



Newsletter

6 March, 2022

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We are very pleased to announce that we have purchased new reading books for Reception and Class 1. They will be sent home with the children shortly and we hope the children will cherish their reading books and return them every week, to ensure other children get to enjoy them too. Any lost/damaged books will need to be paid for at £5 per book.



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 20TH OF MARCH

RACKENFORD SPRING
CLEAN-UP

From 10 AM
Rackenfords common
Join us for a PTFA family day
As well as litter picking and bulb
planting there will be fun activities and
workshops to join in with.

Learning Leaves

CR
Emily

C1
Arthur

C2
Alfie

C3
Michaela

Well done!



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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.

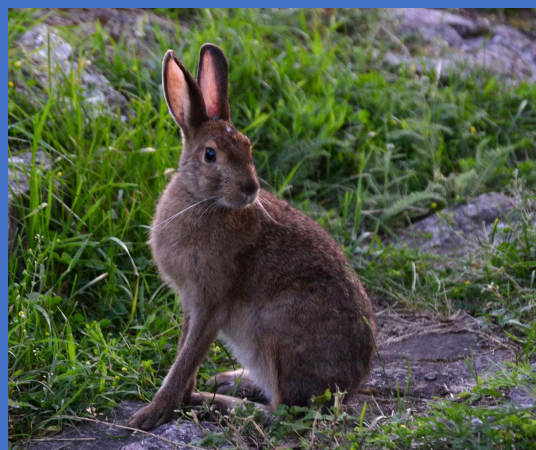
w/c 07/03/22

Class R = huge

Class 1 = solve

Class 2 = deceitful

Class 3 = dormant



Little Angel's news

What a week full of world book day with our focus on 'My underpants rule' by Kate and Rod Power. This important message of safeguarding is shared with our children through road safety, what we wear, our voice matters, mental health and risk assessing the world in which we live. A busy learning week full of learning opportunities, kindness and fun.

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

Featuring the BIG BUG HUNT

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!

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!

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!

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

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

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

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

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

PTFA meetings

29th March 2022

26th April 2022

24th May 2022

28th June 2022



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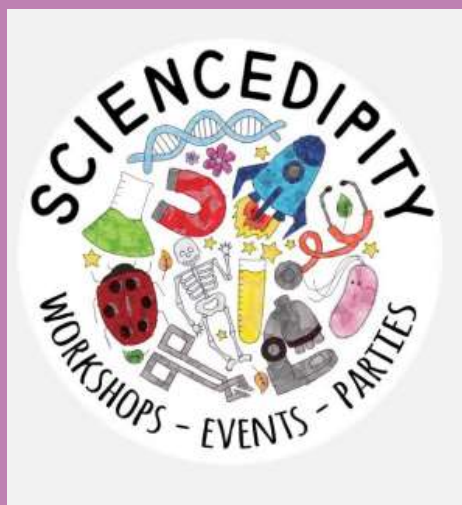


Safeguarding and Child Protection Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or actually suffering abuse please contact Tracey Taylor or Ruth Alphey within school or alternatively if not 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 7th March 2022

- Football Club Monday
- Tuesday French After School Club All Classes – French Monuments –New block, details later in Newsletter...
- 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.



Sciencedipity are coming in Monday 7th to do workshops with all the classes. We are very grateful to the PTFA for organizing and funding this.



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World Book Day was amazing, it felt very surreal walking around the school that day! Thank you to Mrs Horrell for getting the books in so that every pupil had a new book that day. She also made us a red carpet!



Thanks also to the PTFA for the book tokens, one per class, and the winners were...





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RACKENFORD FRENCH CLUB



NEW BLOCK OF 5 SESSIONS

Bonjour, we are starting a new block of 5 sessions, this Tuesday the 8th of March and we will discover 5 important French monuments.

Every Tuesday at 3.30 to 4.15 pm for £20 per child, à bientôt!

frenchrackenfordschool@gmail.com





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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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We are delighted here at The Communication & Interaction Team (Babcock LDP) to have launched and further develop our new Parent Autism Awareness programme and additional events, following our recent and previous offer of the Cygnet programme online during the pandemic period.



The second strand of supporting events are now ready to share and book onto. These are topic based workshops, and available for parents/carers to choose from based on the priority needs for their child/young person and desired knowledge and further understanding in these topic areas:

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
Wed 16 Mar	1-3p.m	Autism - Girls	Robert Good
Tues 26 Apr	9.30-11.30	Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews
Mon 16 May	12.30-2.30	Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O'Shea
Tues 24 May	9.30-11.30	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Wed 15 Jun	9.30-11.30	Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Robert Good
Fri 8 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Thurs 28 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com

To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops.

We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event.

They will be delivered on line 'live' via the ClickMeet platform.

The originally publicised programme below is for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis, with booking access remaining open.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the Autism awareness parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process below:

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1 <i>Underway and not bookable</i>	Programme 2	Programme 3	Programme 4
1	Autism overview	Fri 11 Feb 10a.m - 12	Wed 27 Apr 1-3 p.m	Fri 6 May 10a.m-12	Wed 22 Jun 9.30-11.30
2	Communication	Fri 18 Feb 10a.m - 12	Wed 4 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 13 May 10a.m-12	Wed 29 Jun 9.30-11.30
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Fri 4 Mar 10a.m - 12	Wed 11 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 20 May 10a.m-12	Wed 6 Jul 9.30-11.30
4	Sensory	Fri 11 Mar 10a.m - 12	Wed 25 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 27 May 10a.m-12	Wed 13 Jul 9.30-11.30

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To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.



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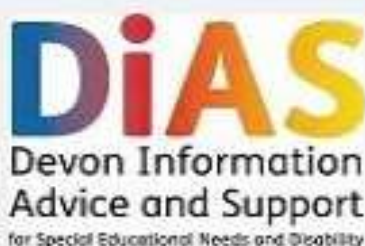
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Free training for parents and carers who have a child with SEND - Information for childcare providers

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



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An online [series of free webinars starting next month](#) aim to help parents and carers understand and support their teenagers to navigate the challenges they might face as they grow up in today's world.

'Let's Talk Teenagers' is a three part webinar for parents and carers of teenagers or pre-teens. The sessions cover different subject areas starting with communities and family life (March 8) and followed by respectful relationships (March 15) and building stronger families (March 22), all at 7pm.

The 90 minutes sessions will be delivered on Teams, and a free booklet will accompany the webinar, which will be sent out to delegates after the event. [Find out more or sign up for the webinar.](#)

Look at all the socks that were purchased after our Odd Sock Day in aid of CHAT!





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CALL FOR RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Can you spare 5-10 minutes to help?

Tell us about what you think is a priority to find out about educating children with complex or difficult life stories (sometimes labelled trauma).

Your input will help us know what is important to investigate in our future research.

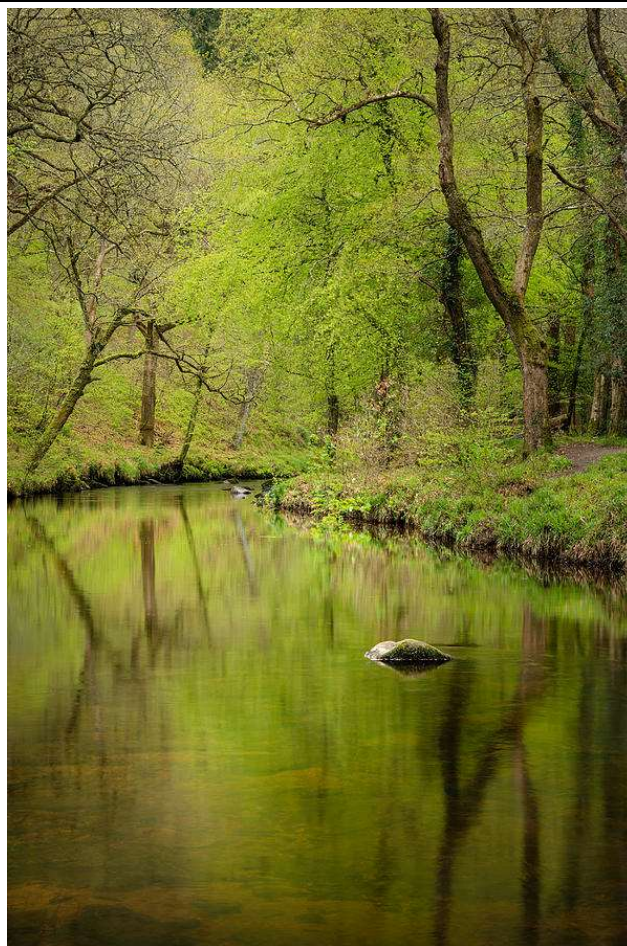


Follow the [link](#) or scan the qr code to complete our 5 minute survey

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ChYMe
Children & Young People's
Mental Health Research Collaboration

For more information please email
efb211@exeter.ac.uk



Annual 10K walk/run on Sunday 10th July 2022 to raise money for Young Lives VS Cancer

This event starts at Tiverton Basin where you can either run or walk along the canal to a fun family festival at the Sampford Peverell playing fields. There will be live music, a bar and lots of entertainment for the whole family.

We are also having a competition for the largest group of participants and the most money raised, where the winners will be presented with a special shield.

Please share this information and If you would like to enter please follow the EventBrite link below. For more information please feel free to contact me or follow our pages on social media.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/29th-gwc10k-going-the-extra-mile-for-young-lives-vs-cancer-registration-174648577597>

www.gwc10k.com

Best wishes,
Chloe Latty