



The EPI Centre of Learning

Bag 2 School: following on from the success of our previous donation days the Bag 2 School team are coming back again tomorrow, Wednesday 31 January. Bag2School is a great initiative by the ESA to raise lots of money for the school and all you have to do is utilise what everyone has in their wardrobes - unwanted clothes and other items!

The clothes must be brought to school tomorrow; Wednesday 31 January, before 9am and dropped off to the outside classroom. Parents with too much to carry are able to bring cars down the back entrance to school this evening between 4pm and 6pm.

The team accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, belts and accessories, soft toys, household items such as linen, curtains, towels and bedding. They DO NOT accept: Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and work wear and textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material. If you want to know more visit <https://bag2school.com/>

Gymnastic Competition: We are excited to launch our annual Gymnastic Competition 2024! The competition is open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Reception to Year 2 can enter in a non-competitive capacity and every entry submitted to Mrs Barr will receive a certificate and be celebrated in assembly. Please send videos to Mrs Barr via pe@exminsterschool.co.uk with their name, class and entry level.

KS2 Year 3-6 any child in KS2 can also submit an entry that they do not want submitting for the competition in the same way, just stating it is for a certificate only. For those children who wish to enter from Year 3-6, they will have an opportunity to enter the DSSP competition held at Dawlish on March 12th 2024.

How to enter children:

- Children can enter for as many levels as they would like, we would encourage children to enter more than one level as we can only take 3 children from each level from Year 3/4 and from Year 5/6 (total 6 per level) This way we will be able to take as many children as possible with us. Children are not chosen purely by ability alone, we will be taking a mix of students to the competition.
- Practise the routine and record your best video and then send it to Mrs Barr - pe@exminsterschool.co.uk - each video must be labelled with the child's name - class and the level of entry.
- Any videos which can't be identified may not be entered. **Videos must be with Mrs Barr by 9am on February 20th 2024** to be considered for entry and must have been sent to her PE email address.

If for any reason a child is unable to record or send a video to us their class teachers have spoken to them about other ways that we can ensure they can submit their routine in person. Please contact me if you have any difficulties. This is always a popular competition and is for children at every level of gymnastics and is to encourage participation and fun. Attached are a few resources to help you get started. Enjoy!

Tuesday 30 January 2024

This week

Wed 31 Jan - Bag 2 School collection

Dates for the future:

Thurs 8 Feb – KS2 BSO concert at The Great Hall

12-16 Feb - HALF TERM

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Young voices (YV): on Thursday 25 January, 40 members of our school choir travelled to Birmingham to be part of the Young Voices event. The Young Voices experience is the largest children's choir concert in the world. Choirs perform alongside approximately 6000 other children as a single choir to audiences of family and friends. Singing together like this helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team. This year, our children were interviewed about the experience after the event and ITV visited our school whilst the children were rehearsing.



We are incredibly proud of the children's exemplary behaviour and energy at the event. They have been committed to the rehearsals and learning all the songs as have the staff who have been part of this. Thank you to Mr Moore for leading the choir and to Mr Doe and Mrs Parsonage for supporting them. Thank you also to the staff and volunteers that went to support the children on the day. This would not be possible without the meticulous organisation by Mrs Perry and the staff to attend with them. We are very proud of our school choir, in their range of audiences over the last year, the amount of pleasure they bring to those listening and togetherness and confidence to the children performing.





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The Esteem team: <https://www.esteemteam.co.uk/> The Esteem Team are a Community Interest Company that work with children and young people who have additional needs and/or struggle with their mental health. They are made up of a range of professionals who care about children's and young people's mental health. They want to create a safe and supported environment to allow them the chance to grow and reach their full potential. Esteem Team also support Parent/Carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or who struggle with their mental health. We offer 1:1 support and group support tailored around each family. See their most recent newsletter attached for information on free parental courses and sessions that they offer.

Warmwell project with the Westbank: we are very appreciative of working with the Westbank Centre. They have kindly collected and donated some Warmwell packs to school. The packs contain a hot water bottle, 2 blankets, an insulated cup, hand warmers, a thermal hat and gloves and information on attending the Westbank Centre Exminster for a free lunch. If you would benefit from one of these packs, please email hparker@exminsterschool.co.uk. They will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis.

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