



Poppleford Post Extra

Mr Vaughan's end of year report

An amazing year at Newton Poppleford

There have been a great many achievements this year. So many children have developed new skills and talents. The staff have continued to provide an exciting, interesting and varied curriculum. Over the course of the year we have planned different topics across the school. With these have come some very exciting events which go to make the children's experiences at Newton Poppleford stimulating and I thought perhaps I would remind you of some of these;

- Throughout the year St Luke's church have held regular assemblies
- A travelling theatre company performed Charlotte's Web to the children.
- A group of year 6 children experience a Maths challenge morning at Exeter School
- Headbangers Theatre group worked on a performance with children in year 6 around healthy lifestyles, which they performed to their parents.
- 4 children from years 5 and 6 were trained as Anti-bullying ambassadors.
- Our local police worked with all the children on road safety
- A police officer from CEOP worked with children in year 6 on internet safety
- We celebrated Children in Need by all wearing pyjamas or onesies and raised over £170
- Year 4 had the opportunity to do level 1 bikeability
- Children from years 5 and 6 took part in a GO Ride cycling event.

- The whole school saw the pantomime Aladdin
- The dentist worked with year 3 about oral hygiene
- Reception class worked with Theatre bugs
- To celebrate World Book Day, all the children had a visit from a storyteller
- Reception class put on a Mother's Day tea party



- Year 5 took on inspiring the whole school to work towards the challenge of Devon Waste Free Lunch and their efforts were rewarded by achieving 2nd place from all the schools in Devon.
- All of KS2 took part in an Easter experience lead by members of St Luke's church.
- In March all members of the school's governing body were in school for a governor awareness, sharing the day with the children
- We had our annual talent show, where many of the children had an opportunity to showcase their talents
- For Sport relief, Miss Bell and year 6 organised many events, which saw over an amazing £1200 raised.
- Some year 5 children attended a

gifted and talented workshop for Drama at Sidmouth College



- English Touring Opera visited the school and performed Borka.

- Some parents have

brought their skills and knowledge into the school and worked with different classes, Mrs Parkinson doing art, Mr Cox sharing skills on marketing and Mr Tubbs doing science. (If you have skills that you think would bring some new or interesting aspects to our children's learning then please talk to your child's class teacher.)

- Other year 5's took part in a maths challenge at Exeter school, taking 1st place from 12 other primary schools across Devon,
- Year 5 had their residential at Escot
- Year 3 went fossil hunting in Charmouth
- Year 3 and 4 worked with the rangers on looking at heathland on Woodbury Common
- KS2 had an opportunity to experience TAIKO drumming and KS1 tried out



gumboot dancing, both amazing experiences that enhanced our topics looking at different places around the world.

An amazing year at Newton Poppleford (continued)

- Year 5 took part in Bikeability training



- The Tanglewood project worked with Year 6 on creating their legacy project, a fantastic shelter for far field. As



well as working with them on aspects of transition.

- 4 children in year 6 took part in



the Exmoor challenge, walking 16 miles on their own across Exmoor

- The year 6 children have had various leavers events, visiting the cinema, sharing fish and chips on the beach and then camping in far field.
- Year 6 visited the Donkey sanctuary, for various life skills events.

There also been numerous other sporting events, all very well organized by Miss Bell who joined us in September as our Sports and PE HLTA and various teams have experienced great success in a wide range of sports.

Our thanks go to the PTA as without their generous support many of these events couldn't take place.

Alongside these there have been many clubs run during the year and my thanks go to the all the staff and volunteers who give up their time for children to enjoy these.

Academic success

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting year in the life of our school. The children have worked tirelessly and put in a tremendous effort. This has resulted in some fantastic progress across the whole school and our pupils continue to attain well above both the national and Devon averages. We are delighted with the progress the pupils have made this year yet again the progress of chil-

dren leaving the school is outstanding.

All of the school's data will be published in the Autumn term as usual, but some of the highlights include;

- 8 children took part in the year 8 Maths challenge run by the UK Maths trust. Entered by over 300,000 children nationally, children have to be in the top 33% to get a certificate and the top 16% to get silver and 6% to get gold. This year 1 child got bronze, 6

silver and 1 gold.

- 68% of pupils in year 6 achieved level 5 in reading (compared to 48% nationally)
- 64% of pupils in year 6 achieved level 5 in maths (compared to 42% nationally)
- 32% of these pupils achieved level 6 (the expected level at year 9) this compares to 5% nationally and puts the school amongst the leading schools not just in Devon but nationally.

Thank you

Finally a lot of what is achieved in school is through that very strong partnership of school, children and parents, so our thanks to you all. We are also grateful to many others for their support and our thanks must also go to;

- The PTA for all their fabulous fundraising events, which help to enrich the children's curriculum
- Brendan Lee, who hears children read every week
- Steve Filer, for all his support with lessons, sporting events and giving up a week to be at Escot

- Claire Saunders and Sonia White for helping with the books in the Library
- Helene Hewitt for running our Maypole club
- Liz Yeld for help in various classes
- Vanessa Tyrrell for her help with various musical events.
- Chris Lee for his help in classes and with gardening club
- Gill Prideaux for her help in the reception class
- Claire Saunders for the flowers for the children in the procession at the school fete

- Mrs Kennelly for her help with Far field activities
- Mrs Vicary for helping in year 1
- Sue Hellier for her help with readers in reception
- Chris Noake as our unofficial auditor
- All the kitchen staff for the fabulous meals they prepare
- Vicki and Heidi in the office for their tireless efforts.
- Joanna Morgan for Zumba club
- Plus a thank you top other parents who have helped out occasionally in class.