



Newsletter

19 February, 2022

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Some parents will be aware of an incident in school involving school Kindle devices. A child was able to click on an Amazon Prime advert, and unknown to staff there were no parental controls in place to protect two of the devices.

The devices were removed immediately after the incident, and we have spoken with the parents of the pupils involved and support is being provided to those pupils. Lunchtimes are now being reviewed and children will not now be using any devices. The Federation IT department has reviewed our equipment and they are satisfied that our laptops do have good security on them.

Should you have any further concerns please contact the school directly.



Learning Leaves

CR

Maddie L

C1

Isaac P

C2

Buck J

C3

Ellie H

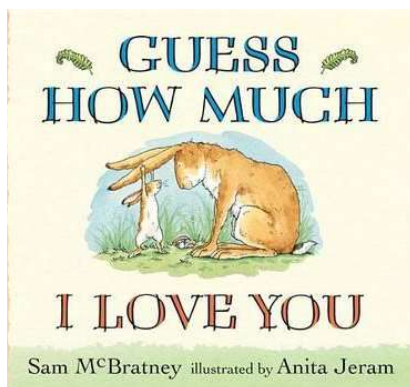
Well done!



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Little Angels News

What an end to this half term with a beautiful story and one of my favourites, Guess how much I love you by Sam McBratney. The children have been exploring friendships, hobbies, favourite foods, kindness and love, learning about their bodies and hearts.

Word of the week

We are involved in a vocabulary project to help improve the children's range and confidence with vocabulary. Each week every class will learn a new 'Word of the week'. Please could you talk to your child about this word and practice using it. Next week's 'Word of the week' (w/c 28/02/22)

Class R = huge

Class 1 = 3D shapes

Class 2 = delve

Class 3 = (unavailable before publishing)

Up and coming from the PTFA

7th March Sciencedipity to visit the school for science week

W/C 14th March Planet People visit for science week

Sunday 20th March Big village Spring Clean

April New to you Sale and Bag2School collection (Date TBC)



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DISCOVERY MORNING
For all girls aged 3 - 11 years
Saturday 19 March

A totally FREE morning of fun-filled activities for all our guests to enjoy!
REGISTER NOW AT www.maynard.co.uk

A totally FREE morning of fun-filled and age appropriate activities for ALL GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6
9.30 - 11.30am (Doors open - 9am)

MAGIC MATHS ORIGAMI
Create amazing mathematical models - just with paper folding!

DANCE PARTY CODING
Choreograph a dance routine through the power of coding!

BOMBLAST SCIENCE
Make gorgeous scented bath bombs to take home and enjoy!

DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST
Find the adventurer within you with this fabulous interactive session!

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, BAKE!
Make, bake and decorate scrumptious butterfly and ladybird cakes!

TREEHOUSE FOREST SCHOOL
Create fantastic tree medallions, then toast marshmallows around the campfire!

ART & CRAFT
Make animal decorations and woodland animal snow globes to take home!

FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 3 - 6 YEARS
Join us for a truly unique journey of discovery right here on our doorstep, designed especially for all girls from Pre-School age through to Year 1.
Bring your parents along and see who can blaze the Big Bug trail to find the six Maynard creepy crawlies lurking in our midst. There's so much fun in store with loads of activities dotted along the way and lots of other fabulous "creatures" great and small to meet, all polished off with oodles of crafts to make and take home. Not to mention cakes, cookies, snacks and coffees galore for children and parents!

REGISTER NOW* at www.maynard.co.uk
*Activities book up so we advise early registration to avoid disappointment!

The Maynard School, Denmark Road, Exeter, Devon EX1 1SJ

Spring Term dates

Spring Half Term

Monday 21st February –
Friday 25th February 2022

Back to School

Monday 28th February 2022
(No Football at lunchtime)

World Book Day

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Sciencedipity/Science Week

Monday 7th March 2022

Planet People visit

/Science Week

w/c 14th March 2022

Science Day

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Last day of Term/Easter

Friday 8th April 2022

This year, World Book Day is on Wednesday 2nd March.

We would like the children to come dressed up as a book character from their favourite book. It does not have to be a shop-bought costume; homemade is great! It could be as simple as pyjamas ('Midnight Gang').

Costume ideas are available at [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#)



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Safeguarding and Child Protection Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or actually suffering abuse please contact Tracey Taylor or Ruth Alphey within school or alternatively if not in school hours please contact MASH (Devon County Council multi agency safeguarding hub) who are available to discuss your concern and advise 0345 155 1071.

Clubs w/c 28th February 2022

- No lunchtime Football Club Monday 28th February 2022 – starts week after.
- Tuesday French After School Club All Classes – finishing the topic: French Mountains.
- Thursday Multi-sports 1 After School Club C1, 2 and 3.
- Friday Multi-sports 2 After School Club C1, 2 and 3.

We also have free sports clubs Thursday and Friday lunchtime.



The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle is enough to power a light bulb for four hours.



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PTFA meetings

25th January 2022

15th February 2022

29th March 2022

26th April 2022

24th May 2022

28th June 2022

Please
join
us



The children had a lot of fun whilst learning about re-cycling during last week's workshop,





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Did you know glass is 100% recyclable? It can be recycled infinitely and not lose its purity or quality.



Did you know it takes up to 80 years for a crisp packet to decompose?



Plus get a £5 bonus donation when new supporters sign up and raise £5.

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Rackenfords Primary School Parent Teacher and Friends Association with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's **easy** and completely FREE. 6,300 shops and sites will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rackenfordspspta/?invite=OHFOI0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Summer Term dates

Pupils' Term starts
Monday 25th April 2022

May Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May 2022

Wilcombe Wobbler
Wednesday 18th May 2022

Summer Half Term
Monday 30th May –
Friday
3rd June 2022
including **Queens
Platinum Jubilee**

Last day of Term
Friday 22nd July 2022

Thanks to our supporters!

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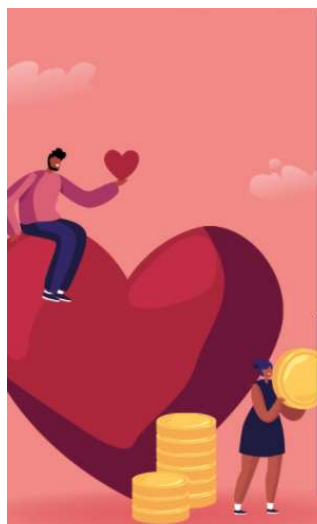
This quarter we've been paid

£36.69

£481.48
Total raised to date

by

24
supporters





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RACKENFORD CHURCH

EXPLORE

ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022 9.30AM

JOIN US FOR A RELAXED SERVICE WITH
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN MIND

COME AND EXPLORE. IT WILL BE FUN
AND WELCOMING, WITH ACTIVITIES,
STORIES AND CRAFT.

OPEN TO ALL WITH ACCESS TO A
TOILET. THE SERVICE WILL BE APPROX
45MINUTES- WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE
YOU THERE.





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200 Years of Tiverton - from Lace to Space

Children from class 2 and 3 have been involved in an exciting, creative project all about Tiverton history. Daisy, a Devon based arts in education charity, set up the project with funding from the National Heritage Lottery Project. Two artists came into school to work with the children. The children will remember visual artist, Monica Shanta Brown and storyteller, Sara Hurley.

An exhibition featuring the children's work is being held at Knightshayes until the end of February half term, the 27th February. It's open every day over half term, and between 11.30 and 2.30pm on Saturdays before half term. Please check the Knightshayes website before you go.

The exhibition features art work, poetry, stories, audio stories and a dress.

Monica and Sara were really impressed with the children's enthusiasm for the project and the amazing creative work and ideas they came up with. They hope that the children will be able to visit the exhibition which is free of charge. You can find it in the smoking room which has a separate door beside the main house.

Half term work-shop. Thanks to Knightshayes and Daisy, Monica and Sara are running a free drop in art workshop during half term on Wednesday 24th February between 11am and 4pm in the room behind the bookshop near the cafe. Why not come to that and see the exhibition at the same time?

Thanks. Mrs James.



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Free training for parents and carers who have a child with SEND - Information for childcare providers

Devon information advice and support are running a selection of free training sessions for parents and carers who have a child with SEND. For more information please click on the link below

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/free-training-for-parents-carers-demystifying-send-education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp-review-mythbusting-and-listening-to-your-childs-views/>



A free workshop for parents and carers looking at turning tantrums into calm connections

**Do you ever feel you are about to explode?
That your child might too?
We can help turn tantrums into calm connections**

Presented by Advisory Teacher, Linda Willmott and Family Worker, Jeff Cornish from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School age children

This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 10am - 11.30am

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with our emotions. Children feel like this too. In this workshop, we will explore why your child behaves in the way that they do; how you can respond to help them calm and how to re-connect to strengthen your relationship with them. We will also offer some specific de-stressing techniques that both you and your child can start using straight away.

We are joined by a parent who will share his own experiences of family life and the transformational impact it had on his family when he changed his approach as a parent.

Come and join us to find out how you can help build a healthier relationship with your child and develop a sense of inner calm.

To book a free place, please email Sue Vanstone- sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

