



Doubletrees School

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Newsletter 03.02.23

www.doubletrees.org.uk



Tuesday 07.02.23 - Safer internet day & parent coffee morning 9:30am. Details below

Thursday 09.02.23 - Friends of Doubletrees meeting 9:30 - 10:30 on site and on TEAMS

Half Term - Monday 13.02.23 - Friday 17.02.23 inclusive

Wednesday 01.03.23 - Parent/Carer resource group 9:30am in our Orchard building

Thursday 02.03.23 - World Book Day. Dress up theme 'favourite person who keeps us safe'



We have had a very fun and mathematical couple of weeks in school. Today we celebrated number day in support of the NSPCC. I enjoyed the ingenuity of the costumes that our learners and staff presented with today! We also had an action packed week of counting birds for the RSPB and making seed feeders for our local bird population. We had fun placing them around our school site. Next week our Governing Board will be on site for a monitoring exercise. We really value our Governor meetings as this ensures that we continue to provide the very best education for all of our young people and their families. We hope you can join us for our parent coffee morning on Tuesday next week, which we are combining with Safer Internet day. Why not pop in to keep up to date on safety features which can help support you and your child online. If you would like some free child friendly resources, we have uploaded these to the news and safety sections on our website. *Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher.*

**Safer
Internet
Day 2023** | **Tuesday
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Come and join us for our parent/carers coffee morning on Tuesday 7th February at 09:30 - 10:30 am in the Orchard building. In this session we will be covering 'Safer Internet Day' and understand how we can all make our children's use of Internet environments a safer and positive experience. We have uploaded some free printable resources on to our website if you would like to join in at home. Here is a link to the Safety story 'Hanni and the Magic Window' a child friendly social story -

[Hanni and the Magic Window | Childnet](#)



We are celebrating World Book Day on the 2nd March. Our theme this year is 'People who keep us safe' Our learners can come to school dressed as their favourite 'Safe person' EG Emergency Service etc. We are hoping to have some representatives from our safety services to attend the school to talk about their roles with our learners. If any of our parents are employed in these sectors we would be delighted if you could join us briefly to share your experiences. If you are able to help out for an hour, please contact our family liaison Tracey Crowle on 01726 812757 tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk before Friday 10th February to book.

Thank you!



School Improvement



Through our school vision of ABCs, we aim for our learners to Achieve, Belong, Communicate and Enjoy. Our student voice is highly valued, and as part of student voice we have an active school council. School Council members meet on a half termly basis and include a representative from each class. Agendas range from topics such as Online Safety and Healthy Living, to being involved in staff interview processes, feeding back on how we feel about lunchtime arrangements and which resources we would like to be ordered for the classrooms. The School Council elects new members at the start of every academic year and meet regularly. These members are displayed in the school, so all the learners know who they are.



Parental
Engagement

**Resource Group 1st
March 9:30 in the
Orchard**

We have a fantastic Resource group at Doubletrees who are parents and carers of learners who attend our school. They get together when they can, and with the help of Tracey Crowle our family liaison support, they make beautiful items for our classes.

Examples of items they have made:

- Cornish bunting for a class project about St Piran.
- Sensory cushions about the seasons, for a project about nature and the weather.

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Tracey Crowle (Family Liaison)
tel: 01726 812757

email: tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk

Easter @ Doubletrees

We will be launching our Easter art competition shortly (watch out for the theme!) and making plans for our annual Easter egg hunt. Our charity the Friends of Doubletrees will kindly help us with donations of Easter eggs and sensory toys, so all of our learners enjoy the hunt and get to take something home. If you would like to support our event and make a donation of an egg or a sensory toy for the hunt, we would be very grateful.

Thank you!



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.

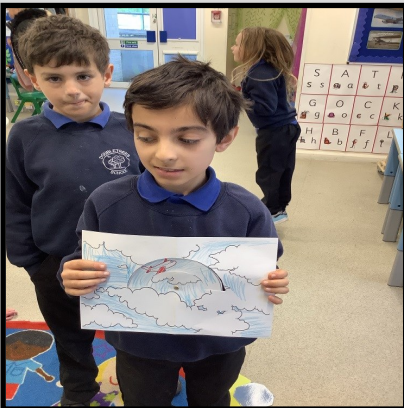
Look What We Have Learned!



Redwood class have spent some time outside in the sensory garden this week. We explored the garden using our senses and taken a closer look at what is starting to bloom already. We also loved playing with the crispy leaves watching then being thrown in the air!



Swimming - Holly Class are enjoying getting into the pool more regularly. We are practising our floating skills and learning to trust adults supporting us in the water!



This week in design and technology, Cedar class have been making their own moving pictures. We have experimented with a range of mechanisms, such as sliders, levers and wheels and practiced using these in our own products to make our pictures come to life!



Monday 13.02.23 -
Friday 17.02.23
inclusive

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This week in Rowan class, we have been sharing our favourite books with each other during our reading for pleasure sessions. We have discovered books from Julia Donaldson and non-fiction texts about dinosaurs have become firm favourites with our learners!



In the Oak class, through our reading for pleasure (Communication, Language & Literacy) we have been really enjoying our key text 'We're going on a bear hunt'. Responding to stimuli, listening to the sounds adults make as they read, and showing great pleasure from our interactions!



Cherry Class have been learning to play the drums with Tumi. Here they are practicing a popular Eritrean drum routine as part of their world explorer topic.

Apple class enjoyed a lovely stretch and a kick in the swimming pool, practising our therapy targets.



In Elm we have been going on African Adventures through a sensory story. We have a sensory tray in the classroom which we have been independently exploring and manipulating to recreate scenes of South Africa.



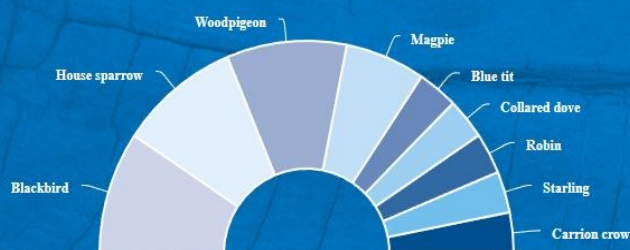
We have been looking at products from Jamaica in Willow class, including bananas, coffee, cacao and sugar. Here we are using bananas in independent work time, practising fine motor skills and threading.

This week in Maple class we have been comparing and grouping materials according to whether they are magnetic. We all made predictions and then tested the materials to see if they were correct.





Your top 9 birds:



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National Results

Many thanks to all of you that took part in this year's Big Garden Bird Watch. We had lots of survey forms returned and the results have been entered onto the RSPB national database.

Here are our results, by abundance, and the national results for you to have a look at.

We hope you enjoyed taking part in this year's birdwatch. As well as putting food and water out for garden birds, there's lots of other ways to help nature at home. There's plenty of suggestions on the RSPB Nature on Your Doorstep wildlife gardening webpages. Here you'll find everything from how to put in a pond to what flowers to plant to help bees. Including how to make a nest box.

[Nature on your Doorstep – Wildlife-friendly Gardening | The RSPB](#)

Here at school we'll be making and putting up our own nest boxes with national nest box week running 14-21 February, what better time to put one up!

Matt Nott. HLTA and Forest School Lead

'HAVE A GO DAYS'

**FREE TO ATTEND. A FUN AND FRIENDLY
ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITY AND
THEIR SIBLINGS OR FRIENDS, AGES 6-17**



Wednesday 15 February at:

**10am-12pm at Bodmin
Leisure Centre**

2-4pm at Cornwall College



**Booking is essential. For more
information and to book your free
place(s) contact Sharon on:**

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sharonw@disabilitycornwall.org.uk**

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