



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## Year 4 Handball



Although chilly, the children had lots of fun learning the skills of handball at the Festival at South Dartmoor on Thursday.

## Water to Wire

Children in Upper Dart visited Old Walls Farm to learn about hydro-electricity. Here's what Cosmo had to say:-

*When we arrived Miles Fursdon told us a bit*

*about the Waterleat and how he designed it himself and that they built*



*it in 1995 and it generates enough electricity to power Widecombe, Poundsgate and Ponsworthy. He showed us around the farm and they had a screen that caught all of the leaves and it knew when it was dirty and it cleaned itself. Also he showed us the pipe underground and when they were building it some children from Widecombe School came round and one child asked if he could go through the pipe. The Headmaster let him and then everyone else wanted to go through.*

*If you stood just outside the power house you could feel the power of the generator through your feet. The toilets had heated floors. You could see the generator working through some flaps and if you walked past the power house you could see all the water coming out and you could see where it was leaving the turbine. Once they had a deer in the leat and he walked up the screen and jumped off. It was a really good day and I remember having really cold feet. It's a really nice place.*

## Upstairs Classrooms

This week we have hosted students from the Atrium school as they

assist us in redesigning our two upstairs classrooms. On Monday the students measured up and talked with Friends and staff. On Wednesday they returned to exchange ideas with the school council. We are looking forward to Friday when the students will present their final plans to us in our afternoon assembly.

The ideas we have had from the Atrium, Friends and staff are all very exciting and we look forward to banishing the canary yellow classrooms in favour of an environment more attuned for nurturing and learning.

## Pokemon Club

Dance Club has now ended, so on Mondays after half term Mr Stokes will be running a Pokemon Club. If your child would like to join, please complete the slip attached.

Dominic in Upper Dart says:-

*"There will be a new Pokemon Club after school on Mondays. Everyone is welcome. No trading is allowed and you can't have the cards out of the club time. All you have to do is just bring your own cards with you.*



*If you don't know how to play, someone at the club will teach you".*

Please note, Mr Stokes knows very little about Pokemon and (until he learns the rules) will be there in a supervisory capacity only, so please direct any questions to Dominic!

## Yoga Club

Ty Pringle will be running a children's yoga club after half term. The club will be on a Monday for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Numbers are limited to 12 children and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your child to join, please complete the slip attached. Thank you Ty for offering to run this club.

## This Week's Learning Superheroes

*Congratulations to:-*

**Aaron**

**Katie**

**Grace**

## ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM

**Well done to Lower Dart for their excellent attendance this half term.**

<b>Lower Dart</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Webburn</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Upper Dart</b>	<b>94%</b>

## EVENTS AFTER HALF TERM

**Monday 20th February**  
Living Word Library (Lunchtime)  
Pokemon & Yoga Clubs

**Tuesday 21st February**  
Arts & Crafts Club

**Thursday 23rd February**  
Parent & Pupil Meeting for London Residential @ 3.45pm  
Football Club

**Friday 24th February**  
Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm  
Handball Club

**Emailed or sent with the Newsletter**

*New After School Clubs Form*

#### Football Match

We have confirmed a date for a Year 5/6 match against Ilsington Primary on Friday 10th March at 3.45pm. Permission slips will be sent out closer to the date.

From all members of staff, we wish you a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 20th February.

Des Stokes

Head of School

#### My Week by ...

Kaitlin

This week I enjoyed doing the Incredible Edibles topic and I enjoyed the trip to the Waterleat farm, it was really cold there.

For the incredible edibles we had to write instructions about what we'd made. We had to design the background to stick the writing onto and some of them are up in the hall as well. Mine was a conopic cake, like a swiss roll.

I did enjoy the dancing we did this week with Mrs Mason. It's going really well, there are lots of bits to it. I think the hardest bit is the one I have to do with Caspar that's quite quick and you have to fit everything in.

I've been practising my spellings, but we haven't done the test yet, there are about 7 to learn but they're really tricky.

#### Jonah's Joke

There were 2 fish in a tank,  
one said to the other,  
"How do you drive this  
thing?"