



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week with WOW days, visits out and visitors in! A great start to an exciting term! All the classes had a lovely time with the curator from Barnstaple Museum who brought in a wide variety of artefacts throughout the ages – and the children had to guess what they were and what they were used for! It was lovely to have both schools come together to see and hear two fascinating authors. They really brought the writing process to life and gave the children lots of ideas of how to become even stronger writers themselves. The children loved getting their books autographed.

Year 5 and 6 pupils are really looking forward to their residential trip to London in a couple of weeks. It is going to be a wonderful 4 days away and staff are very excited about it! Kit lists and itineraries were given out this week so if you missed them please contact school.

I'm sorry that last week I said Mrs. Scott a TA and Miss Lee a student teacher were working in the Robin's class – my mistake they are in the Hedgehog's class.

We have been thrilled that today we received an amazing cheque for £547.50 from Fremington & District Community Development Group, from funds raised at the recent Party at the Manor in Fremington. We are putting this very generous donation towards the new build and hope to have lots more fund raising events to taking place over the year.

We are thrilled to learn that two past pupils from Holywell, Archie Cockbain and Kelsie Brewer have been asked to talk at Pilton Community College's Open Evening next Monday. We are very proud of them to be chosen from all the Year 7 pupils – what an honour! Well done. (And the previous year Genevieve Andrews was asked – what a tradition has been started!)

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on 25th September in St Peter's Church, Tawstock. On this day can you please drop your child off at the Church at 8.45am. You are very welcome to join us for the Service. Could we please ask you to send in two different items to the Church on the morning:

1. tin and package produce which we will then donate to the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple, a centre that supports local homeless people.
2. coins for Amigos, a local charity supporting children in Uganda that morning. We will be covering a picture with all the coins and then sending all the money collected to Amigos.

We thank you so much for your support of our Harvest and look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us.

## School News

### Letters sent home this week:

Reception and Year 6 - Change for life – Measuring height & weight.

Year 2 – Carousel afternoon – Design & Technology £2.50.

All children – Universal Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

Year 5 & 6 – Interest letter for Stonehenge Trip

### **Kingsley School Cross Country event**

Please can those children who are running the cross country event at Kingsley school on Sunday meet Mrs. Hammond at the registration tent at 9am to collect numbers and then walk the course. If you have not given your registration details to Mrs. Hammond you can still do so by

visiting: <http://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/how-to-enter-the-league.html>

Please remember to put Holywell as your team.

### **Returning forms etc.**

The post box is now outside the office for you to put all forms/permission slips etc. that need to be returned. Any forms which have money attached MUST be put in envelope with your child's name on plus the name of activity that the money is for.

All cheques for school activities must be made payable to 'Devon County Council (DCC) and school meal cheques to 'St Michaels Learning Centre'.

**After school clubs** - All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	Starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	Starts 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	Starts 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	Starts 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Starts 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept

### **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

Non Pupil (Staff Training Day) Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Harvest Festival – at St Peter's Church Tawstock – Please drop off of at the Church at 8.45pm.

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm.

### **PTFA**

The Holywell PTFA would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school and especially to any new parents and children. We will be holding the AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September and this is open to everyone so please come along if you would like to help us raise extra money for the children of Holywell.

### **Autumn Raffle**

We will be selling raffle tickets at the school gates over the coming week and would like to make the draw on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated, please drop them into Elaine in the school office or any member on the committee.

### **Community News**

**North Devon Roots Band** is a weekly group for 8 - 18 year olds. It meets weekly on Tuesdays at the Castle Centre in Barnstaple from 5.00 - 6.30pm. We provide instruments for this group so you don't need to have your own to join in but please bring your own acoustic instrument along if you have one! This group is mainly instrumental but we also do some singing and make great arrangements of traditional music and song. The cost of £45 for the term (10 sessions) or £5 per session.

### **Flute for Sale**

Yamaha 211511 - in good condition £100 Phone 01271 371751 and leaving your name and number and they will get back to you.

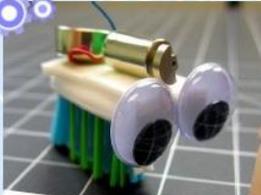
SCIENCE DIPITY PRESENTS

# SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB



## DESIGN SQUAD

2 hour hands on engineering workshop  
Saturday 26th September at Barnstaple Library



Build a Bristlebot and enter in into the tournament arena.

A mystery engineering challenge awaits you!



Design & construct a balloon powered car. Will yours win the race?



Choose either am or pm session: 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm  
£15 for 2 hour workshop  
includes activities listed above, take homes & refreshments.  
Suitable for ages 7-12 approx.

To book email: [sciencedipity@outlook.com](mailto:sciencedipity@outlook.com)  
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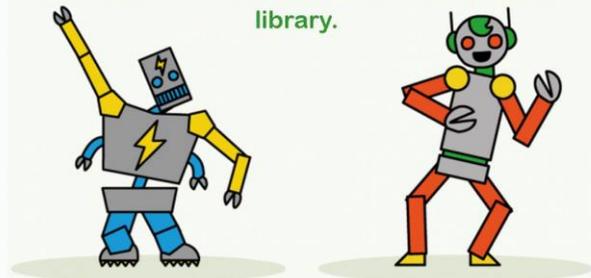


## Code Club

Would you like to learn how to make computer games, animations and websites?

Then Code Club is for you.

We are starting a Code Club at Barnstaple Library for children aged 9-11. For more information or to sign up please contact the library.



[www.codeclub.org.uk](http://www.codeclub.org.uk)



## Barnstaple Children are amazing!

- 1363 Joined our Summer Reading Challenge
- 1773 Paper dolls were produced, making Barnstaple's the longest paper doll chain produced by a Devon Library
- 297 hours were worked by our Young Volunteers
- 462 children attended library events during the summer holidays

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