

# Kentisbeare

## C of E Primary School

### *Developing Potential*



## Reflections 2005

**W**elcome to our first edition of Reflections which we aim to produce annually for the benefit of existing and future parents of Kentisbeare Primary School.

I am most proud as to how the school has developed and progressed during the last year under the headship of Tracey Hailey and her dedicated team.

The contents of this newsletter summarises some of the aspects of school life that have taken place, focusing particularly on those parts outside the main curriculum which of course is carried out to a high standard by the teaching staff.

We feel our school provides our children with a well rounded education and prepares them suitably for their secondary schooling and life in general: as our motto says "Developing Potential".

If you would like to know more about the school then by all means telephone the school office on 01884 266330 or look at our website [www.kentisbeare-school.org.uk](http://www.kentisbeare-school.org.uk)

Jill Persey - Chair of Governors

## Channel Swim



Mr Olly White, teacher in charge of class 3, decided to swim the English Channel this summer. He very kindly suggested that he should be sponsored to raise money to subsidise the cost of childrens' transport to Honiton swimming pool and as a result of this huge accomplishment he raised the excellent sum of over £4000. Thank you Mr White!

## RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Each year the three oldest year groups have the opportunity to go on a residential trip of varying length. These prove to be an excellent opportunity for the groups to bond. They



fully participate in a range of outdoor pursuits. Years 3/4 went to Pixies Holt on Dartmoor whilst years 5/6 went to Fowey in Cornwall, including The Eden Project.

## Walking Bus

We are delighted to see the walking bus grow in popularity which escorts children from the village hall car park to the school cutting down on car usage and also congestion in the village square. We were pleased to receive a silver Travel Award for continued efforts to encourage walking to school.



## Cricket



We have had an exceptional year for cricket with year 5 (or under) boys team attending a Festival of Cricket where they got through to the County Finals. Here they were runners up which put them through to the West of England finals at Taunton. Representing their school is great but representing Devon is superb! They came second in their qualifying group and finished a respectable 8th out of

16 finalists. We are pleased to note that all team members will still be at the school for the next season.

The girls also took in the Festival of Girls Cricket at Exmouth and it is pleasing to note that there is plenty of talent here too.

We also entered several teams in the CVSA Kwik Cricket Tournament and came first and third in this competition.



## After School Clubs

The school continues to offer a range of clubs and this year included football, netball, gymnastics, tag rugby, basketball, cross country and art. We would like to thank all the staff and parents who run them. More information is detailed overleaf of some of these. Space prevents us from covering all clubs in this issue.



## GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Classes 4 and 5 went to Lyme Regis as part of their Geography work on coastlines. Some excellent work was produced as a result of this visit and much of this is currently displayed in the school.



## Music

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

Hilary Boxer continued to run workshops developing singing, use of percussion instruments and the elements of music. We also held a most popular drum workshop.



## Recycling

We are proud that we encourage all our children to be involved in recycling.

Recycling workshops for the children were run by Mid Devon District Council to raise pupil awareness of 'reduce, reuse, recycle'. We are keen to continue with this and we already recycle all our paper. In this coming year we hope to become an Eco School.

### HARVEST SERVICE AND HARVEST LUNCH

These annual events were held in the church and village hall respectively and were well presented and attended. The lunch involves class 5 children inviting an older adult from the community, who are then waited on and entertained by the children.

## Fundraising Events for Charity

As part of our commitment to involve children in considering others less fortunate than themselves, the children on a regular basis raise money for charities. During the year money has been raised for the British Heart Foundation, the NSPCC, Children in Need, UNICEF and Red Nose Appeal. We also sent a large number of shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child.



## Outdoor Pursuits Programme

Following practice sessions of orienteering in the school grounds, two teams of year 4 and 5 pupils participated in an orienteering competition held at the National Trust owned Killerton Park. The school intends to include orienteering as part of an Outdoor Pursuits Programme.

Also as part of this programme, sessions were organised for years 5/6 at Haven Banks on the River Exe. The children had a most active time.





## Drama

KS2 children put on two excellent performances of 'World Vision'. Everyone enjoyed learning the songs which were familiar to their parents.

The infant nativity as always brought tears to the eyes as they sang and re-enacted this special story for their families and the rest of the school.



## Exmoor Challenge



Year 6 pupils were in training to enter a team in the Exmoor challenge later in the year. There were also weekend walks where families were invited which proved most popular.

## Athletics

A large group of KS2 children represented the school in an athletics tournament at Exeter Arena. Kentisbeare came third out of the 14 primary schools represented.



## Football

The football club did well this year and in particular were victorious in the Culm Valley Schools Association football tournament.

## Art

Last year we were pleased to receive a silver Artsmark award. This year we were thrilled to receive a gold Artsmark award.

The CVSA organised a special workshop for talented art students and four of our children went to a two day workshop at Uplowman School.



## Church

We are a Church of England School. Rev Jenny Davis, our local minister, has led assemblies, contributed to our RE curriculum and pops into the school on social visits. Rev Philip Sourbut, our Vicar and Foundation Governor, often takes services. Members of Sainthill Baptist Church also contribute to the Christian teaching at assemblies.





## Cross Country Club



The increasingly popular Cross Country Club took part in two events at Stockland school involving a number of local schools. Kentisbeare has a talented squad and in the first event we came second overall whilst in the second event the girls returned with a trophy.

## Sports Day

Marvellous weather greeted this so popular annual event. Teams from the three houses competed in a variety of races and events. Butler house won this year, the first time since 1989.



## 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

## 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 more active members. Events during the year have been the Christmas Cracker Fair, Easter Eggstravaganza, Quiz night, Beetle Drive and the summer BBQ and Duck Race. Over £4500 was raised during the year and all proceeds go towards benefiting our children.

## Eastern Arts Fortnight

We have been lucky to have a Japanese student this year Miss Minami with a friend started this fortnight with a Japanese day. The children had opportunities to dress up in traditional costume, learn Japanese calligraphy, as well as Japanese art and language. We also had Japanese drumming workshops and learnt to use chop sticks.



## Governors

The Governors play an active role in the continuing success of the school. Changes to the governing body in the last year have been the retirement of John Callard after 23 years including a long spell as Chairman. We have welcomed 4 new Governors this year. Due to the rotation principle of Governors, there are often opportunities for new Governors to join, which we encourage.

## Pupil Numbers

At the start of the academic year there were 132 children on the roll which grew to 142 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.



## Swimming

All classes have swimming lessons at Honiton Pool. The opportunity to develop swimming is a strength of the school and we consider it is of great importance. We plan to involve our children in a range of water activities and therefore knowing how to swim is vital.

## Day Trips



Various day trips are organised during the year for different classes to stimulate the childrens' minds. Trips have included Lyme Regis for geography, The Royal Albert Museum for an arts project on clocks (the work produced will be exhibited at the RAM), Paignton Zoo and River Dart Country Park.