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Doubletrees School Newsletter



Head Teacher's welcome:

We have had another busy week with music therapy, Parkour dance, story telling from a local author and a visit from St Austell library. Not only are these visits fun, but they also help our learners to meet their personal learning goals and targets identified in their education, health and care plans.

Next Monday we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day and all of our classes will be linking all things safety in to their lessons. Please check on our website in the news and internet safety sections for more safety tips, not only for school, but for home use as well.

I hope you can join us for our next coffee morning on the 19th February. We value your attendance at these events and it's a great opportunity to meet other parents and share experiences and advice within our school community.

As there will not be a newsletter next week, I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term with your families. See you all on the 19th February.

Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher.

Key Diary Dates:

12.02.24—16.02.24. Half Term

19.02.24—Learners return to school

19.02.2024—Parent/Carer coffee morning. 10:00—11:30 Doubletrees Orchard building. 22.03.24— Parent/Carer coffee morning, 10:00—11:30 Doubletrees Orchard building with guest Helen Norman, Early Help Hub family worker.

Please see the back page for more details

Child Protection Information

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child at Doubletrees School please contact Guy Chappell or Heidi Hoskin (Designated Safeguarding Leads) on 01726 812757.Alternatively you could report your concern to Cornwall Central Referral Unit for Child Protection on 0300 123 1116.

Achieve

This week was our third session of Parkour with the UPG team, which involved all members of Cherry class completing the agility circuit. This activity supports further Enrichment, using our bodies to express thoughts and feelings.

Belong

Redwood class enjoyed a music session with Karen, music therapist. We explored different instruments and communicated our preferences. We especially liked her singing to us and playing her guitar! Participating in these activities help us to understand our world around us and access resources that stimulate us with tactile and auditory feedback.

Communicate

Little Orchard have enjoyed going outside and exploring the music they can make. They have used wooden spoons and shakers. They have also explored how they can use their body to make noises such as clapping their hands and stamping their feet.

Develop

Cedar Class have been learning how to re-tell the story of "Oi get off my train!" We have reenacted the story, using the train track and animals. Some of us have used colourful semantics to help us form sentences. Others have had a go at making sentences more exciting by adding adjectives.

Enjoy

In Maple class this week as part of our storytelling topic we were lucky enough to have a local children's author, Tina Barrott, come into school to read some of her books to us. One of the books is based in Charlestown and everyone was very excited to read about a little robin and his adventures around the harbour, with some children purchasing their own copy to take home.





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Parental Engagement

Feedback from some parents has shown that it would be useful to have more information about transitioning from children's health and social care services to adult health and social care services. This is a big milestone in a young person's life and support looks very different once the switch is made.

I would like to organise somebody from the adult services team to come in and talk to us about transitioning and what families can expect support to look like once the time comes for their young person. Look out for further information from us on this, and when the event will be held.

If there are any other information topics families would like advice on, please do pop us an email on <u>enquiries@doubletrees.org.uk</u> and we will endeavour to signpost you to external sources and organise further information for you. *Gemma Stockley. Family Engagement Lead.*

Friends of Doubletrees AGM. 05.02.24

The Friends of Doubletrees are a registered charity (number 1027045) who work to raise funds for Doubletrees School . Our members include ex and current parents/grandparents and school staff.

We aim to raise funds through organised fundraising activities, applying for grants and other sources of funding, and increasing the awareness of our school within the local community.

The money raised is used solely to benefit the children of the school in terms of new equipment, accessing activities and supporting the development of new facilities.

We are having our annual charity AGM on the 05.02.24. Everyone is welcome to join us, and we can also meet via TEAMS if this is more favorable.

We welcome any fundraising ideas from all corners of the County and not just the local area to the school.

For more information, please email your interest and ideas to ianchard34@gmail.com

Road Safety at Doubletrees

We would like to remind all visitors to our school site to please follow instruction from the site team who are directing traffic around our site. Please ensure that if you are asked to wait at the crossing area, either in your car or on foot, that you do not proceed until the site team have deemed it safe to do so. There is a lot of traffic moving in the area at the start and end of the day, and we have processes in place to keep every-one safe. Thank you for your support.

Doubletrees Site Team.

Doubletrees Coffee Mornings 19.02.24 & 22.03.24 10-11:30 am in our Orchard Building

Helen Norman a family worker from the Early Help Hub will next attend our coffee morning on 22nd March 2024. She is only able to attend our coffee mornings bi-monthly.

Helen can support and signpost on topics like toilet training, sleep support and information for neurodiverse children, from Hunrosa sleep education. She can also provide information on the SPACE group for parents and their children. Positive parenting FREE COURSES. Understanding your Child with additional needs FREE COURSES. TAKE 3 sessions for those with children aged 12-17 years covering nurture, structure, self-care and the teenage brain.

The next upcoming coffee morning on Monday 19th February is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet each other chat and enjoy a hot drink with me. Parents can ask me about where to find our online safety information and further signposting on this; home/ school diaries information, let me know if they're having problems accessing apps like EfL, or Arbor so I can support with this.

Ask me about links in our local communities for useful resources and groups.

I look forward to seeing more of you at these events.

Gemma Stockley. Parent Engagement Lead



