our allotment areas. The materials we chose were: rubber, plastic, wood, metal and a pillowcase. We wanted to find out which material would attract the most minibeasts and encourage the most plant growth. We enjoyed learning about what a prediction is and made some of our own about the outcome of this investigation. Running through our curriculum this term, is our gateway of Leadership. As a class we chose our example of Leadership to be Lewis Hamilton. This is because he said when he was young that one day he would become a famous racing car driver. He acted on what he once said which shows that he is a strong leader and is determined. Well done Year 2!

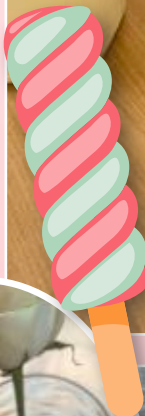


Year 3



This half-term Year 3 have been designers and scientists! We started by learning about what the body needs to grow, discussing the different food groups and nutrients they provide us with. We discussed a balanced diet and the importance of proportions. We ended the learning experience by making our own healthy fruit ice lollies, which went down a treat!

In science we have been learning about what plants need to grow. We investigated this by planting our own seeds and taking away a crucial thing they need, such as light or water. We have enjoyed filming our daily video diary, talking about the facts we have learnt.



Year 4

This half-term Year 4 have developed their DT skills. Our big question was 'What type of pizza could Wayne trial in the



kitchen'? We learnt all about minerals and vitamins and the different foods we find these in. In pairs we surveyed other children in the school to find out what type of pizza they would like for lunch. Working collaboratively, we identified different cross contamination scenarios and explained how we could prevent these. This was really important for when we created our own pizzas! We made our own pizza bases using flour, yeast, water, oil and sugar and then added our favourite toppings.

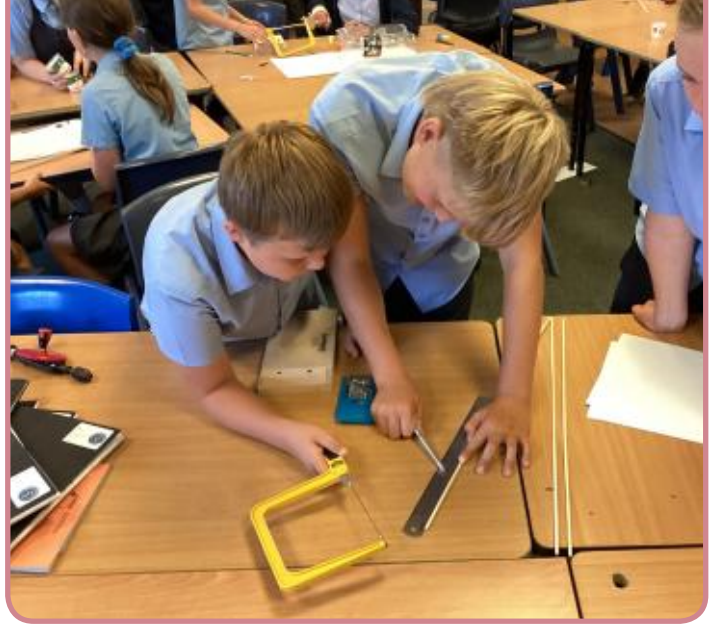
Year 4 have been very lucky this half term as we went down to All Saints Church and spoke to the people from 'The Fisherman's Mission'. They taught us how to be safe in the water, what to do when we needed help and even let us touch real fish!

Police Officer Ant and Keira also visited us in the classroom and talked to us about how we can be safe in our communities and online. They even brought the police van for us to go in!



Year 5

Throughout our learning this term, Class 5 have focused on developing their skills in working collaboratively. We began by considering the importance of resolving conflict and have returned to that when necessary during our Design Technology and Science journeys. Children in class 5 worked brilliantly together in the challenge they were set for design technology – a transport system to get crops from the top of a mountain to the markets at the bottom. This was based on a problem faced by farmers in Nepal. Our science journey has required us to develop our skills in creating hypotheses based on our prior experience and we've needed to repeat investigations into materials to ensure reliability. We've created rust, we've checked how materials conduct heat and electricity, we've found out if materials are soluble or insoluble and learnt at our time at Brixham College out to separate materials from a solution. Not all science investigations have gone as we'd expected so we've truly had the opportunity to show determination.



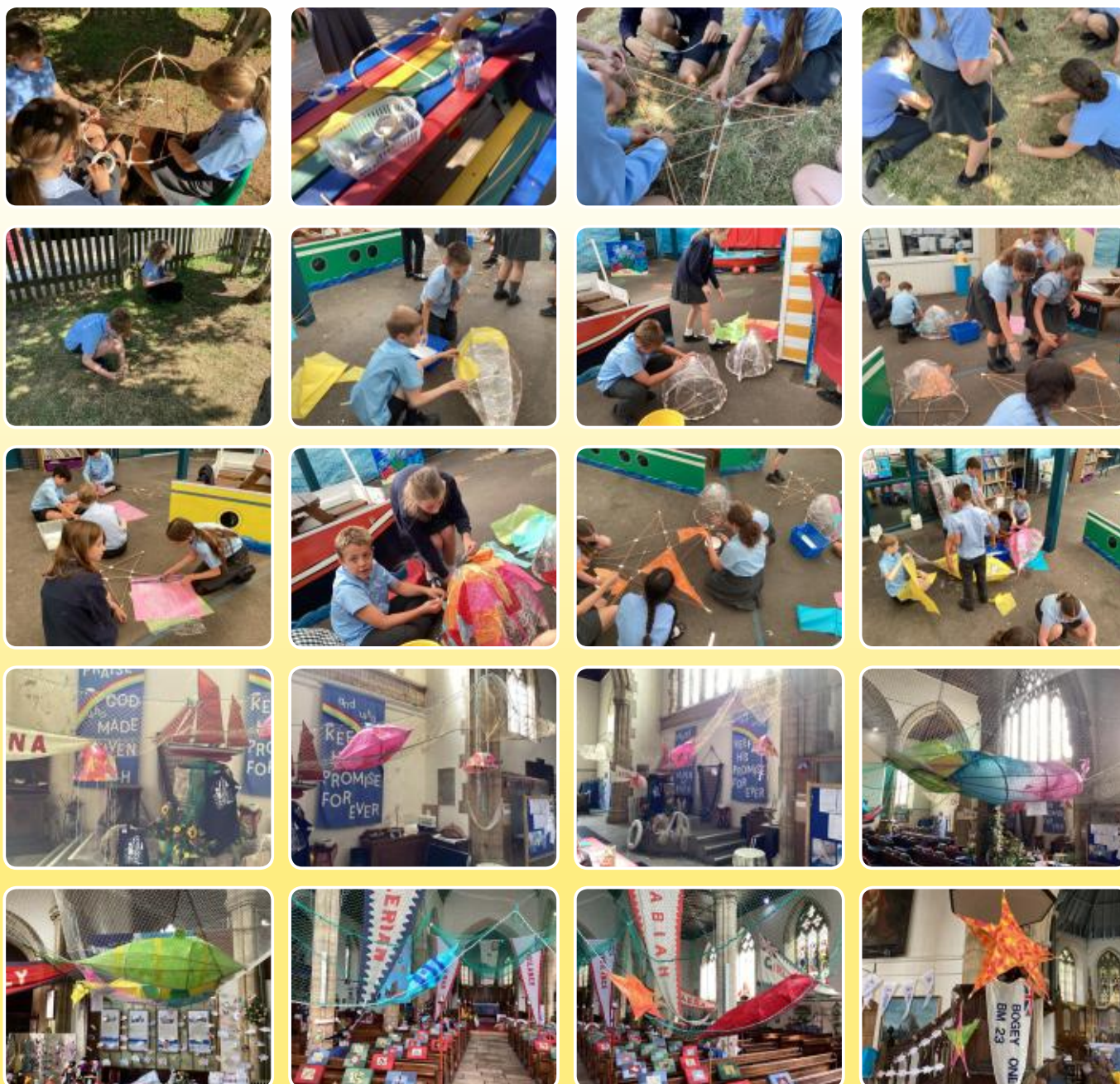
Year 6

Year 6 have been designers this term. They were asked, as part of their Design and Technology learning to design and make ornaments with a sea-theme to display in our local church for their 'Sea Week' celebrations. The children learnt how to critically evaluate against a specification; how to identify how sustainable materials in a product are and how to reinforce and strengthen a 3D framework.

Year 6 really enjoyed learning the principles of effective design: setting objectives, gathering ideas and developing concepts in order to develop plans or specifications for a particular outcome.

They also used a variety of materials, tools and technological applications, and had the opportunity to use these to complete practical tasks.

After this, they were able to evaluate products effectively, identifying strengths and weaknesses and reflecting on what elements could be changed to improve the outcome and what they would do differently.



Safeguarding

There are a range of people/groups that you can contact over the summer if you need support.



Useful Contacts List

Parent Directory 2023 / 2024

Brixham C. of E. Primary School

Please see the school website for information www.brixhamcofe.org. In emergencies, please 999. For any urgent school enquiries please contact headteacher Ben Nelson-Smith via Class Dojo.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Worried about a child's safety?
If you are concerned about a child or young person in Torbay and want to speak to someone call MASH on **01803 208100**
Out of hours number **0300 4564 876**

CAP Torbay Debt Centre

Christians Against Poverty is a charity that gives free debt help to anyone in debt.
0800 328 0006

Torbay Domestic Abuse Service

Outcome focused domestic abuse service for high and medium risk victims, survivors and members of their household including children. The service will enable people to make informed choices about their safety, health, housing and other identified individual needs. **0800 916 1474**

Brixham Food Bank

(Based at Brixham Library)
Open - Monday, Wednesday and Friday
2pm – 4pm **07873 164211**

The Edge Food Bank

Boulton Street, Brixham
Monday Friday 11am – 5pm **01803 851414**

Torbay Food Alliance

If you need to access the Food Bank in your area because you cannot afford to pay for food please call the Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline on **01803 446022**

If you are worried about a child or young person please contact the police on **999** emergency or **101** non emergency.

Torbay Checkpoint

Provides a range of free and confidential information, advice and support services to children and young people aged 8 to 17.
01803 290330

The Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline

01803 446022 from 10am- 6pm
Monday to Friday and on
Saturdays only from 9:30am-12:30pm or
online via www.bit.ly/torbayhelpline

Torbay Children's Centres

Call **01803 210200** or email:
TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board

torbaysafeguarding.org.uk contains information, advice, guidance and referral routes if someone has a concern over a child or young person. **01803 207176**
email: tscp@torbay.gov.uk

Torbay Council Housing Options

In the event that you have had to leave your home quickly and without any planning, the team will find you short term emergency accommodation.
01803 208723 or out of hours **0300 456 4876**

TALKWORKS

We are a local, free, confidential, NHS talking therapy service for people (aged 18+)
www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

Childline

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help. **0800 1111** (Under 18)

SHOUT/ Crisis Text Line

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. **Free text 85258**

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The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals who want to help.
www.kooth.com



SAVE THE DATES

TSDMC Midsummer Music Event

Always wanted to play a musical instrument? Now's your chance.

Two days of new musical experiences. Save the Dates **26th and 27th July 2023**.

No prior experience needed, just bring along your enthusiasm.



We have the instruments - trumpets, flutes, clarinets, violins, cellos, double basses, and percussion.

Already play one instrument, why not try another? Come along and join in.



Over the two days you will have the opportunity to try a number of different instruments.

Master classes, fun workshops, and 'taster' sessions with TSDMC's qualified teachers.



Games and performances, and the opportunity to gain an Arts Award certificate. Arts Award Discover is administered by Trinity College London.

The TSDMC tuck shop will be open.

If you can only spare a day, that's fine, but for the best experience why not join us for both days?

We have a restricted number of places for this new event, so book early to avoid disappointment and make the most of this exciting opportunity.



Time and dates: 10.00-16.00 on **26th and 27th July 2023**

Place: Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

Cost: £40 per day or discounted price of £75 for both days.

Ages: 7-18 years.

Let us know if you want to come by clicking on [this link](#)

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Brixham Primary School Diary Dates 2023

Wednesday 6th September	Pupils return to school
Monday 11th September	Meet the teacher meetings (3.30/4pm)
Monday 18th September	Welcome Service for new reception pupils
Thursday 21st September	Tempest Photography (Individual and Family)
Monday 2nd October	Collection opens for Harvest Appeal
Monday 2nd October	PTFA AGM (6pm)
Friday 6th October	Harvest Service
Monday 9th October	Parents Evening 1
Wednesday 11th October	Parents Evening 2
Monday 16th October	Parents Evening for SEND pupils
Wednesday 18th October	Open Event for prospective parents
Thursday 19th October	Spooky Disco for pupils