Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS



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2021 SCHOOL DIARY

<u>STARS OF THE</u> <u>WEEK</u> Zoe Lewis Paisley Russell Tommy Patterson Brooke Wojcikiewicz Frankie Richardson Sofia Anderson Oakley Dryden

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 92.5% -94.4% Nursery (Seahorses) Reception (Turtles) - 95.6% Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 90.8% Year 2 (Puffins) - 85.0% Year 3 (Sharks) - 96.4% Year 4 (Penguins) - 93.9% Well Done Sharks!



PUMPKIN COMPETITION WINNERS

We received over 140 entries to this year's pumpkin competition, ensuring that our hall looked particularly spooky when the children came into assembly this morning. Yesterday, Mrs Williams, our Chair of Governors, kindly agreed to select her favourite pumpkin from each class to receive a prize. All children who entered the competition also received a small prize. **Our winners are: Little Pebbles: Melissa Stott**,

Seahorses: Oscar Stone, Turtles: Sophia Gair, Jellyfish: Connie Robinson, Puffins: Barney Falkous, Sharks, Amelia Knowles, Penguins: AJ Chapman Orr. Well done to everyone for their efforts.

ADDIITONAL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Earlier this week Mrs Dellbridge emailed parents of Y2, Y3 and Y4 children offering some additional after school clubs. These clubs are free of charge and will hopefully broaden the opportunities and experiences that we provide for the children at Amble Links. The clubs are: Gardening, Conservation and Reading. These run straight after school. So far we have been surprised to have received very few responses from parents wishing to join these clubs. Please contact the school office by email if you would like your child to be considered for a place.

ILLNESSES IN SCHOOL

Earlier in the week a number of cases of the hand, foot and mouth virus amongst pupils were reported to us or identified in school. We have followed public health guidance in order to reduce any further spread but ask that parents remain vigilant for symptoms. We continue to provide enhanced levels of cleaning in school as we have done throughout the Covid pandemic.

IT'S OKAY DAY

We've been amazed at the range of ideas and issues addressed through the costumes and outfits that the

children have come to school in today. Classes have had lots of discussions about tolerance and diversity. We have also raised £150 to support the children of Mgao Pre Primary School in Tanzania. See our Facebook Page for lots of photos.

FREE TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE

Today we have sent home a toothbrush and toothpaste with each child. These have



been sent to us as part of Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures campaign to promote good dental health. Colgate have created a website called '<u>Adventures in the Molar System'</u> which contains videos and other resources that can be used at home to encourage children to brush their teeth regularly and

promote good general hygiene.

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Monday 1st November	School Reopens for Autumn 2
Tuesday 9th November	3.20pm Final Robinwood Parents Meeting (Y4)
Mon 15th November—	Year 4 Residential Visit to
Weds 17th November	Robinwood
Fri 19th November	Year 4 Bikeability training
Weds 24th November	Y1-Y4 To Dovecote Theatre for Pantomime
NEW	3.10 - 5.00
Monday 29th November	Year 1 Movie Night
**** NEW***	3.10 - 5.00
Tuesday 30th November	Year 2 Movie Night
NEW	3.10 - 5.00
Wednesday 1st December	Year 3 Movie Night
NEW*	3.10 - 5.00
Thursday 2nd December	Year 4 Movie Night
NEW	Choir children singing at
Sunday 5th December	Harbour Village
NEW	Christmas Dinner and
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day
*** NEW*** Friday 17th December	Christmas Party Day
*** NEW***	2pm—School Closes for
Friday 17th December	Christmas Holiday
NEW	School reopens to pupils for
Wednesday 5th January	Spring Term

CHRISTMAS DATES

With increasing Covid infection rates that are expected to rise yet further as we near Christmas, it is unlikely that we will be running events that involve large numbers of parents coming into school or mixing with the

children. Much as this saddens us, our priority must be to keep everyone safe. There are new dates in the calendar above for events that we plan to hold with the children.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in a donation for our harvest assembly that Rev John came to lead this week. We sent hundreds of items off to Amble Food Bank where it will be put to very good use.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Earlier in the week , our latest Bag2School collection was made. We were able to send off 370kg of unwanted clothes that you had donated. All money raised will go to PTA funds. Thanks again for your support.

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