

20 May 2024

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we had last week! It has been very special seeing everyone as I return from maternity leave and I would like to thank Mrs Morris and the rest of the team for doing such a sterling job in my absence.

Last week our Year Six children worked exceptionally hard as they embarked on their KS2 SATs for which they were incredibly well prepared. The Brainy Breakfast seemed to go down a treat and the children all put in their very best effort. Regardless of the results, we are extremely proud of each and every one of the children who have worked so diligently throughout their time at Devoran; you are so much more to us than a test result and we look forward to a really fun half a term with you before you prepare for your next chapter at secondary school.

Year Four had an incredibly wholesome time at Camp Kernow where they learnt about sustainability and living off grid. The children's behaviour was commented on by the camp leaders who said how polite and conversational the children were. A big thank you to all the adults involved with the camp for giving our children this wonderful experience.

Year Five were lucky enough to go on a school trip to the Royal Cornwall Museum on Friday and they had a wonderful time making links with their learning. Please see their write up and photos below.

We also managed to squeeze in a hockey tournament on Friday – more information on the next few pages!

Finally, this week we say a fond farewell to Mr Tilley. Mr Tilley has had a huge impact on the school in driving our geography and history curriculum forward, developing our Rights Respecting School status, School Council, Goblin Greenpower and a plethora of other opportunities available to our children. He will be sorely missed and we wish him every success for his next chapter.

We hope you all have a lovely half term when we get there, and we look forward to seeing you and the children on our return on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Year Five trip to the Museum

The Year 5's visited the Ancient Egyptian collection at the Royal Cornwall Museum to link in with this term's History topic. As well as digging for real, ancient artifacts, we took part in a hands-on mummification experience before being shown around the incredible collection of ancient Egyptian curios they have within the museum's Classical Civilizations collection.

After lunch we had a chance to explore other areas of the museum and the class were particularly taken by the curious contraptions created in the Marvelous Mechanical Exhibition currently on display at the museum- a must see if you haven't been already!

How lucky we are to have such a rich resource so close to where we live.







Hockey Tournament

Last Friday some of our hockey players headed to Penair School to take part in a tournament. Lots of children wanted to take part which enabled us to take two teams!

The Devoran teams blew us away with their skills and teamwork. Both teams did brilliantly, coming 1st and 2nd overall. Go Devoran!

"It was really hot but we carried on. Devoran A team won with 15 points! Joe, Jude, Miko, Morley, Flora, and Charlotte scored 13 goals. Everyone played well, especially Devoran A&B, Mount Hawke, and Kea School. We had so much fun and learned a lot. Thank you to Mrs French & Mr Steel for coaching us and to all the people who drove us there and back."

By Joe Team A

"Everyone played really well; we lost against Team A but we still had fun. Euan, Florence and Elpie scored the goals, with everyone else assisting. Harvey got an extra medal for working especially hard. It was a great day of sport. Well done everyone!"

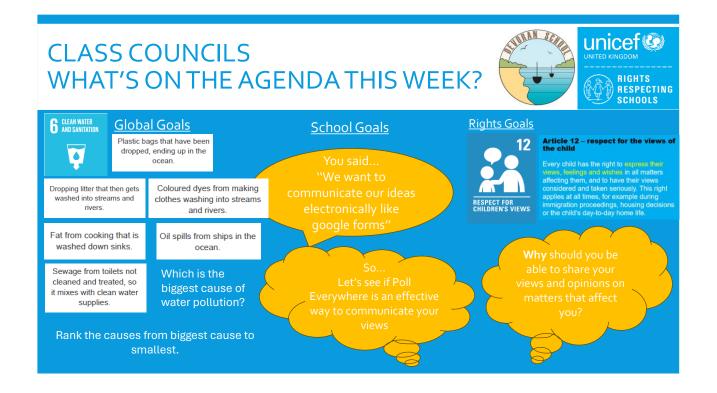
By Team B





Here is a round up of the last couple of weeks for you from our Class Council





Household Support Fund

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

Household Support Fund

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/