

School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 9th October 2020

Can we remind parents and carers to observe the Social Distancing government guidelines of staying 2 metres apart from members of other households particularly at the end of the school day.

Sidmouth Science Festival starts today and runs until Sunday 18th October. We have all entered artwork into the annual Schools' Art Exhibition that features art from Primary schools throughout the Sid Valley. It will hopefully take place at Kennaway House, following government guidelines, on Thursday 15th October 11:00 am until 3pm on Sunday 18th October.



Today is Hello Yellow Day. Thank you to every child who dressed for the occasion and donated money.

Message from the PTFA

The 2020 **Newton Poppleford Pumpkin Trail** is coming! Buy your trail sheet for just £1 and have yourself some Covid safe pumpkin fun this half term! Order forms are coming home in bookbags, or email terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com to purchase a print-at-home version.

If you're getting a head start on your online shopping, don't forget to use **The Giving Machine** as your shopping portal, an easy way to donate to the PTFA without costing you a penny! Visit thegivingmachine.co.uk and search Newton Poppleford.

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

The Minpins



This week we discovered the 'Minpins' (tiny little people) living inside 'The Magic Tree'. It happened when Pre-School children were exploring Adventure Island on Monday. We all heard a strange whispering sound and felt a magical pull which

lead us to one of the large trees.

There we found a note from the Minpins asking for our help. It turned out those pesky goblins had cast a spell on The Magic Tree, trapping the Minpins inside! We had to go on a quest to find the secret password that would break the spell.

Using excellent counting skills to unearth clues that were hidden around Adventure Island we eventually found a special tin which had the pass words 'bish bash bosh' inside.

We rushed back to The Magic Tree, shouted out the words, then watched as the very grateful Minpins came flooding out! What a busy morning! As the week progressed it became clear the goblins were up to their tricks again as every class had different clues to solve to free the Minpins once again.

Year 2 are particularly excited to discover the Minpins on our doorstep as they are currently reading 'Billy and the Minpins' by Roald Dahl, what a happy coincidence!

All classes had a lovely surprise on World Mental Health Day, a very special note from the Minpins.

Also something else you should know. We believe the large tractor tyres that mysteriously turned up on the playground may have come from the goblin factory, it makes you wonder what kind of vehicles they are making in there?!



Pre-School News

School lunch—Pre school children can opt for a cooked school lunch at a cost of £2:30 a day. All enquiries to go to the school office.

For those that opt to bring in a packed lunch please remember we have a strict 'no nut' policy and grapes/ cherry tomatoes should be cut in half. Water is provided for those that don't bring in a drink.

y1

Heidi - I loved playing with the tyres outside.

Eden - The Goblins gave us some magic stones and they look really cool.

y2

Rosie - My Wow Moment was making playdough in Science.

Mary Bess - I enjoyed testing what materials would block a hole the best.

PRESCHOOL

Emily Jane –for building new friendships.

Tommy S – for great listening at Storytime.

RECEPTION

Jessica - I enjoyed sorting the buttons and guessing the rule.

Arthur - My wow moment was when I made a milking parlour with my friends.

WOW MOMENTS

y3

Tiesha - it was fun looking for notes from the goblins in Adventure Island

Florrie - I really liked doing my topic writing about Devon

Lawrence P – My Wow moment was when we drew the Christmas cards.

Charlie O - My Wow moment was doing literacy in Adventure Island and choosing which transport to use.

Millie P – I'm proud that I do my homework.

y4

Josh H - My wow moment has been completing the homework grid which has been based on our North American topic which I've enjoyed learning about in geography.

y5

Oscar - My wow moment was learning all about contour lines and then making our class display.

y6

Finnley C -My WOW Moment was getting a 'Privilege Card' for doing really good work in class.

Neveah - My WOW moment was finding out how light travels in Science.



SPORTY STARS

PRE-SCHOOL



Merlin for super catching and throwing. Really nice to see that great smile and engagement. Awesome!

RECEPTION



River for skill and control in movement, and doing all with enthusiasm. Superb!

YEAR 1



Harley for working hard and a willingness to try all aspects of the lesson. Brilliant!

YEAR 2



Maya for always giving her absolute best in PE, and a desire to learn. Keep it up.

YEAR 3



Lucy for setting an excellent example in team work and focus. And a true try and try again attitude. Well done.

YEAR 4



Maisy for a super attitude and settling brilliantly into the school. Completes all tasks with a smile. Brilliant.

YEAR 5



Matthew for demonstrating super ball skills during basketball and willingness to help others. Excellent work.

YEAR 6



Suzy for working hard in our lessons whether individually or in a group. And being able to demonstrate the skills learnt. Superb stuff.

Cara Shepherd, our parent support advisor, will be in the school playground before pick up every other Thursday afternoon (starting from 8th October) if any parents would like to discuss any matters with her.