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## Update on Sarah Maude, Head of School

I met with Sarah last week and she continues to be signed off work with significant back problems. In her absence Sharon Hagley continues to be acting Head of School and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Sarah all the best for a speedy recovery.

I will of course keep you informed about her planned return.

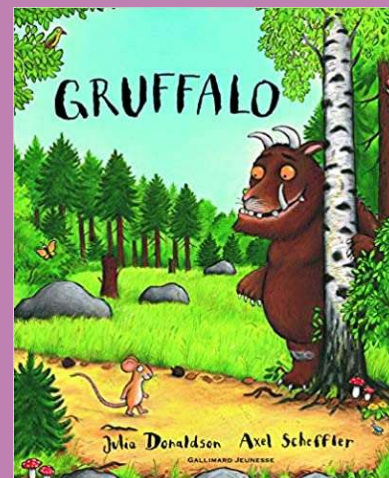
Have a lovely weekend.

Sammy Crook  
Executive Head



## Little Angel's news

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler has seen our learning focus this week. The children have been exploring mythological creatures, creating beautiful art work to music, muddy walks, rhyming strings, and creating dens. It has been a week full of mess, discoveries and excitement!



Can you find a Gruffalo on every page of this Newsletter?

## 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 18/03/22

Class R = change

Class 1 = extraordinary

Class 2 = commence

Class 3 = lethal



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**THE MAYNARD SCHOOL**  
EXETER

# 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](http://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)

**BIG BUG HUNT**

**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!

**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!

**TREEMENDOUS 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!

**REGISTER NOW\* at [www.maynard.co.uk](http://www.maynard.co.uk)**

\*Activities book up so we advise early registration to avoid disappointment!

The Maynard School, Denmark Road, Exeter, Devon. EX11 5J

## Spring Term dates

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**  
Author's Visit

**Last day of Term/Easter**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022



## Summer Term dates

**Pupils' Term starts**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**May Bank Holiday**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

**Wilcombe Wobbler**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

**Last day of Term**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Head Lice are back at school.

Please check your child's hair.

## PTFA meetings

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

28<sup>th</sup> June 2022





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## Learning Leaves

CR  
Bertie

C1  
Hero

C2  
Darcey

C3  
Isabella



**Activate Camps**  
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in **2022**

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<b>LET'S PLAY CRICKET</b> 19-22 APR 8-12 AUG	<b>NETBALL FEVER</b> 25-27 JUL	<b>TRIATHLON MASTERS</b> 1-3 AUG	<b>DEVELOPMENT CENTRE</b> 9-11 AUG	<b>FREESTYLE SOCCER CAMPS</b> 15-17 AUG 24-26 OCT
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## Comic Relief

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super heroes out  
there!

You raised £54.50!

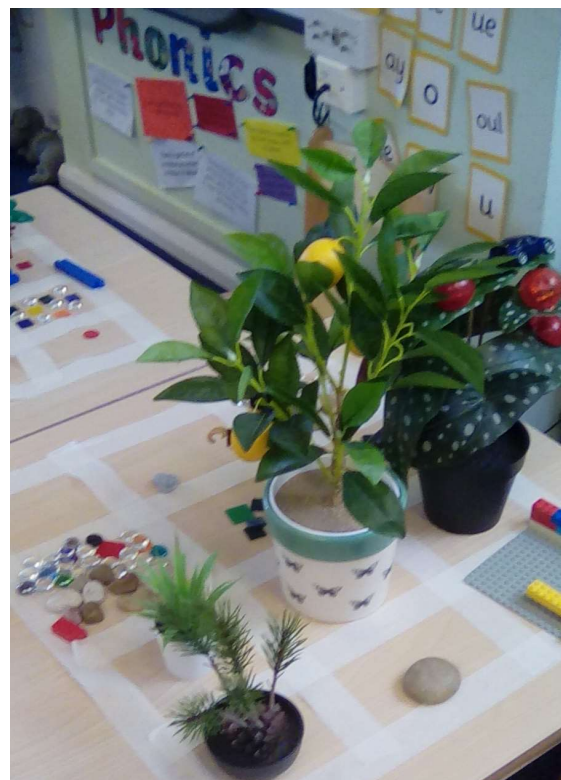
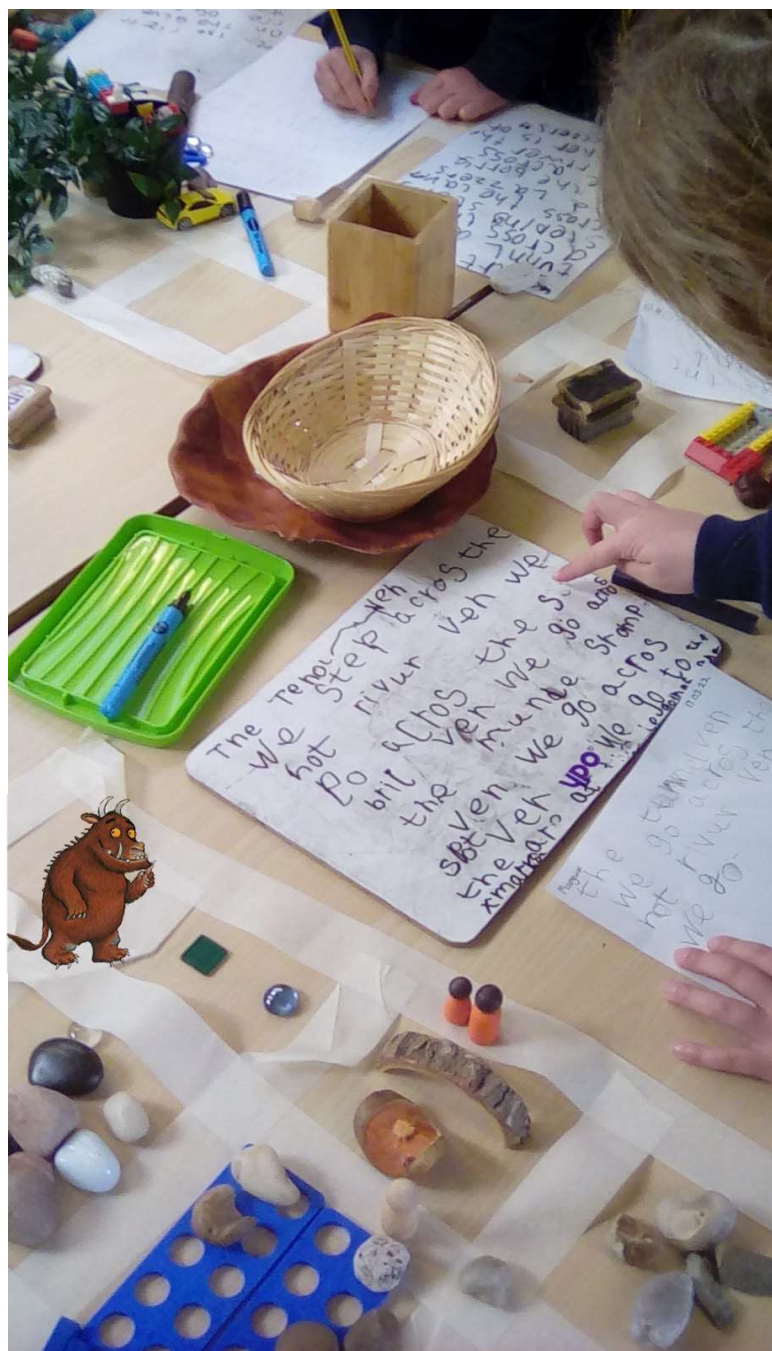
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On Thursday class one created their own maps complete with geographical landmarks and wrote instructions leading a friend to the treasure. We are so proud of how hard class one worked and loved their wonderful displays of imagination!

**Up and coming from the PTFA**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Big Village Spring Clean**

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





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Science Day was a great success!

Pupils split into houses and had a carousel of different science activities to take part in, in each class room.

## PREMIER EDUCATION - TAUNTON EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Wilcombe Primary School, Tiverton**  
**EX16 4AL**

### MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY



#### Some of our Sports:

**Dodgeball**- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

**Nerf Games**- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

**Football**- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-a-side tournament.

**Gymnastics**- Children will be in various groups where they will learn new gymnastic techniques and routines!



£22.00

9:30am-  
3:30pm

Childcare  
Vouchers  
accepted

**COOKED HOT SCHOOL  
LUNCH PROVIDED!**  
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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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com)

