



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic term this has been! We have been so impressed with the children and how hard they have been working in each class to put in their best effort and remember our core values of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. The last few weeks have been extraordinarily busy and the children have taken this all in their stride and have really enjoyed all the opportunities that have been on offer to them – the Drumba workshop being a huge hit with everyone and we hope you enjoyed the updates about this on Class Dojo!

Whoops-A-Daisy Angel was a beautiful Nativity last week – our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children did so well in each performance and sang, danced and spoke so well. Our Rocksteady gig on Monday was awesome and the bands 'totally rocked' and our Choir were angelic in their performance at Falmouth Princess Pavilions on Friday evening. We are so proud of all our children who have taken part in these events; it is very special to be running them once again.

We also have a number of sporting events that have taken place over the last week or so. More information on these can be found on the next few pages and again, a huge well done to everyone involved.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who have supported us by helping in classrooms, going on trips, taking children to and from various events and also running our amazing enrichment after school programme. We truly couldn't do this without you and we are very grateful for your continued support. I would also like to thank the entire Devoran Team who have worked incredibly hard to give our children the very best over the past term. I am privileged to be leading such a kind, caring and dedicated team.

I look forward to seeing you at our KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you and the children again on Wednesday 4 January.

Best wishes

Miss Lock



Whoops-A-Daisy Angel – EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Weren't the children wonderful?...! I thoroughly enjoyed the performances of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel and thought that the children performed wonderfully, singing beautifully and dancing magnificently. Huge thanks to all the teaching team who helped each child to have their moment to shine on stage. It has been very special to be able to share our Nativity with you in person again after two years of online shows. Thank you all so much for coming!



KS2 Carol Service

Our KS2 Carol Service will be taking place at Devoran Church on Wednesday 14 December. The service will start at 5pm and we are asking children to arrive at school from 4:30pm so that we can register the children and get them ready to process down to the church.

We hope that by holding the Carol Service at 5pm it gives working parents the opportunity to come and watch the service. We understand that your child may have other commitments on this date, but we would politely ask that you give our carol service the priority on this occasion as your child will have been working hard to learn their song and it is a very special community event that we are so looking forward to doing after 3 years of virtual services.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 14 December at Devoran Church. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Devoran Church throughout our last hymn, so please bring some coins with you if you are able.

Head Lice in Year 2

Please take time over the Christmas break to comb through your child's hair and get rid of any head lice and eggs that you may see. More information can be found on treating head lice via the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Carols for Christmas

On Friday evening our Choir took part in a concert at Princess Pavilions in Falmouth organised by Source FM.

The children sang beautifully and it was very special to see them all performing with such enthusiasm. They clearly enjoyed every minute, as did the audience. A huge thank you to Ms Varnish who has worked very hard with the children to learn the music for this event and to Mrs Worley who supported on the night behind the scenes!



The concert will be aired on the Source FM 96.1 Radio on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 3pm.



Rocksteady Gig at Devoran School!

On Monday, our Rocksteady band members took part in their very own gig to celebrate their learning for this term. The bands were awesome and had the audience tapping and nodding away to the catchy tunes. Our band leader Tom worked really hard with all our bands to make this possible and we are very grateful for all the hard work he has put in to making this happen. Congratulations to all our band members – you rock!



Sporting Opportunities Outside of School

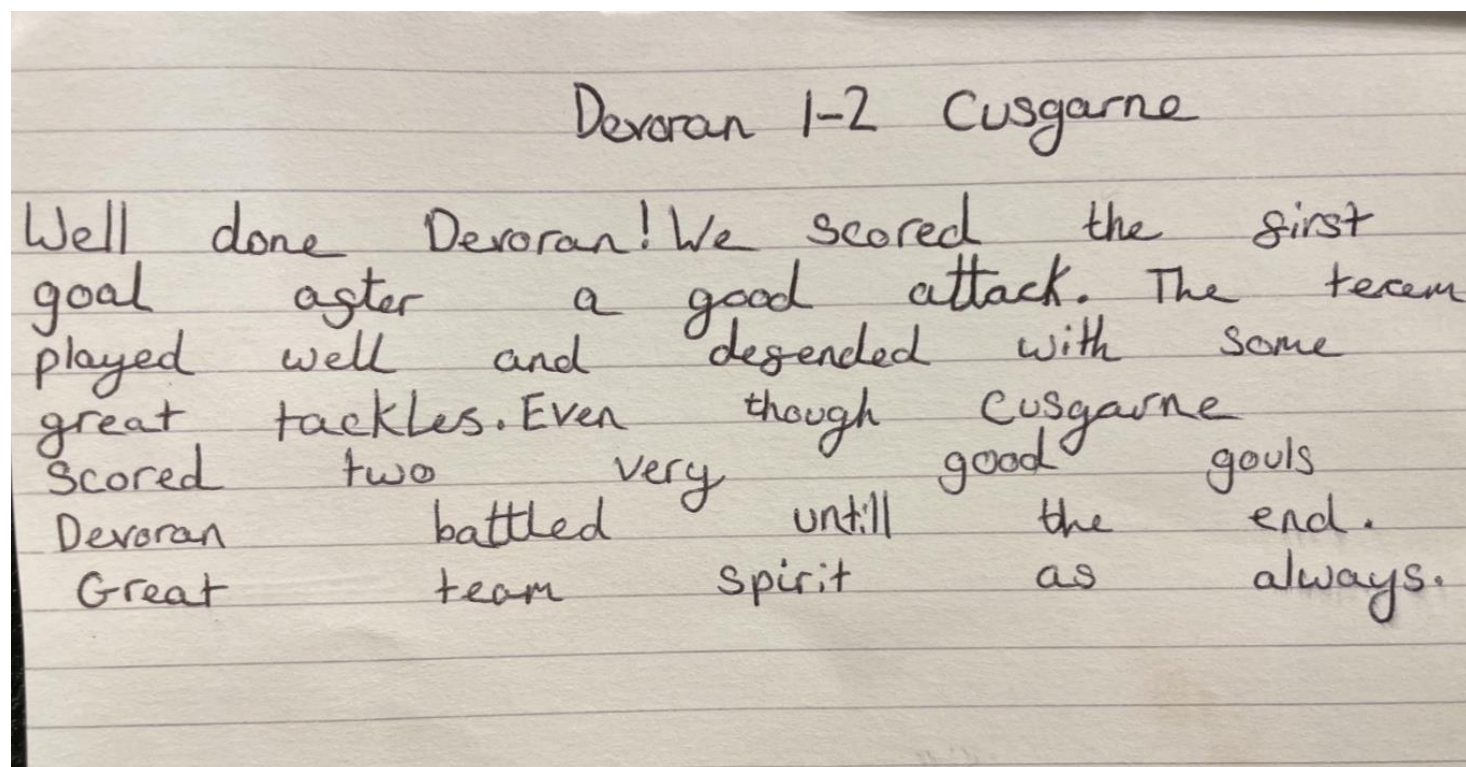
Many of you will know that we have an extremely talented gymnast in our midst. Frank in Year 6 works exceptionally hard and yesterday he took part in the National Finals – and he smashed it! Out of 60 children he placed 8th in the whole of the UK. He came first in the UK on the high bar and first on the pommel. Frank achieved the highest overall score out of all age categories in the whole of the South West! He did amazingly well. He has been invited to go to the British Development Camp in Lilidsall next February - we are so incredibly proud!

We are in complete awe of what Frank has managed to achieve whilst also doing so well academically in school. Congratulations Frank – we are all so impressed and incredibly proud of you!

Sporting Opportunities

The Year 6 girls played their League match on Thursday against Cusgarne School. The match was at home and both sides were evenly matched. There was great sportsmanship and the girls are developing and improving on every game.

Rosie from year 6 wrote our match report:



One of our parents said: "Super game of football played by girls teams this afternoon. Devoran lost 2-1 but they played with strength, heart and tremendous camaraderie. Great to see them improve even if result didn't go their way. Cusgarne scored two utterly fabulous goals, both demonstrating tremendous skill from their players. Well done both teams, they could teach the world a thing or two about how football should be played. Certainly a great advert for #thisgirlcan!"



Sporting Opportunities

The Year 3 and 4s took part in a Dance Competition at Richard Lander School last Friday. The children were really excited to show off their own dance routine which they choreographed themselves. In only a few sessions the children decided on a song and started putting their moves together. This was a lot of fun and all the children were really enthusiastic at every session. This was done a lot at lunchtime and we were very lucky that Emily, Elsie and Imogen from Year 6 came to help us. At the competition we were first to show our moves, there were a few nerves and the children didn't know what to expect, however they all did brilliantly. The leaders who are dancers from Richard Lander School were the judges, it was very close between all the schools and we came 5th overall. After the competition everyone enjoyed a dance and lots of our Devoran children got called up to show off their moves.

The children had the following to say about the event:

"I really enjoyed doing the splits at the end." Josie

"I enjoyed the twirls and watching the other schools." Etta

"I really liked the music from the other schools and really liked doing our dance." Brennan

"I liked dancing to our song and one of the other schools songs and watching the other dancers." Josh

"I think I really liked the song we picked and the other dancers songs were smooth" Teddy

"I liked the dance and the song we picked."

"I liked all of it" Isabelle

"I had fun and enjoyed the dancing." Blu

"It was amazing and I really enjoyed the practicing." Kaylee

"It was really fun." Olivia

"I enjoyed the enthusiasm and showing off my dance moves."

"I enjoyed it all." Martha

"I enjoyed the practice." Alice

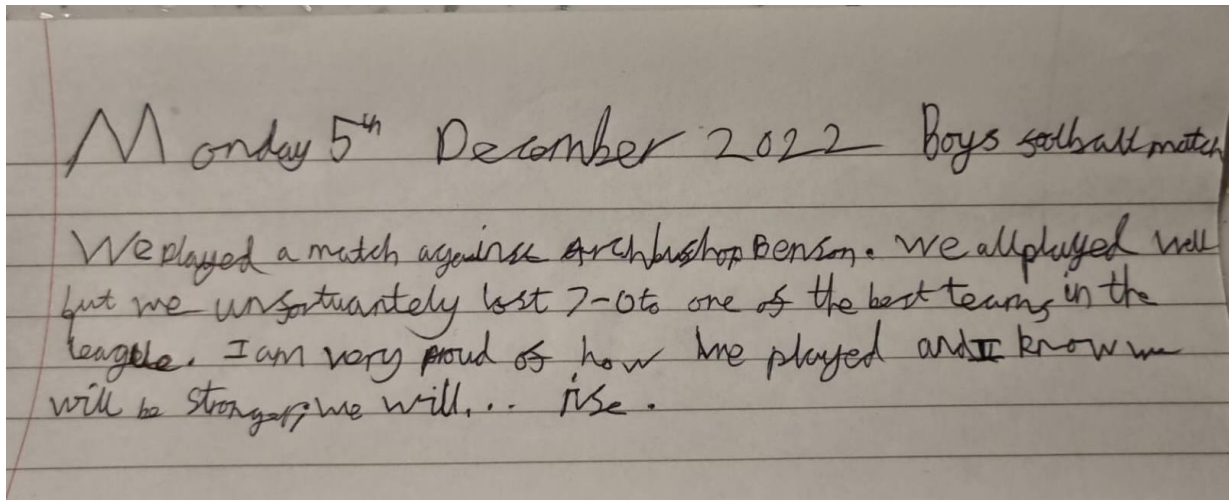
Emily and Elsie said "we are so proud of what the Year 3 and 4s have achieved. It's not easy dancing in front of everybody. There were some nerves in the beginning but they did brilliantly.



Sporting Opportunities

The Year 6 boys playing in the League had a challenging away game at Archbishop Benson School last Monday. The boys never gave up and showed some very good play. Archbishop Benson constantly added pressure but our Year 6s worked together as a team and did make some chances. We couldn't get a goal but I was later told their keeper had not conceded a goal all season!

Jacob from Year 6 put together a write up about the match:



Sporting Opportunities

After the Year 6 League match we played the Year 5 friendly. The game was much more equally matched with both teams showing good play. The Year 5 boys are working really well together and holding their position. There were some great passes and team work.

Euan from Year 5 wrote a summary about it:

