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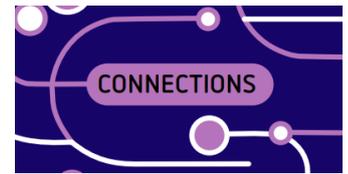
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Dear Parents



On a very wet Thursday, we marked British Science Week and the theme of 'Connections', with a day of activities based on our connections with the local environment.



The children worked outside to build bug hotels from wooden pallets and various different materials, kindly donated by our families. They also got their hands dirty (and everything else covered in mud!) digging over the raised beds to prepare for planting after



Easter.



Each group also made seed bombs, where they mixed wild flower seeds with clay, to plant at home.



Mr Rix shared his woodworking expertise

and worked with the children to build bird boxes and hedgehog houses.

We also now have two new bird boxes out in the Wild Valley which have cameras installed so we can keep an eye on what's going on inside ... we'll keep you posted and fingers crossed we get some birds nesting soon.

The bird boxes and cameras project was kindly funded by the School Association.

In whole school assembly this week, we challenged the stereotype of scientists, who are often thought of as working in a lab wearing a white coat and safety glasses. We talked about all the different aspects of work within science careers which are open to everyone.

We're very grateful to St Nectan's Glen who delivered a truck full of branches and logs to us.

Thank you to our science subject leader, Mrs Turvey, for organising the day. The children all had a brilliant time improving our outdoor environment for wildlife and preparing the garden area out in the Wild Valley. Apologies again to our lovely cleaner Amy, we really do appreciate all you do for us in keeping the school so clean, especially after such a wet, muddy day!

Celebrating a musical week ...



Songfest 2023

After weeks of practice at school, learning songs from 'Past and Present' by Rebecca Lawrence, our Year 6 took part in this year's Songfest at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin.

The children joined seven other school groups to perform in one collaborative choir to a packed church of families and friends. They were amazing; with all eyes fixed on conductor, Angela Renshaw, singing brilliantly as well as remembering all the actions added in during the afternoon rehearsal. Well done to Jak and Flynn, who introduced the final song and even spoke in Latin to explain the lyrics of the song 'What have the Romans done for us?'



The Year 6 also watched Act 1 of the concert in which students from Bodmin College performed numbers from their school musical, Sister Act. It's great when our children get an opportunity to see what they can move onto in the next stage of their music education when they head onto secondary school.

Fantastic singing! Excellent behaviour! Lots of proud families (and Headteacher!)

Cornwall Music Festival at Truro Methodist Church

'Cornwall Music Festival provides a platform for many talented amateur musicians and verse speakers of all ages and abilities. It gives the stimulus of preparing for a public occasion and an opportunity to listen and learn from the performances of others. As important is the constructive criticism, help and advice given by experienced adjudicators, which helps the competitors improve their respective skills'.



Our string ensemble headed down to Truro on Friday, to take part in the Cornwall Music Festival, where they performed in a large string orchestra, with children from primary schools across Cornwall.

We were so very proud of them all for an excellent performance

in which they played so confidently, even though some of the children were apprehensive, and nervous, about taking part, they were absolutely brilliant!

Well done to Maja, Esmee, Lucas, Delilah W, George, Jake, Delilah D and Theo.

The musicians were commended by the adjudicator, who praised their performance as a group and musical skills and techniques, especially when some of the children have only been learning for a fairly short period of time. She also commented on how much joy she felt from knowing that 'music is still a priority in many Cornish schools, at a time when it is often squeezed from a busy curriculum and under threat due to funding cuts'.

At Boscastle, we have a long history of performance through music and singing, which we really do value. We believe all children in our school should have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and to take part in a variety of musical performances, such as our Summer Play, Songfest, and now we've got the Cornwall Music Festival to add to the list! Our children really enjoy playing instruments and singing for pleasure, which is a strength here at Boscastle. Thus year, we're focussing on developing access to a wider range of instruments, for example, African drumming, which Class 2 are currently enjoying and are now taking part in a concert at St Endellion Church on Sunday 26 March. It's great some of Class 2 are able to go.

A huge thank you to our Strings teacher, Barbara Degener, from Cornwall Music Trust (CMST) for all her hard work and for encouraging our children to be ambitious with their music.



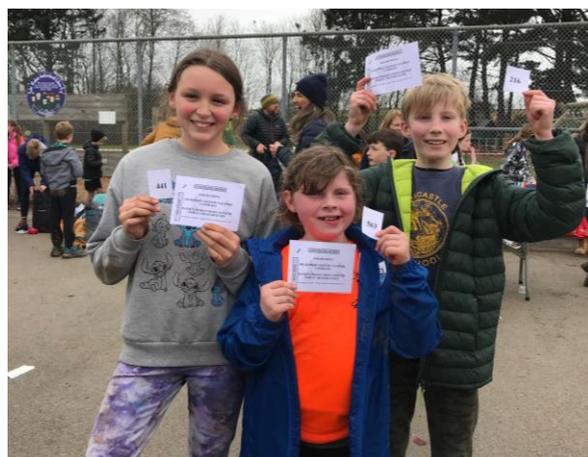
Photos and video were strictly prohibited at the festival but we'll have a photo of all our musicians with their certificates and T-shirts next week!

Landrake Cross Country Run

Well done to Bella, Tamsyn and James for taking part.

We were glad to hear it wasn't too wet and muddy this year, as that tends to make the run very hard work and often mean lost trainers which get stuck in the mud!

Thank you to Bella, Tamsyn and James' parents who took them over to Landrake and supported them in the race.



PSHE (& RSHE)



On Friday, the children took home a pack of information regarding our provision for Personal, Social and Health Education. The policy is a consultation with parents, staff and governors; any feedback is welcome, and the final agreed policy will follow at the end of term.

We're very grateful to the Bude Rotary Club for their generosity in funding copies of the book 'Watch Out – A child's guide to everyday dangers', which will be used to support our PSHE curriculum at school and we hope will be a useful resource for families.

Spring Term Exhibition Of Children's work

Friday 24 March
11.30am – 3.30pm



At Boscastle Village Hall

All parents, families and governors are invited to come along to take a look at what we've been learning this term.

Some of the children will be doing demos of their work, such as, the Robot Game, and on hand to tell you more about what we've been up to.

Also:

12.20pm: Guitar Club - with Tom.
Come along to see what children are learning.

3.00pm: Class 3 will perform a few songs from Songfest 2023.

'Valley Vibes' Festival Planning We received several designs for our Festival logo competition – Mr Rix will share these at the Spring Exhibition on Friday and will be also choosing a winner.



Our **'Valley Vibes' Festival** will be on Sat 01 July 2023



Thank you for your supporting
Comic Relief 2023 - we raised £41.76



Kind regards
Sara Haden
Headteacher