

A message from Mrs. Denham

What a wonderful day we had at Saunton Sands yesterday. The weather was in our favour and the children were just so happy. They loved the digging and building, the ice lollies and paddling their toes. We want to say a huge thank you to all the support and help we had to make sure the day was a great success. We had many comments saying how well the children behaved and how polite they were!

I want to say a THANK YOU to our superb Governing Body chaired by Linda Watt, for all their dedication and support for both schools in our Federation. They volunteer tirelessly throughout the year and have really made a difference to the leadership and management of the Federation. They are so pleased with the result of our 2 OFSTED inspections. We must also THANK the wonderful PTA, chaired by Kirsty Perfect, for all they do, raising much needed funds for the school and also providing a wide variety of events and activities for all the pupils and their families. Holywell Rocks was a superb event and we look forward to seeing what Holywell Rocks 2018 brings! We are very grateful to them for all their hard work.

We have had to say a very sad good bye to Mr Hulbert who has been working in Squirrels Class. He has been a super TA and will be very sadly missed.

We have to say a huge goodbye to our amazing and wonderful Y6 – goodbye Tabitha Andrews, Summah Barrow, Jayden Comer, Emily Easterbrook, Oliver Lardner, Nathan Pullen, Sienna Ritzen, Freddie Tanton & Sonny Worsley. Thank you: Mrs Curtis and Mrs Vine for organising such a lovely leaver's service today. We wish you every success as you move onto your new adventures in secondary school. We know you will let your light shine. Enjoy Air extreme tonight!

We also need to say a big goodbye to Jared who is moving on to new a school. We will miss him and wish him all the very best.

Attendance: 22 of our children have achieved an excellent attendance record this year which is 21% of the school. One pupil, Kodie Harmer has attained a 100% record – wow, well done Kodie! 21 children have attained a 99% attendance record: Bobby Barrow, Lannah Barrow, Summah Barrow, Fred Cockbain, Harry Cockbain, Corey Reeves, Harvey Reeves, Beau Vanhorn, Jacey Cook, Ruby Coram, Anya Dingley, Lucas Dingley, Theo Flanagan, Reagan Fowler, Rhys Gordon, Olivia James, Riley Lloyd, Monty Andrews, Tabitha Andrews, Felix Dymond, Leah Smith and Charlie Wileman. Well done to you all.

I can't believe we have finally reached the end of such a busy school year. I am so proud of all the children at Holywell - they have worked hard and played hard! They are what make Holywell such a special school to work in. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and hope the sun continues to shine

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School News

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations and well done to:

Jack Vine; has completed his stage 2 swimming award.

Squirrels – Year 6's

On Monday our year 6s did an amazing job, stepping up and acting as teachers for the day. They had spent lots of time in the previous week planning and preparing activities for the younger children. They all had a great day and had learnt a lot by the end of the experience!

On Wednesday we had a great year 6 trip to Lee Abbey where we thought about some of the challenges that face us when we have to move on to new things in our lives. We had time for questions and quiet reflection and an opportunity to face our fears on the climbing wall. We had an amazing lunch down on the beach, where we were very lucky to see dolphins swimming in the bay as we ate lunch around a beach fire.

Along with everything else, the year 6 pupils have been working to put together pieces for their Leavers' Service. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Vine are so proud of all that they have achieved and how much they have developed in maturity especially over the last few weeks.

Robin and Hedgehogs Wow Day was a huge success.

The children performed the most amazing dances based around the moves they had learnt from the dancers in the Lion King stage show, Billy Elliot's ballet and the street dance from Diversity. Between the dancing they shared their learning about the creatures they had discovered during our science focus this term. They explored the possibilities of sharing their information with a slide show presentation and a shadow puppet show of their own non-fiction books brought alive on screen. A big thank you; to all the parents and grandparents who came along to watch. The children worked very hard to produce their show and were very proud to perform to you all.

Foxes Class

A big thank you to the children in Foxes class from Mrs. H and Mrs. Garland - we have had an amazing year together and have enjoyed sharing in your many learning adventures. We are so very, very proud of you all not only with the progress you have made but the confident and fun individuals you have all become. We hope that you have an amazing summer holiday with your families and send lots of best wishes to the year 4s that are leaving us. As for year 3, we look forward to seeing you in September, when you will be the 'oldies' of the class!

For year 2 and year 3 who will make up the new Foxes class in September the focus of our topic will be Ancient Egypt.

Preschool

We still have a few places available in September. You can book places by emailing adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Funding:

If you are planning on registering for the extra 30 funding before the 29th August can you please then email immediately to adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk, with your insurance number, full name and date of birth of your child + the 11 digit authorization code which you will receive on registering with HMRC. If we (school) have not activated the code before the end of August then the funding will not start until January, 2018.

Further information is available here
<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at
<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who supported Emily's cake sale on Wednesday. She raised a whopping £67.00 towards her Roller Derby trip abroad this Summer.

News from the PTA



50 50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Samantha Hammond

Congratulations on winning £15.50!

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Op-Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

NO CLUBS on the 7th or 8th September.

	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
	Staff Meetings			
	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	Yr1,2 & 3	

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs the club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

End of summer term – Friday 21st July, 2017.

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Diary Dates

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.



Community News

Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club; we are planning ahead for September and families will have received an email from school with booking forms attached to show your interest. This year we have seen a fall in numbers and, therefore, we are reviewing the service we offer. For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis, with a short deadline of Monday 17th July. We hope to see many of your bookings come in for the Autumn Term; Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Summer childcare! If your child is in pre-school, Reception class or Year 1 and you are looking for childcare this Summer, we may be able to help! Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org to show your interest.

30 hours funding – did you know you will be able split your funding next year with another setting. If your child is at Holywell Pre-School and has hours to spare in the school holidays (Mrs Palmer will be able to advise you), we may be able to offer you a space in our Kindergarten in the holidays using the hours you are not using at Holywell. Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Good luck...we would like to wish the Year 6 children, many of whom we remember as tots in our nursery, the very best of good luck as you set off to Senior School. Enjoy the next steps of your learning journey and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Circuits

Every Tuesday

9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.

£4 pay as you go

All fitness levels welcome!

Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.

Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.

07973 533668

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome

Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.

Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall

For more details contact Mel:

07866783740

2017 Carnival

Saturday 16th September

See:

www.barnstaplecarnival.org.uk

for updates information on classes and entries.

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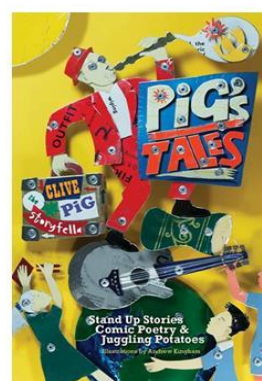
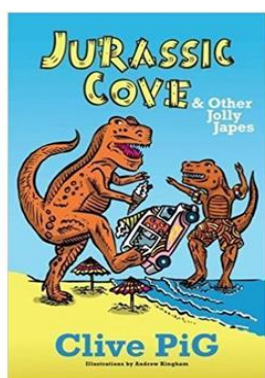
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Thursday 24th August
11.00-12.00noon.

For ages 4 - 104

£2.50 per ticket, payable at the time of booking.
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Thursday 24th August
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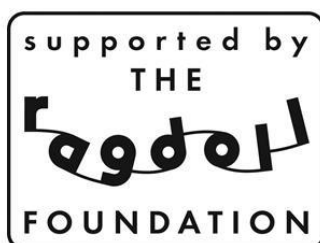
Join **Dance in Devon** for a
'Great Big Jungle Dance'
based on the children's book
'Gerald the Giraffe'.



Tuesday 15th August, 10.00-10.45am
Tuesday 22nd August, 10.00-10.45am

Suitable for children aged up to 5 years old.
Older siblings are more than welcome to join in!

£1 per child, payable at the time of booking.



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A serious break in at Barnstaple library!

Certificates stolen, books ruined, pot plants destroyed and Sharon's sandwiches eaten!

Animal Agents from Exmoor Zoo have been called. Look at the forensic evidence, examine the clues, to find out who's responsible!

Barnstaple Library
Tuesday 8th August
10.30 – 11.30am

Suitable for all ages



£2.50 per ticket, payable at the time of booking.

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All children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge at Barnstaple library by **Saturday 2nd September** will receive a free ticket for Exmoor Zoo (with a paying adult).



Each child will also be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a selection of prizes including:

Be a Zoo Keeper for the day at Exmoor Zoo

Free tickets to a local attraction

Plus many more prizes



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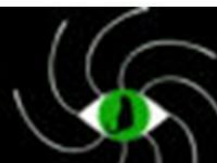
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FOR CATS' EYES ONLY



Author Reading and craft session with Olli Tooley

Barnstaple Library

Monday 14th August

10.30am - 12noon

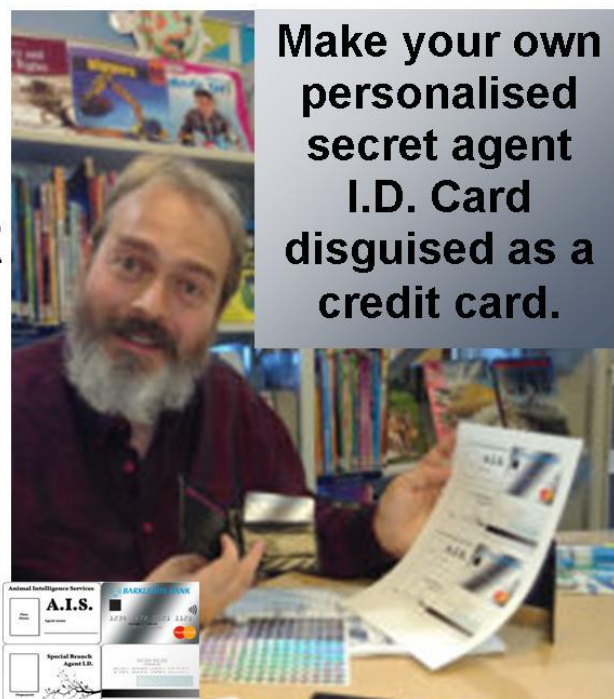
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£2 per child

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Really Wild Learning at Barnstaple Library



Monday 21st August
10.30-11.30am
Suitable for all ages



Really Wild Learning
Education, Inspiration, Conservation.

'Exciting, educational animal
encounters presented by a
qualified teacher'.



School workshops.
Art / Photography workshops.
Birthday parties.
Events.

07813 551672
info@reallywildlearning.co.uk



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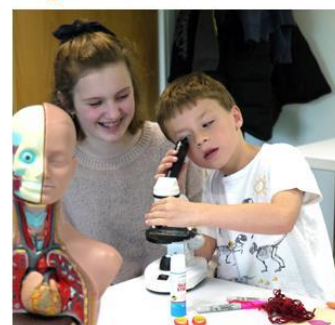
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Sciencedipity workshops at Barnstaple Library

Friday 1st September

10.00-11.00 & 11.30-12.30

Science inspired by
'The Lorax' and 'Horton Hears a Who'

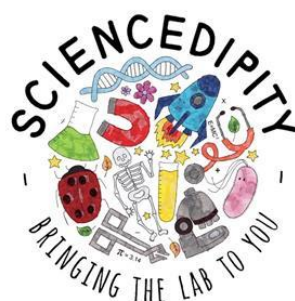


1.30-2.30 & 3.00-4.00

Science inspired by
'Green Eggs & Ham' and 'The Cat in the Hat'

£3.50 per child per workshop,
payable at the time of booking.
Booking essential.

Suitable for children of all ages



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Craft sessions with WOW Scrapstore at Barnstaple Library



Thursday 3rd August 10.00am – 12noon

Help the Animal Agents fight crime with your own crime fighting kit!

Make magnifying glasses, finger printing sheets, forensic cases and sample containers, flashlights and detective ID.

Thursday 10th August 10.00am – 12noon

Help the Animal Agent with their top secret work!

Make you own spy gadgets, make a hidden place for all your secrets, create your own top secret files folder and some clever disguises.

Thursday 17th August 10.00am – 12noon

Test you Animal Agents, make them puzzles!

Make your own puzzles, mazes, codes and secret gadgets to follow the Animal Agents in their search for clues.

Suitable for children of all ages.

£2.50 per child, payable at the time of booking.

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Barnstaple Library Launch Event

Saturday 15th July 10.00am-3.00pm

Stalls and activities all day

Barnstaple Library
Library Square
Castle Green



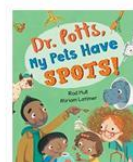
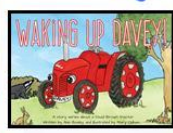
Meet some animals from

Exmoor Pony Centre

Exmoor Zoo

Really Wild Learning

Safe Haven Exotics



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Goodwin Art Gallery
Barnstaple History Group
Phatdog Events
The Plough Arts Centre
Exmoor National Park
The Voice Radio Station
Landkey Girl Guides
Dance in Devon
Fab Lab Devon

Children's authors

Alan Bosley

Victoria Eveleigh

Sandra Everitt

Lesley Glover

Miriam Latimer

Lisa McNeill

Dan Metcalfe

Olli Tooley

