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Reflections of 2006

Developing Potential

Welcome to our second edition of Reflections, which the Governors produce annually for existing and future parents of Kentisbeare School.

On top of the fantastic work that our teachers have done in more than satisfying the stringent demands of the national Curriculum, we are particularly proud of the dedication of all staff to the extra curricular activities and also the significant participation of parents that help achieve the rounded development of our children.

We strive to develop each child's personal potential to give each individual a solid platform for his or her secondary schooling and life beyond.

We stand behind our school motto: "Developing Potential"

Gill Persey - Chair of Governors

Art

We are proud that Art features strongly within our school. Each year we have an Arts Week and this year it had an Aboriginal theme. Workshops were run on Bush Craft and playing Didgeridoos.

The 'Out of Africa' project involved a number of schools throughout Devon and four canvasses were made, displayed at an exhibition and are now proudly hung in the school.



Victorian Day

The whole school took part in a Victorian Day re-enacting the Victorian school room and servants chores in 'the big house'. The Victorian theme was continued at the Christmas lunch where the children wore Victorian costumes. Years 4/5 children visited Coldharbour Mill as part of their Victorian topic. They experienced the harsh realities of factory life for children in the past.

A Mid Summer Nights Dream

KS2 children gave two brilliant performances of a musical version of this Shakespearean play which was well received by the audience. KS1 children performed 'The Litter Muncher' for their parents in the village hall.

Performing Arts

Year 3 children as part of their Indian theme were taught Indian dancing and they took part in a 3D dance festival at the Barnfield theatre, their piece being entitled 'Bollywood'.

We also had Ha! Animation visit us and the children produced cartoons.



The Glade

This quiet garden in an area of rough land on the playing field, has been landscaped by teachers and parents following designs produced by the children. Barclays Bank donated £500 towards this quiet garden (known as The Glade) which has proved to be a great success.



Children of the World Day

One day in May, children were invited to dress up in a National costume in exchange for a small donation. The money raised went to support an ex pupil (Vicky Muggleston) in her gap year teaching in Ghana.



Cricket

We have had another exceptional year for Cricket. The year 6 team won all their games comfortably in a tournament in Exmouth, but as only one team could go through, they finally finished second as they were six runs short. Our year 5 cricketers also took part in a tournament in Exmouth. They played brilliantly only losing one game and came 5th out of 24 schools. Not to be outdone by the boys, a team of girls attended a cricket tournament and went on to the County finals. Finishing 8th in the whole of Devon is an incredible achievement.



Maths Week

Each year we have a Maths week and all classes are involved in 'investigations'. Photographs and work were collected and displayed at the Tiverton Hotel at a professional meeting.



Tag Rugby

Our first team came second in the league and we are all proud of their achievement. One member of the team was selected to represent Mid Devon in the Devon Youth Games.

Athletics

A large group of our children represented our school in Area Sports at Exeter Arena. Competing with 15 other schools we did exceptionally well and finished third.

The sports day (with picnic) took place on 11th July. It was great weather and a grand day out, with superb atmosphere and plenty of fun. Teams from the three houses competed in a variety of races and events and Kingsford house won this year!



Church

We are a Church of England School. Rev Jenny Davis, our local minister, has taken collective worship, contributed to our R.E curriculum and often comes to the school on social visits. Rev Philip Sourbut, our vicar and foundation Governor, also takes services. Sainthill Baptist church also contributes to the Christian teaching at assemblies and The Faith Mission also visited several times. The harvest service was lead by years 5 and 6 and once again we held a harvest lunch inviting older members of our community and children's guests with the children serving the guests.



Residential Trips

Each year the four oldest year groups have the opportunity to go on a residential trip. These prove to be an excellent opportunity for the groups to bond. They fully participate in a range of outdoor pursuits and of course the usual talent shows and quizzes. Years 5/6 went to Slapton, whilst years 3/4 went to Pixies Holt.





Music

Music tuition is very popular in the school and during the year we have provided lessons in the violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, keyboard, piano, guitar and drums. The children play regularly in assemblies and participate in concerts at school, church and further afield.

Our string players went to the Uffculme string workshop and subsequently took part in an evening concert.

Hilary Boxer held a concert in July involving all the musicians, for parents and the school. Many pupils take RSM exams.



Field Trips

Years 4/5 went to Exmouth beach as part of their Geography studies. Year 1/2 went to Buckfast Abbey as part of their RE and Art work. Year 4/5/6 did a Jurassic Coastline study (Exmouth to Sidmouth). This included a boat trip along the coast and up the River Exe. Year 5/6 went to A la Ronde near Exmouth, a most interesting National Trust house, which was the start of another fantastic art project. Year 3 went to the amazing Broomhill Sculpture Park which greatly inspired the children.



Swimming

Following on from Mr Whites' swim across the Channel, the children decided to do a sponsored swim of the equivalent distance. They ended up doing over 30 miles between them. Overall as a result of their efforts an incredible £2,591 was raised.



Healthy Eating

New school meal menus were introduced under the 'Fresh Start' initiative. Initially inviting parents and children to try some of the foods on the new menu. Debbie Chave organised activities as part of British Breakfast Week and our Healthy Schools programme.



School Clubs

A number of staff and volunteers run these after school clubs which include football, cricket, tag rugby, netball, gymnastics, drama, art, moving and grooving and country dancing. The netball team had a particularly successful year, just missing out on winning the cup.





School Website

The school website was totally redesigned in late 2006 and the new website has the weekly school newsletters, news on recent events, as well as the school prospectus.

Charitable Fund Raising

As part of our commitment to involve children in considering others less fortunate than themselves, the children on a regular basis raised money for charities. During the year money has been raised for Children in Need and Red Nose appeal, the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal, providing Christmas Gifts for young people in war torn and deprived areas of the world, and the whole school dressed as Pirates to raise money for Shelter Box.



Uffculme School

We are pleased to be a feeder school for the renowned Uffculme School. The majority of our children go on to Uffculme and we have a close relationship with the school ensuring as smooth a transition as possible.

AN HIGHWAY SHALL BE THERE

Governors

The Governors play an active role in the continuing success of the school. We have welcomed one new Governor this year. Due to the rotation of Governors, there are often opportunities for new Governors to join, which we encourage. Each year the Governors hold an Open Evening which provides an opportunity for parents (current and prospective), children (past and present) and anyone else interested, to look around the school, see the children's work and meet the staff and Governors. The date for 2007 will be on the school website.

Wild Night Out

Both years 4 and 5 had wild nights out at Killerton, which involved camping and midnight walks to learn more about nocturnal animals (not attending one of the open air concerts!).

Kentisbeare School Association

The KSA has been busy as ever organising events to raise money for equipment. All parents are automatically members of the KSA and they are always looking for additional active members. Events during the year have been the Christmas Cracker fair, Quiz night, Beetle drive, and the summer BBQ and Duck race. Over £3,600 was raised during the school year and all the proceeds go towards benefiting our children.

The police ran a cycling proficiency course again and all children were successful. The school is going to purchase more cycle racks as part of our travel plan.



Pupil Numbers

At the start of the academic year there were 141 children on the role, which grew to 147 by the end. This is a healthy number and enables us to make use of our six classrooms.

SATS Information

SATS & SEN information plus The School profile are available on the website: Please email or telephone if you would like any further information about our school.