



School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 20th November 2020

We are now well into the half-term and, of course, rapidly heading towards Christmas (sorry for mentioning the word in November). We realise that we will not be able to put on school performances for you to come in and see this year, but we do have plans to share our celebrations with you this year. Please look out for more details of this next week.

A bit of information to share now, Miss Gaston has been busy writing a nativity for KS1 and soon they will all be practising their singing – we will have Christmas Jumper day on Friday 11th December and you should have received details this week of the Christmas meal on Tuesday 15th. The staff are all looking forward to making this an exciting time for all the children and being able to share these celebrations with you.

Message from the PTFA

Don't forget the **Bag2School CLOTHING COLLECTION** is next week! Please bring bags in from Monday 23rd to store in the gazebo by the bike shed, our collection is Wednesday morning! Empty out those drawers and help us have a great collection, full list of items allowed is available on the school website.

The **PTFA AGM** was this week, please see the school website for the minutes from the meeting and reports from the chair and treasurer. Huge thanks to the outgoing committee members and class reps and welcome to the new volunteers!

Your new 2020/21 committee are:

Chair – Teri Murphy (Rec/Y3)
Secretary – Kate Clemens (Y3)

Deputy Chair – Henry Odbert (Rec/Preschool)
Treasurer – Jon Leeson-Kings (Y3/Y6)

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Children in Need

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate £144.25 to Children in Need.

Last half term, our **Geography** topic saw us look at our location and where we are in the world. Fantastic work was produced by all the children and we were taken on many journeys to different places. One of the geographical skills we developed was map skills. See the next page for photos from each of the classes.

Reception enjoyed creating their own maps of Adventure Island.

Year 1 looked at a variety of maps, and the idea of four compass points was introduced for children to give directions. Using photographs of the classroom, they created their own 2-D plan of the classroom on paper.

Year 2 went beyond the classroom to look at the whole school. Pupils looked at photographs of different locations within the school grounds and created a map of the school grounds with the photo locations as key landmarks.

Year 3 used eight compass points to describe the location of capital cities within the British Isles.

Year 4 focused on Ordnance Survey maps and basic map reading skills. After examining a map of Newton Poppleford and discussing what they can see on it, children were taught to read four-figure grid references and introduced to map symbols.

Year 5 had a greater emphasis on physical geography. Children learnt how hills and valleys are represented on OS maps, through the use of contour lines and built their own 3-D model from contour lines to represent this.

Year 6 began to learn to read six-figure grid references and practise locating the school, their house and significant buildings on a map of the local area.

After School Sport Club

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18th December), the **Youth Sport Trust**, a national charity, are running a 30-minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun!

www.youthsporttrust.org

Well-Being -YoungMinds are proud to launch their Parents Webchat service. If you need support looking after your child's mental health, use YoungMinds Parents Webchat to speak directly to an advisor, who will help direct you to the advice and information you may need. The Webchat is open from 09:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

YMCA Exeter – Children and Young People's Wellbeing Service. A free psychological wellbeing service for 5-18-year-old offering support and intervention for low mood, anxiety and behavioural difficulties. The team of Wellbeing Practitioners use CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) techniques and goal -setting to build up emotional wellbeing and resilience in young people and their families. To speak to someone on the team Tel: 01392 410530 or email: wellbeing@ymcaexeter.org.uk Find out more at the website: www.ymcaexeter.org.uk/cwpwellbeing.

Reception Class



Year 1

Our classroom maps



Year 2



Year 3



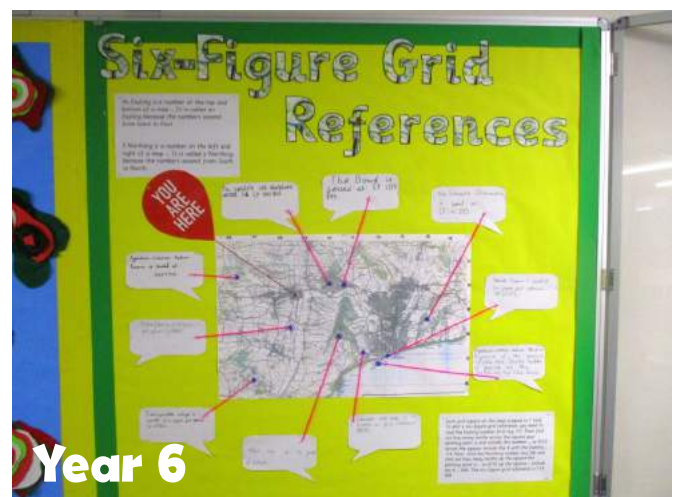
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Year 4

Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Celebration Certificates



Autumn for showing Reflectiveness

Elsie for showing Responsibility

Pre-School

Year R

Sennen for showing Resourcefulness

Josh for showing Readiness



Eden for showing Resilience

Scarlet for showing Readiness

Year 1

Year 2

Drew for showing Responsibility

Leila for showing Responsibility



Sophie for showing Reflectiveness

Olly for showing Responsibility

Year 3

Year 4

Sophie for showing Resilience

Merryn for showing Readiness



Ava R for showing Responsibility

Barney for showing Responsibility

May for showing Readiness

Year 5

Year 6

James for showing Reflectiveness

Harry for showing Resourcefulness





SPORTY STARS

PRE-SCHOOL



Betsy for cool balance and great determination on her bike. Well done.

RECEPTION



Mhoirbheinn for excellent control of the ball and stick whilst learning hockey. Brilliant.

YEAR 1



Chloe for superb dexterity and skill in using her hula hoop for balance and control. Super work.

YEAR 2



Drew for outstanding communication and movement in all activities undertaken in PE. Magic.

YEAR 3



Oliver D for his best effort during daily mile and a brilliant step up in running style. Keep it up.

YEAR 4



Elijah for setting himself a target time for one lap of the track in athletics and then improving it three times. Outstanding.

YEAR 5



Harry S - superb athletic technique in distance running. A star in the making for sure.

YEAR 6



Martha for endless effort during our invasion games demonstrating use of space and a great smile to match. Brilliant.