

# Newsletter

*Friday 7th February, 2025*



## Message from the Headteacher

*Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,*

*What an exciting week in school! I enjoyed a fantastic day with Year 4 and 5 netballers at the Park School on Wednesday. Please read the accounts that the children have written about their day. I was really proud of their team spirit and resilience as they played against teams that were older than them but they showed excellent courage and got better and better as the day went on! Thank you also to Mrs Kellaway for accompanying us.*

*The PTA have planned an exciting disco for next Thursday. Please can parents complete the form (link below) if they wish their child/ren to attend.*

*This link is also on the PTA page at the end of the newsletter.*

*I hope you all have a lovely weekend—and keep warm in this bitter weather!*

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## School News

### Parents Evening

We have arranged for parents evening to take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 to 5.50pm and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 to 5:40pm. Please sign up through the Arbor portal. Arbor has been set up to receive bookings until 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am.



Swimming lessons for Class Bray will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March. A letter has been sent home providing you with more information.

# School News



Please find attached a flyer inviting you to attend a **Classroom Experience Day** which is being held at Pilton Bluecoat in March to introduce potential applicants to the SWIFT ITT programme.

Summary of details:

When: **Wednesday 5 March 10.30am-12.30pm**

Where: **Pilton Bluecoat C of E Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple, EX31 1JU**

Who: Educated to degree level; recent graduates, career changers, returners to work; teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching.

What: An opportunity to gain classroom experience and find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.

Booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/mxvg8ZtS9B>

## **National Childhood Measurement Programme**

Public Health Devon have advised that their Privacy Notice on the Devon County Council website has been updated, please visit [Privacy notice for the National Child Measurement Programme - Devon County Council](#). This gives an overview of the data collected, why it is collected and how it is used, which you may find useful.

## **Calvert Trust Residential**

A reminder that the final payment was due last Friday 31st January.

## **Ventrus Vacancies**

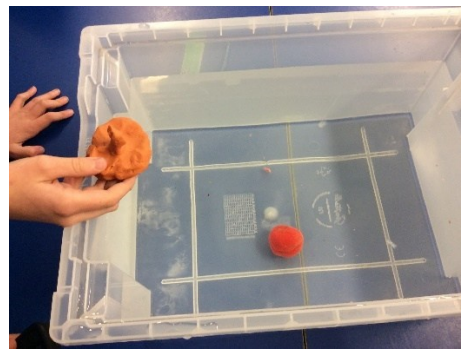
<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Please remember: **Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone**

# Curriculum News



In Torridge class our pupils continued learning about Forces in science by conducting a water resistance experiment. We crafted different playdough shapes, then timed how long they took to sink to the bottom of their water buckets. This information to make statements about their shapes and water resistance.



Some great science thinking from Kevin and Maisie in Torridge – Well Done.!

Tuesday 4th February 2025  
 L1. To plan an investigation into water resistance

Donut, ball, square, circle, heart, pencil

I predict these the ball will sink the fastest and donut will sink the slowest. The fish will be medium

Circle	Ball	Results
5.49m	Sink	2 sec
2.68m	71 milliseconds	2.3 sec
3.55m	98 milliseconds	Done

My prediction results

My prediction for the circle was incorrect. My prediction for the heart was correct. The possible prediction was incorrect.

What is Water Resistance?

Water Resistance is a force that acts to slow down or stop objects that are moving through liquid. The water hits the surface of the object and causes force.

Well done! Great layout - check your 2's!

Tuesday 4th January 2025  
 L1. To plan an investigation into water resistance

Donut - fastest sink  
 ball  
 cube - second fastest sinking  
 Spear  
 Triangle - third fastest

Donut	ball	Spear
0.63	0.70	1.00
0.17	0.30	0.50
0.73	0.45	0.85

I was correct on the prediction the ball came 8th with 0.45 and second was the spear with 0.50 and finally last was the donut with 1.00

Good!

Water resistance is a force that acts to slow down or stop objects that are moving through liquid. The water hits the surface of the object and causes a force.

Well done.

# Curriculum News



## Netball Tournament

The pupils have written their about their experience at the Netball tournament at Park School. Enjoy!

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February these people went for a netball tournament at Park: Jax, Ethan, Isabelle, Phoebe, Holly, Grace, Lily, Maise, Mia

We caught a bus to Park school where the netball tournament was held. When we arrived, we had to walk past the school towards the court. We found out what the plan was and played our first game! When we played our first game it started to rain then sadly, we lost our first two games, but then we got our come back and won! Jax scored our winning goal 1-0, assisted by Ethan. We played two more matches, but we were unlucky and lost both, but you could tell our performance was getting much better. We had our lunch, disappointingly, the seagulls try to attack our lunch. We had to close all our bags, so no cheeky seagulls stole our food.

After lunch we played the rest of the games unfortunately, we lost all of them, but we didn't mind because it was just some fun. After that we had a friendly match, we lost but it was fun. As good sportsmanship we shook each other's hands and celebrated the winners. We came 14<sup>th</sup> place out of 16<sup>th</sup>. "That was so much fun!" shouted the team together!

Jax

### Bratton Fleming's netball tournament class Torridge

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, Holly, Pheobe, Isabelle, Grace, Mia, Maisie, me and Jax from class Torridge went to a netball tournament for schools. First, a Taw and Torridge bus came to pick us up and take us to Park school, where the tournament was being held.

When we got there, we walked to the court and put our belongings down in the corner.

We had about half an hour until the first game. In that time, we did some warmups to get warm and ready. 5 minutes before the beginning, all the schools got called to be told what was happening.

#### Game one-

The first game was terrible. Exactly before the start, it started pouring down with rain.

Also, the team that we played were very good, which didn't give us much chance.

When that game finished, we headed over to our bags to get a snack and get ready for the next game.

#### Game two-

The next game was okay, since we had a bit more practice and it had stopped raining.

The team were good, but not as good as the first. They still beat us, but not by as much.

#### Game three and after-

Game three and four went well, the same as game two. But then on game five, we won! We only scored one, but it was good enough.

Every other game we lost, we still played well though. In total, we came 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Pesky seagulls

After those few games, we had our lunch. But those pesky seagulls wouldn't let us eat alone...

Whilst we were eating, a massive group of seagulls flew over us.

All of the girls were screaming because they thought that the seagulls were going to poop on them.

Friendlies-After the tournament, we played one friendly. Since we had practiced,

We were better, and the score was 0-0. We didn't win many, but we took part and had fun, which is what matters most.

Signed by Ethan.

# Curriculum News



## Netball Tournament

The netball tournament

This is a recount about our netball tournament. Let us tell you what happened during the magical match!

We stepped into the taw and Torridge black bus and the man drove us to park school. We made our way to the court and played our first game. It was a disaster it began to rain, and we ended up losing. We made our way to the second court and played our second game it was against Our Ladies. The first half was 0 to 0 the second half was brilliant, we won! We had our break, and we go bombarded by seagulls then the woman blew her hooter, and we went to line up. She warned us about the seagulls and all of us ran to our bags to do them up. The lady told us where to go we ended up going to court 5 to practise it took ages for our competition to actually arrive to the court we finally played them, and they won we played Eden Park and then had to play friendly matches against people after that because another school left, and they wanted to make it fair. We played 1 of the friendly matches and decided to leave because it started raining (again) but after all it was the best netball tournament we have ever played it was so fun for all of us we would go again if we could but that would be next year we tried our best and got better and better every time we played

Thank you for reading my recount about our very, very good netball tournament

Signed, Gracie

### The Netball Tournament

By Phoebe

How It All Began...

On February 5<sup>th</sup> we had a magical tale, and this is the story, we started our journey of a black minibus, the quality was lovely and there was a lot of space, the radio made very good song choices! When we got there, we got shown to our area, in the corner. We waited for about 20 minutes and had a bit of a warmup by Miss K.

Let The Tournament Begin!

After 20 minutes passed, the head teacher of Park came out and announced the rules, we were shown to our court and that was when it poured it down with rain. 4 children (including me) stayed off in the shelter and watched the children playing but it wasn't a great start. When it was half time, we swapped positions I went on and after, we lost 6 nil to Goodleigh. We kept losing and losing but, we were saved, we won against Lankey! Then we lost luck, we lost and lost and lost and lost! Our best luck! ☹️

The Unexpected...

So, after winning, we really worked up an appetite, so we sat down for lunch then things went a little strange, THE SEAGULLS WERE TRYING TO EAT OUR FOOD! There must have been like 10,000 of them all circling around us! When we were gathered, they were still trying to steal.

How It Ended

Then we ended with a quick announcement from the head teacher of Park (we also had to zip up our bags due to the seagulls), played a couple more games (lost them both) and went to catch the bus, waiting, we took a group photo by the wall to remember our big adventure.

The Results

Overall, we came 5<sup>th</sup> for the school and 14<sup>th</sup> overall. We didn't come close to winning but we gave it a go!

The Journey Home

We waited in a bus shelter and before took a photo, a random cocker spaniel came up to us. After 20 minutes, the bus came and then we went home and RESTED.

The End And Thank You For Reading

# Curriculum News



## Netball Tournament

### **The netball tournament**

We went at 9 and got on a black miny bus the songs were terrible 😞we got off and made our way to the court. The competition was very good :o We put our stuff in the corner and had a warmup with Mrs k.

### **The tournament starts**

We start and the odds weren't looking very good, and it didn't help it was raining. We lost but not bad for are first match. The second wasn't much better and the third one we won with Jax scoring the goal.

### **Out of the blues**

We sat down to have lunch, and seagulls came in from every angle. As they swarmed around us (silly reason coming up) because we thought they were going to poo on us! We went up to hear the results and they warned us about the seagulls.

### **The results**

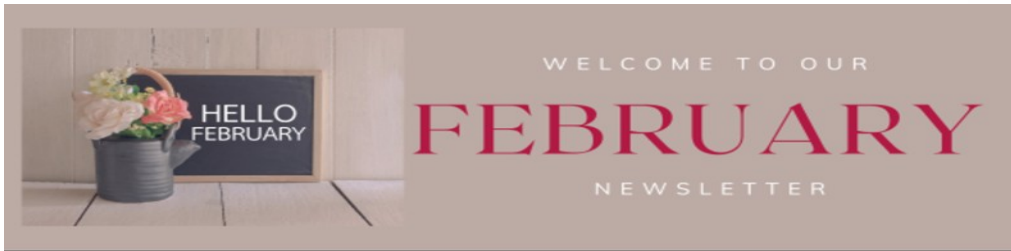
We came 14 out of 16 second to last. Are luck 😞Then we had a friendly and they won but it was the best match we ever did (apart from we won)

### **The journey home**

The bus was late by about 20 minutes, so we stayed in the bus shelter and a random dog came in. It was very funny- We got home in time for home time and went with our parents.

### **Isabelle**

# Devon Family Hubs



## In this month's issue...

We'll look at **Tantrums vs Meltdowns** - what's the difference and give you some tips and advice on how to cope when they occur.

Also, it's **World Book Day** on the 6th March. We look at why reading is so important and signpost you to information and resources, (including where you can get FREE books).

We've also got our usual features - **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - information about upcoming events the Devon Digital Team are running, **SEND, FEBRUARY AWARENESS DAYS** and much more, so grab a cuppa, sit back and enjoy this month's newsletter!

(To view the contents of the **Newsletter** [CLICK HERE](#) or on the "Go to this Sway" link below).

Each month we will share with you information, advice and top tips on a number of themes, as well as fun things that you and your family can do in and around Devon, and much more!

[Go to this Sway](#)

[Parent / Carer Newsletter - February 2025](#)

We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter and would love to hear what you think by completing this very short feedback questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/E07Y0EZUu4>



# Diary Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Tempest photographers to take class photos PTA Disco
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half Term</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Residential Yr 3&4 to Calvert Trust
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Yrs 2 to 6 Fire Safety &amp; Prevention talk by Devon &amp; Somerset Fire &amp; Rescue</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Taw and Torridge Class visit Royal Albert memorial Museum & Art Gallery, Exeter
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter holidays</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Fayre in school hall
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs assessments (Year 6)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wilcombe Wobbler sporting event
26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening window for assessment (Year 1 pupils)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day weather permitting
30 <sup>th</sup> June & 1st July	Yr 6 transition Day PCC





2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance for invited community members and grandparents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance for parents/carers afternoon performance and at 5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents/carers of Yr 6 children only
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>



# PTA News



The PTA are running a school disco on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Cost: £4 per child to include a hot dog and drink

Reception, Year 1 and 2    3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Year 3, 4, 5, 6                4:45pm – 5:45pm



A PTA member will be on the playground from Monday, should you wish to sign up and pay for your child to attend.

The Thursday cafe have kindly offered to stay open until 4.30pm on the day of the disco. Parents and siblings are invited to wait there in the warm, with tea and cake whilst the children are at the disco if they would like to do so.

Here is the link to form to register your child/ren for the disco:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4Wt0gAz1dK>