



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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River Dart Nature Day

Our day at River Dart Country park on Tuesday was simply fabulous. Our children were extremely well behaved and have learned so much from our adventures. We were given opportunities to take part in many activities including bug hunting, (many mini-beasts were found, caught and re-released safely!) and our triumph from this activity was



finding some baby newts, which were hibernating. We danced our way through the water-cycle and learned about how important the bog-moss on top of our

moor is as it slows the water down and helps prevent flooding. All the children got to make their own bird feeder, which can be re-used again and again. The wettest, but possibly most fun activity, was the river dipping, where the children took turns to

discover what lurked beneath the surface of the River Dart. Many fresh-water shrimps were found, caddis-fly larvae and



other fascinating creatures were found and much admired. Some might argue that the most gorgeous part of the day, was seeing the baby owl and learning about the different owl species that we have in the UK. We also got to meet a female kestrel and a male eagle owl, who were also delightful.



The RDCP organisers were brilliant and had representatives from Devon Wildlife, RSPB and the South Hams Owl Trust. All in all, a wonderful day.

Red Nose Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Thursday 23rd March. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red clothes and we are holding a Bake Sale. If you would like to send homemade cakes, please do so on Thursday morning.

Mothers' Day Assembly

You are warmly invited to join us for this special assembly next Friday 24th March at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Widecombe on Facebook

Our school now has a Facebook page which will provide us with another means of updating you on school activities, other than the school website, newsletters etc. This page can be viewed without you having to have a Facebook account at <https://www.facebook.com/widecombeprimaryschool>

Des Stokes
Head of School

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Luca
Samuel
Francis

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Upper Dart for their excellent attendance this week.

Upper Dart	98%
Webburn	95%
Lower Dart	90%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 20th March

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)
Girls' Football at Coombeshead Academy 3-6pm
Pokemon Club

Tuesday 21st March

Arts & Crafts Club
Cross Country at Stover School (Years 3-6) @ 4pm

Thursday 23rd March

Red Nose Day Bake Sale
Football Club

Friday 24th March

Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm
Mother's Day Assembly at 2.30pm

Grace's Riddle

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Waterleat Visit Lower Dart
Year 4 Music Share Day

Exeter Cathedral Concert

As part of a collaboration between Exeter Cathedral, Devon Music Education Hub and Andrew Downton which has been running this term, KS2 choir members were invited to participate in a communal choir concert at Exeter Cathedral last week end. Created by several local primary school choirs, the combined choir sang "You Raise Me Up" and "Jericho" - both pieces were incredibly moving and memorable, and sung from the heart. Each choir also sang an individual song. Widecombe sang "I am the Earth", it was beautifully sung and performed and conducted brilliantly by Julia. The choir really filled the space with their voices and gentle harmonies.



It was such a precious afternoon in a truly magnificent setting. Widecombe choir were great ambassadors of the school and their performance really embodied the unique values of Widecombe. Ty Lynne

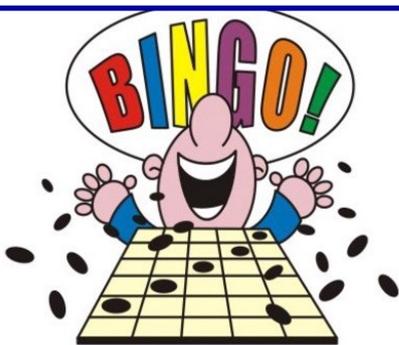
My Week by ... a Year 6 Pupil

This week, while the other children went to River Dart, we had an Egyptian Day where we wrapped up our teddies as mummies. First you had to wrap them up with toilet paper and newspapers then you had to put rope around them, then we could start designing our sarcophagus.

Once we'd done that we had the job of making a pyramid using art straws and newspaper. You had to measure each straw exactly to get the right number otherwise the pyramid wouldn't work.

It was a very fun day.

ALL WELCOME



TONIGHT 6.30 pm
Widecombe in the moor church
house

Eyes down 7 pm

Refreshments and pasties
available

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