



The EPI Centre of Learning

School Equality, Diversity, Inclusion focus: in our weekly key stage assemblies (Years 3-6 on a Tuesday and Years 1-2 on a Thursday) we are focusing on another protected characteristic. Last half term our focus was gender; gender equality, gender inequality and breaking down stereotypes. This half term our focus is on disabilities. We have discussed ability, disability, visible and invisible. In KS1 we have looked at the book 'Wonder' initially to think about visible disabilities and in KS2 we have been talking about hearing impairment. Mrs Parker was a special guest at the hearing impairment assembly for KS2 where she talked about how a rare illness had resulted in a hearing impairment for her and how, after support, she has turned that disability into new abilities ie. Lip reading and a new found confidence. KS2 explored some key signs that we would like to learn in our school and how sign language can support those who have a hearing impairment and also how it is a useful tool in different situations for everyone. Sign language is being introduced as a new GCSE this year and this was also discussed.


Both KS1 and KS2 will be exploring invisible disabilities later this half term, introducing the language of neurodiverse and neurotypical. We will be looking at stories within KS1 and also famous people in both KS1 and KS2 who talk about their neurodiversity. More information will be in future newsletters about this.

On our Rainbow day later this term (Monday 25 March) we will be talking about gender and disability linked to different careers and aspirations.

Staffing: a big thank you to Sharon Cole who is retiring at the end of this week. Sharon has been working in our school for many years as the cleaning supervisor and has been exceptionally loyal and committed to the role. We are sad to see Sharon go but wish her well in her retirement.

Skipping Challenge: Join our school community to support Cancer Research with the March skipping challenge! Ask family and friends to sponsor you to complete 100 skips a day, every day, throughout the month of March. Our fundraising page is below and we can do something positive together.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/mrss-giving-page-118> Post videos of your achievements to pe@exminsterschool.co.uk (add a comment if you are happy for these to be shared on Facebook). Videos can be shared with your class across EYFS / KS1 using Seesaw and in KS2 classes.

Get Skipping  Mrs Barr

Easy Fundraising: There's a free and easy way to support Exminster Community Primary School from home, and it starts with easyfundraising! Turn your online shopping at over 8,000 brands into free donations. All your favourite brands are available to shop with, so why not sign up? Plus, for a limited time, we'll get a bonus £7.50 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/exminsterprimary/2XPXKA/c2s/wPhBJSUp/CE820/facebook/>

Tuesday 5 March 2024

This week

Thurs 7 Mar – World Book Day

Dates for the future:

Thurs 14 Mar – FLCs

Fri 15 Mar – Red Nose Day, non-uniform day in exchange for a donation

Mon 18 Mar – FLCs

Mon 25 Mar – Rainbow Day bright non uniform

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Thurs 28 March to Fri 12 April

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Devon with Kids: Please see the attached copy of the latest email from Claire at Devon with Kids. This is packed with free activities and fun ideas for things to do.

Comic Relief Fri 15 March:



GO RED WITH BLUE PETER

This Friday 15 March Blue Peter will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day and they are asking you and your school to go 'red-to-toe' too. So, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you! Plus, in true Blue Peter style they will be taking on a challenge just for Red Nose Day - plans are currently on a need-to-Nose basis, but they'd love schools to get involved, keep an eye on this page, your Red Nose Day emails and on Blue Peter for updates.

We will be supporting Comic Relief this year by wearing non-uniform on Friday 15 March in exchange for a donation to the charity. All donations should be made via the Just Giving page using this link;

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-exminster-community-primary?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-exminster-community-primary&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=799f188e1e2d4f29a01a8b3932963601

This Sunday



Hi

Messy Church is **this Sunday**. We will be having Jacket potatoes, baked beans, cheese and salad followed by a delicious chocolate nest with little chocolate eggs.

Our theme is Easter and the Love of Jesus our hero. We have some lovely activities including a bit of a messier one when we have an Easter garden to make.

There is no charge but donations are very welcome to help us cover the food cost.

Please come along we would love to see you. All young people to be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 3:30 to 5:30pm

Place: The Methodist Church, Main Street.

Exminster. EX6 8BT (near the Post Office)

- For more information and to let us know you would like to come please email ab@lovelygarden.plus.com

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