



18 June 2021

DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been an incredibly busy week in school with lots of wonderful events and learning taking place. Last Friday and this Friday we have welcomed our new Foundation Stage cohort into our EYFS garden to visit the setting. It has been lovely to welcome our new families (and known-to-us families) into the Devoran School community.

Year Five had an exceptional day at the Goblin Greenpower event at Predannick. The children worked incredibly hard and showed immense team work, support for one another as well as great sportsmanship throughout the day. We had a lot of schools commenting on our car designs and it was wonderful to be able to take two teams with us on the day. The money raised by the Year Five Enterprise Projects feeds in to the event for next year. I am so proud that the children are so invested in leaving this kind of legacy for future years to enjoy and gain experience from. Congratulations Year Five – you have really impressed us with all your work through your Enterprise Project and your work on Greenpower. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tilley for all his hard work on these two endeavours.

Today the Year Five and Year Six children had a beach day at Gwithian where they took part in a range of activities including beach cleaning, sand sculpting and surfing. The children were super ambassadors for the school and great fun was had by all.

For the past two nights, Year Six have been camping on our school field as they celebrate the end of their 'SATs Week'. On Thursday the children went to Granite Planet and had great fun rock climbing. It has been a really successful camping experience and we were fortunate enough to be able to borrow the tents from the Devoran Scouts. The Scouts also delivered an evening of problem-solving activities for the children which was really fun. A big thank you to the Scouts, but also to Mrs Dodson, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Morris and Mrs Tippet for organising such a great camp for our Year Six children. Thank you also to Mr Tilley and Mrs Morris for staying overnight and to Dr Thurston, Mrs Roberts and Mr Morse for helping on the days. Thank you also to the Year Six parents who helped to put up and take down the tents – we couldn't have done it without you!

You will know by now that the restrictions that we all hoped would be lifted on 21 June will now not end until 19 July. We are still working hard to provide our children with as many experiences and opportunities as we possibly can whilst maintain the integrity of our class bubbles and ensuring the safety of our children, community and staff. With this in mind, we wish to inform you that this year we will hold a Sports Day for our children on Wednesday 30 June, but we are making the decision now that this event will be for school only. Whilst schools have been told that it is possible to have multiple groups of 30 adults on site to attend such events, it is impossible to monitor this whilst also focusing on the 210 children in our care. We know that this news will disappoint you, but I hope that you will understand that we are all working incredibly hard to ensure that the final four weeks of school are safe and fun for our children and the staff and that we are all mitigating risks of mass gatherings and becoming a super spreader for COVID-19 – especially as we have seen cases rise significantly over the last few weeks.

Please remember that Friday 25 is Donation Day – more information can be found below.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Miss Lock

PTCA Information

In lieu of a Summer Fayre which we would love to run, but isn't feasible yet, the PTCA are holding a Mega Raffle via Let's Localise!

We would love to reach out to our community and ask for help with the prizes:

- Can you offer a prize linked to your work or do you know anyone who can? This could be products, items, vouchers or even your time.
- We will be holding a **Donation Day on Friday 25 June** on which **children can wear their own clothes**. We would love for the classes to **bring in the following colour-themed items that we can use for our raffle prizes**:

FS Red, YR1 Blue, YR2 Green, YR3 Yellow, YR4 Pink, YR5 Orange, YR6 Purple

If you are able to help with any prizes or if you are interested in finding out a bit more about the PTCA, please contact Elle and Chris Booker on devoranptca@mail.com

We would like to collect all prizes by Friday 25 June, so please share this with the community so that we can raise lots of money for our school and also create some amazing prizes for our raffle!

Accelerated Reader

We would like to thank all our children from Year Two upwards who are actively embracing our new reading programme through Accelerated Reader. Last week, Mrs Morris had a meeting with a member of the Accelerated Reader team, and they were really impressed with our data.

They said: "In terms of STAR results, it was really uplifting to see so many children doing so well against other children of the same age as them. We are ideally looking for an average pass mark (for quizzes) of 85% and above and this was being achieved by around 75% of the class - something, at this stage of implementation in school, I have never seen before. We then looked at results through the whole school via the Word Count report, ostensibly just to look at who in the school was smashing the number of words read. What we found out through that was that not one single child in any class had dropped more than two quizzes and the majority had passed all of them. Mrs Morris now knows that this was the first time I have ever seen that degree of quiz passing in any school ever.....and I have been doing this for many years. It was truly an absolute joy to look at these results which, as much as anything I guess, shows Devoran School's commitment and understanding of what AR can do when it is used really properly. You are set to fly with it!"

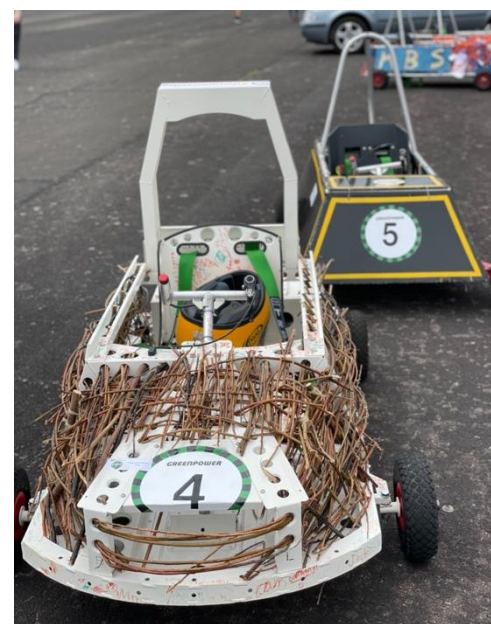
This is really pleasing feedback to receive and we hope that the enjoyment of reading will continue to go from strength to strength. The PTCA have very generously given the school £1,500 to spend on books to bring in a broader range of reading genres to try and engage all readers at all abilities. This money will go a long way to helping provide a great many more books to our children, so thank you to everyone who has contributed to the PTCA events over the past 18 months – it will make such a difference.



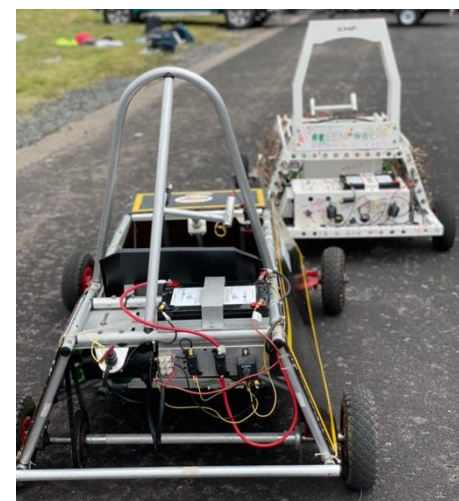


Year Six
Residential
2021

The one where
we stayed in
school!



Year Five
Goblin
Greenpower
Predannick
2021



Parents and Carers Wellbeing Workshops

Public Health Cornwall and HeadStart Kernow would like to share with you an exciting new programme of support for parents and carers across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

A series of themed multimedia workshops are dedicated to expanding understanding in an everchanging world; raising awareness of services and support and promoting constructive, informed conversations.

You can find out how to access these workshops on the leaflet within the body of this newsletter.

Parents and carers wellbeing workshops



Support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world

A series of **20 multimedia workshops for parents and carers living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**. Designed to help you get a better understanding of the everchanging world your child is growing up in, to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

Learn more about...

- Supporting parents and children emotionally
- Where and how to find local support
- Healthy relationships
- Staying safe online
- Mental health and self care
- Loneliness, loss and bereavement
- Wellbeing and nature
- Sexual health
- Myth busting self harm and suicide
- Talking to your teenager
- Impact of substance/alcohol use
- Gender identity
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Children's Rights
- The power of books
- Dads as parent/carers

Where: Online
[facebook.com/TFFCornwall](https://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
When: Mon-Thurs, 7:30-8:30pm
Dates: 7 June - 8 July



To find out more or register your interest, visit www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall or email wellbeingseries@cornwall.gov.uk with Wellbeing Series as the subject.

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Devoran Wraparound Care

This week we had a great time enjoying the gorgeous sunshine while remembering to give ourselves a break in the shade and use our sun cream. The weather has meant lots of wild outdoor play identifying bugs and plants and even using the camera to create some wild pictures.

We took our craft activities outside and created symmetrical wild art which we loved and will be trying again as it doesn't matter how much mess we make outside!



We've still enjoyed our quiet time too playing cards chatting and enjoying each others company.

And of course we couldn't forget our fabulous Dads, we hope you all have a lovely Fathers Day!





Parent reminders

Please can we kindly remind everyone of the importance of booking children into both breakfast and afterschool club for each session required. As you will be aware the registers are legal documents that we have to keep up to date and accurate for each session and we are required to report the numbers of children attending each day by 2pm.

We also need to know the numbers of children attending sessions in advance so that we can arrange staff, collect children from their classrooms and provide snacks to accommodate all of the children's individual needs which as you can appreciate are many and varied. Sessions can be booked directly on ParentPay where you will need to select the session you wish to pay for, it is important that you book the session as well as make the payment or children do not show up on the daily register. If you pay by childcare vouchers you can book without paying on ParentPay by just selecting sessions.

We are well aware there will always be times when people are running late or need care at the last minute and we will continue to be able to accommodate these needs, however knowing how many children we are already expecting to attend each session also helps in this area.

As the end of year of this we are looking to bring everyone's wraparound costs on ParentPay to a balance of zero.

If you book and pay directly on the ParentPay website we kindly ask that you go on and check your accounts and outstanding balances so they can be cleared by the end of term. Reminder letters of balances still outstanding will be sent in the last week of term.

If you pay by childcare voucher you will be aware that payments can take 3 weeks to be processed from the school bank account onto ParentPay. While I am aware that there will be some last minute or unexpected bookings required, if you could predict as far as your possible bookings from the 25th June to the 16th of July it would be much appreciated. Your voucher bill will then be made up to include these amount. Any credit on the accounts will be carried over to September.

You can email me these bookings rather than add them onto ParentPay if it helps.