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Reflections of 2010

Developing Potential

A word from Chair of Governors

Another year has flown by and so many wonderful and exciting activities have taken place at Kentisbeare School. To reflect, reminisce and celebrate all that has taken place our annual Reflections booklet has been put together; please enjoy!

OFSTED and SIAS (Church inspection) were amongst the many visitors we welcomed this year and as you know both visits were very successful. All the inspectors stated how happy, vibrant and engaged the children were and how much the children enjoyed and achieved in their learning.

Whilst we celebrate this success we also need to celebrate all that contributes to our children being happy and engaged learners and this you will find in the following pages.

For all that we are celebrating an enormous thank you must go to Mrs Hailey, all the staff, parents and volunteers and, of course, the children themselves, for their dedication, time, hard work and enthusiasm!

Stephanie Hicks - Chair of Governors

Exmoor Challenge

This year we entered 3 teams into the Exmoor Challenge. Working in groups of 4 they have to navigate their way across the 16 mile course on challenging terrain. All our teams finished the course and were welcomed at the finishing line by parents and staff who had turned out to show their support. Many of the children continue at secondary school with activities like Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh award.



Kentisbeare School Association

Each year the School Association raises thousands of pounds for the children in the school. One of the main events is the summer duck race and fete. This year the weather was kind and as you can see from the pictures a great time was had by all. The KSA use the funds they raise to purchase items that benefit the learning of the children.



Wider Opportunities Music

Every child in KS2 can now play the violin! Our resident music tutor Sue Rivett has been teaching the basics to every class and it culminated in several performances to parents. The children had a fantastic time and dozens of them have decided to take up the instrument through group private tuition. Sue continues to work with the school and is planning to bring live bands in to school to compliment the work she has been doing this year.





Outdoor Learning

We are really fortunate to have fantastic school grounds which we use to their full potential with resources such as the tepee, cob oven and a stage. We are also planning 2 outdoor classrooms for next year so we can maximise the opportunities created by taking learning outside the classroom.



Sparklers in the Glade

Each year we run a social event to welcome the new intake children and their parents to our school. The year six class accompany the younger children and have a great time getting to know their new buddies.



Science

Some exciting projects took place this year. The year 5 children had the opportunity to experience secondary school science at Blundell's school doing some 'mad scientist' experiments. The year 6 children were visited by microbiologist and school governor Alan Mugleston who tested objects and areas around the school for cleanliness by growing cultures.



Sports Day

One of the best sports days we've ever had! The sun shone and the children smiled. A variety of races, some traditional and some just for fun, rounding off what was another fantastic year for sport at Kentisbeare.



World Book Day

The school dressed up as historical characters in celebration of this year's World Book Day. The day also included a special assembly and activities in the classroom.

Boswinger

The year six children enjoyed a week long residential trip to Boswinger in Cornwall. This was an opportunity to learn away from school and spend some quality time with their friends before they moved on to secondary school. Activities included a surfing lesson and a visit to the Eden Project.





Pixies Holt

Once again the year 3 children attended an overnight residential. Pixies Holt is a fantastic centre in the heart of Dartmoor where the children get the opportunity to take part in activities such as archery and caving. It is a big step for children in year 3 to stay away for a night but it helps them to grow in confidence and develops team building skills.

Community Links

The year 6 children worked hard on a community project where they asked the opinions of local people about life in Kentisbeare. They interviewed local celebrities e.g. Mike from the Post Office and Reverend Anna Norman-Walker. In response to this the children produced works of art based on the village which were exhibited in the school hall and auctioned off.



London Link

The year 4 children made lasting friendships with a partner school in inner city London. They wrote letters, used video conferencing and then visited each other in their schools. When our children travelled to London they had the chance to take a tour of the London 2012 Olympic venue. Shaftesbury then travelled to Devon staying overnight in the school and visiting a local farm. A great learning opportunity for all involved. A friendship that may last for some time.



Tour of Britain

The annual Tour of Britain cycle route came very close to our school and we couldn't miss the opportunity to wave our flags! The entire school gathered and waited in anticipation for the racers to come through. Cycling is enjoyed by many at the school with lots of the older children take part in the bikeability initiative. Other cycling events happened during the year including sponsored events and trips to Haldon Forest.

Andrei Burton

The school was visited by BMX champion Andrei Burton. He entertained the children with his tricks which had them all amazed. This was part of the Tour of Britain build up.



India Day

Children in year 4 had a great time learning about India. They held an Indian day and invited Sandhya from Cultural Champions into school to help them prepare for the big day. They sang, danced and prepared an Indian feast.



Clubs

We run many popular clubs both during school time and after school. They are all well attended and pool club recently crowned its 10th champion.





Art

The Arts include dance, drama, music, 2 and 3 dimensional work. We believe in art for a purpose and the fine artwork the children do is often exhibited or hung in public spaces.

As part of our continued commitment to the Arts we have focussed this year on music. All the children in KS2 had the opportunity to learn the violin. Sue Rivett co-ordinated this amazing project and they entertained us all with several concerts throughout the year.



Out and About

Learning outside the classroom is fundamental at Kentisbeare School and we make full use of our rural setting and grounds. We believe that the many experiences we offer our children have a positive impact on their performance back in the classroom. As well as this we always make sure that we have great fun! Happy children learn.



Christmas Play

At Kentisbeare the Christmas plays are one of the highlights of the year. As always the KS1 production brought tears to our eyes as they sang and celebrated the birth of Jesus. Not sure where the aliens fitted into the story but it was brilliant.

KS2, all 100 of them, put on Cinderella Rockerfeller, in front of a packed house over 2 nights. The Christmas shows are always an exciting time and the children take a lot of pride in their performances.



Swimming Gala

We take our swimming seriously at Kentisbeare. Every child receives 10 lessons each year from 30 mins up to an hour for the older children. We have experienced swimming teachers amongst the staff who deliver high quality lessons. The strength and depth of swimming at the school was celebrated by winning the local schools gala for the 3rd year in a row.



Coldharbour Mill

Years 3 and 4 visited Coldharbour Mill for a World War 2 day as part of their history project. They looked excellent in their costumes.



Church

Representatives from CHAT and NSPCC came to talk to us about their charities and both have received our support this year. The school continues to welcome the input of the church to deliver regular collective worship both in school and at St. Mary's. The children play an active role in all church services.



Charities

We had a visit from the NSPCC who gave a presentation to all our staff and children about their child protection role and links with child line. Following this we raised an amazing £1,367.18 to support this charity. The school continues to support children's charities, including Children in Need, CLIC, Operation Christmas Child. Some staff and parents participated for a second year in the Race for Life event raising money and awareness for Breast Cancer.