



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been a term like no other; our children have experienced another lockdown, some have got to grips with more remote learning whilst some diligently came in to critical care group in school. All our children have also managed a reintegration back to school and took part in a rainbow pathway of activities to support them socially and emotionally with the magnitude of what we have all had to endure over the past year. We continue to be in awe of our children who have shown such resilience and positive attitude on our return to 'physical school'. We will continue to support our children as we prepare for our Summer Term of learning – but before that - I think it is fair to say we all need and deserve a rest!

We are very proud of our Year 6 writers who entered the Rotary Young Writers competition during lockdown and were presented with certificates on Monday. The theme was to write about 'My Happiest Day' within 550 words using whatever text type they wished. The judges were thrilled with the enthusiasm and high-quality of literacy language and devices used to portray their happiest day in a variety of text types.

The judges were particularly impressed that not only one, but two members of Devoran School had achieved highly commended awards, being within the top ten chosen in the competition to be presented with a certificate and a book token award.

Charlotte Goater was awarded for her true event of her pool party that was written in the style of a poem which included great language features as well as engaging the reader with charm and wit of family life.

Andre Roberts was praised for his detailed recount of his trip to the zoo which has fuelled his love of animals and inspired his compassion for conservation. Well done Year 6 writers!

We also want to congratulate our 3 marvellous speakers who entered the Youth Speaks 2021 competition this week. Amelie delivered a well discussed, thought provoking and exciting speech about the wonderful discoveries of ancient Egypt and posed the question should we excavate the past for historical learning or should we respect the wishes of the ancient dead and leave tombs hidden? Charlotte Goater opened and closed the debate with wonderful expression that intrigued and captivated the audience, and George Buckland summarised the speech, giving careful consideration and his own suggestion to the debate, with a little wit to keep the audience engaged to the end. All speakers worked tirelessly to produce a high- quality team effort and we couldn't be prouder! We will know the results and feedback from the judges after the holidays. A special thank you to Mrs Roberts for steering them in the right direction and helping them to create this fantastic debate. Well done team!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and kind comments, cards and emails that we have gratefully received. I would also like to thank the entire Devoran Team who have worked exceptionally hard over the past term to deliver such high-quality learning for our children.

I hope that you all enjoy your Easter break.

Best wishes and stay safe

Miss Lock



PTCA Online Bingo

Thank you to everyone who took part in our PTCA online bingo fundraiser last night; it was so much fun and I look forward to more community events in the future. Thank you to Chris, Elle and the PTCA for organising the event and for arranging the prizes. If you would like to help organise future events or if you have any ideas for fundraising, please do contact devoranptca@mail.com as they would love to hear from you.

New Summer Menu

Our new summer menu can be found on our website:

http://www.devoran.cornwall.sch.uk/web/school_dinners/301619

Please try to book school dinners on ParentPay in advance.

Free webinars for parents

When we prepared for our opening to all students in September, we worked with Creative Education to look at the how we could best support our children socially and emotionally on their return. The training that we undertook was of great interest and support to us and the company have now expanded their range to make some courses available to parents and carers. I have been in discussions with Headstart Kernow and they have extended our trial of the suite of resources for parents. We know that many parents have already accessed the courses and have found them really useful. Please feel free to make use of this resource which can also support with teenage children as well as children of primary school age.

<https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/add-yourself-to-your-school-or-collegemembership/?ca=9516a94b337a1ac67dea0aacf366d026>

Cornwall Library Service

Cornwall Library provides members free access to a wide range of online resources. These include:

- electronic books
- eAudiobooks
- online newspapers and magazines
- stream music to your internet device
- research information using our online reference library

To find out more, use this link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/your-library-online/>

SPACE - Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

What Is SPACE? SPACE - Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally is an exciting collaboration between Headstart Kernow and Rockpool.

SPACE was created to help parents understand what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach and to familiarise them with the Trauma Informed language being used in schools and across organisations who are working with and supporting their children.

A programme intended for all parents SPACE aims to provide information to parents, raising awareness of trauma and how that can affect both children's and adult's emotional behaviour.

Contact ness.little@cornwall.gov.uk

Primary school pupils and rapid asymptomatic testing

On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.

PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

Devoran Wraparound Care

29/03/21

The Easter Bunny came and left us with lots of inspiration and supplies this week and we had great fun developing our own spring and Easter ideas.



We also enjoyed making and eating some delicious cakes!



Have a fabulous Easter holiday everyone, stay safe and take care!

Can we ask everyone to book any sessions you know you will require for the week (both breakfast and afternoon sessions) on ParentPay or with Emma at emmafoden@devoranschool.co.uk. This helps us to set up the hall with spaces and equipment to be used by each bubble and means we can collect the children from the classrooms at the end of the day.

Book Online

Virtual TRLC Collaborative Art Gallery Event



The Truro, Roseland, Learning Community (TRLC) want to celebrate the abundance of creativity we have amongst our children/students. We plan to produce a TRLC programme to support the Awards Celebration Event (e copy format) for this year and will require some amazing artwork from the children/students to adorn it. This year our theme will be 'Hope'.

In addition, all entries will be collated into a PowerPoint slideshow to share across the group 20 schools/college which can then be shown on school's various platforms such as websites, Facebook etc. showing every piece of artwork entered. Winners will be chosen (there will be 3 x winners – 1 for each of the front, back and inside the programme) by the steering committee.

Entry deadline will be **23 April**. Please follow the instructions below:

- 'Hope' is the theme
- A4 portrait orientation only
- The A4 composition can use any art medium, pastel, charcoal, watercolour, screen print – no restrictions
- Entries must be the handed to Mrs Andrews by Friday 23 April
- On the front of the artwork we will need to see the child's full name (the winning entries will also have an acknowledgement using their name and school in the programme)
- We will need consent from the parent to use the artwork and full name from children/students to be used for the purposes outlined above.



Your School Nurse

Your child can have access to a School Nurse at any time if you have any health concerns, in addition your School Nurse offers a full health assessment in reception and year 6.

The School Nurse can check:

- Your child is growing healthily and support with healthy eating
- Support with access to dental care and general support for dental hygiene
- Help with day / night time wetting or soiling
- Provide information about immunisations
- Guidance re healthy lifestyles
- Support with general hygiene issues including head lice and worms
- Support with general emotional health issues
- Support to access other health professionals
- Routines, including sleep

Additionally in Year 6:

- Friendships
- Relationships
- Development, including periods and puberty
- Access to specialist services – including dietician, healthy weight programmes and voluntary services
- Developmental issues
- Transition to secondary school
- Healthy lifestyles



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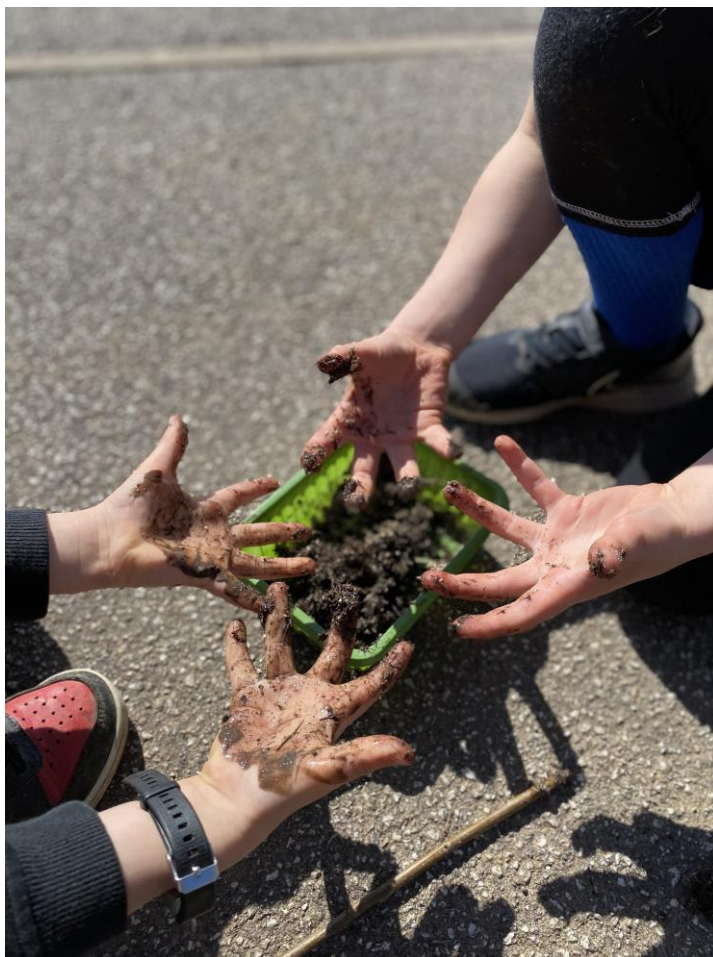
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Our Foundation Stage children had a lovely morning exploring our school grounds on their Easter Egg Number Hunt today!



Year Two have had great fun this week making seed bombs as part of their topic learning.



My Happiest Day

A few years ago, I visited Paignton zoo with my family. The journey wasn't the most exciting part of the trip as it was a two and a half hour drive which felt longer than it was (as my brothers were a bit irritating), however the hours that followed more than made up for it!

After we arrived at the zoo, we had to wait in a long queue, but this wasn't a problem as there were pink flamingoes balancing on one leg to entertain us! Finally, we entered the zoo grounds and made our way around the enclosures - I was eager to see the Orang-utans as they are my favourite animal! We found these orange haired apes swinging from tree-to-tree and we had the perfect view. The icing on the cake was seeing the super cute baby Orang-utan playing on the ropes and dangling from the branches!

Next, we were off to see the Tapirs, as my oldest brother Oliver really likes them and was looking forward to seeing them. Unfortunately, they were asleep under the bush just out of view and all we had was a glimpse of its unusual snout.

While we were walking away, we heard a mighty **ROAR** which made me jump out of my skin and made my hairs stand on end, but with great excitement we raced over to the lion enclosure and found the magnificent lion waiting for its tasty meal.

It wasn't long before our own tummies were rumbling, so we stopped at a bench to eat our picnic - we had a fantastic view point of the large troop of Baboons performing their crazy stunts and naughty tricks.

After we ate our food we took a stroll through the nature trail and into the Lemur Woods. It felt like being in a wild jungle as the leaping lemurs were free to climb, pounce and swing all around us with the sound of their haunting calls echoing through the forest. Occasionally, they would simply sit and stare at us with their bright burning eyes; it was truly a magical experience that I will never forget.

There were so many amazing animals to see and now and again we would re-visit the Tapirs, only to find the lazy creatures sleeping in the exact same spot. Lastly we visited the tigers, we were incredibly lucky to have such a close encounter as the black striped beast was literally a few meters away. It was huge, and its menacing eyes pierced straight through mine and made my heart pound.

If you are a lover of animals, I would highly recommend visiting Paignton zoo; you will definitely enjoy it, especially as it helps with the conservation of these wonderful creatures.

Written by André Roberts

The Best Day of My Life

By Charlotte Goater

The day of my party was finally here. My tummy felt like jelly my excitement was clear!
My party was going to be at a pool, all my friends were coming it was going to be cool!
Too excited for breakfast, I couldn't sit down. I couldn't wait to get going I was spinning
around! I packed my towel and my swimming costume too, and Mum kept shouting: "Have you been
to the loo?"

I dashed to the car as fast as I could and slamming the door I trapped my coat hood! We drove
around corners and past little shops, it felt like the journey would never come to a stop. We twisted
and turned down long narrow bends, but the journey finally came to an end. I hopped out of the car
and what should I see? My little cousins were waiting for me!

It wasn't too long before guests started to come, we met at reception, this was going to be fun! We
all changed together in the pool changing room; put our clothes in the lockers and showered off too.
Then we were given brightly coloured wrist bands – we hoped that they wouldn't slip off our small
hands!

With a shriek and cheer we entered the pool, it was noisy and massive, and the water was cool! We
splashed as we went in and screamed at the slides. The tunnels twisted and turned, they were fun,
thrilling rides!

We sped down a slide on a large rubber ring and got stuck in the middle, it was such a fun thing! We
hopped out so quickly and laughed as we pushed, the rings came unstuck with a great, massive
WOOSH!!! We got pulled down the rapids, all touching head to toe, then our pool buzzer sounded so
out we must go!

We rushed to our lockers and got dressed really fast because nobody wanted to be left
until last – at the back of the queue for my Birthday lunch. We were totally starving, a
right hungry bunch! Chips and fish fingers, peas roll on the floor, we were all very hungry
and we all wanted more! And then came MY cake with the unicorn sprinkles; with edible
glitter- it sparkled and twinkled! I blew out the candles with a song and a cheer
and I hope I can do it all again next YEAR!