



Friday 2nd
July 2021

WhatsUp @ EXETER

Pupil of the week

25.6.21

FS2: Olly and Ana

Year 1: Taylor and Archie

Year 2: Adam, Lena and Macaulay

Nurture: Richard

Year 3: David B, Yannis and Julia H

Year 4: Elizabeth, Ahsan and Hollie

Year 5: Suwadu, Caleb and Cristian

Year 6: Emils, Jack A and Marley

Potter: Daisy

2.7.21

FS2: Kyle and Ema

Year 1: Blossom and Zelia

Year 2: Samir and Bonnie-Rai

Nurture: Daniel

Year 3: Sebastian B, Tudor and Nikol

Year 4: Passion, Bianka and Aeilah

Year 5: Daniel S, Jack C and Arry

Year 6: Mea, Margarita and Alexei

Potter: Rachel

Well done to all these children.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th July: Years 5/6 residential

Friday 9th July – Individual school photo day

Monday 12th July: Transfer Day

Friday 16th July: Last day of term

Euro 2020 – Monster Kick about week

The children in PE this week have been learning new football skills, creating their very own goal celebration and designing mascots to send in for a chance to be the next mascot for monster kickabout. Additionally, they have been creating their own football kit for a chance to win their design being turned into a real football kit for their school. The skills being learnt throughout this week, which have included the celebrations, have been videoed to send in for a chance to play at St George's Park.



Olympic swimmer visit to Exeter!

Following our visit by Joe Roebuck on Wednesday 10th June, where he led a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, we are extremely pleased to say **£2,854.36 was raised through sponsorship**. £1500 of this will come directly back to school to buy new sports equipment. Thank you to everyone who collected sponsor money. Your wrist bands etc are on their way.





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Make Music Day

Make Music day is an international day for celebrating and making music.

This day gave everyone the opportunity to explore music and make music in creative ways. The children have really enjoyed exploring music and having the chance to perform and share what they had done in the virtual assemblies.

Nursery, EYFS and Key Stage One had the theme of "Music outdoors" and came up with some very creative ways to celebrate this. Key Stage Two's theme was "Music around the world"; it was brilliant to see the range of places and styles of music that the children learnt about.

In Nursery we had great fun exploring how to make our own instruments. We painted, stuck, cut and filled, and then we shook, hit, banged and jiggled. What fun it was trying to make our sounds as LOUD, and as quiet as we could. We sung our favourite songs and played our instruments along to the rhythm. We are music makers!

In Foundation Stage 2 we had great fun making music outside. We used everyday objects to create music and enjoyed exploring the sound they created. We imitated rhythms that we were familiar with experimenting the different pitch and tone we could make on different materials.

Year One children had a fantastic time exploring natural sounds outside. They listened to the sea and from there we used percussion instruments and their own bodies to imitate the sounds of the sea. We made rain makers and filled them with natural materials, the children had great fun using these to create sounds.

Year Two children had an unexpected bubble closure last week, so their music day challenge became a double challenge, as the children had to find resources at home to design and make a musical instrument. After a live briefing on Microsoft Teams, the children spent the afternoon creating their masterpieces! The children created a variety of instruments including rain sticks, drums and guitars. We received photographs and videos of the children's work which was incredibly creative. Well done Year Two and thank you to everyone for helping us continue teaching the full curriculum remotely during this entire week



The children in Year Three learned about Bollywood music; how the songs are mainly sung in Urdu and Hindu, but more recently they are sung in Hinglish (a mixture of Hindu and English)! They took part in dancing and made up their own dance routines. They also decorated the traditional instrument of India, a sitar, and then created their own art work, inspired by the Bollywood music.





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In Year Five Rose, we learned about didgeridoos, which are woodwind and percussion instruments played by the Aboriginal People of Australia. The children watched several videos of didgeridoos being played, before they got to make and decorate their own didgeridoos. They were quite interested in how the didgeridoo could be used to make animal sounds and commented that the 'music' made by didgeridoos is not very 'pretty'.



In Year Five Ashworth, we listened to Mexican Mariachi music. We discussed the instruments we could hear and concluded that the main instruments in Mexican Mariachi music were guitars, trumpets and violins. We then all created a small piece of artwork to show how the music made us feel, using colours and patterns to represent this. We then pieced them all together into the shape of a guitar!

Year Six have been busy learning the songs from the musical Aladdin for their end of year production. We enjoyed giving the rest of the school a sneak preview of some of our favourite songs.

Potter class learned about African music. We listened to different types of music from different parts of Africa – some made us get up and dance! When we listened to them we discussed what instruments they were and how the music made us feel. We were introduced to different African instruments, one of them being the Djembe drum.

Most of the music in Africa includes drumming. We watched video tutorials for African djembe drumming and we learnt lots of repeating rhythms that are used in African music. This took a lot of concentration to keep in time with each other!

Here are some photos of our drumming – please excuse the lack of smiles; they did enjoy themselves, this just took a lot of concentration!



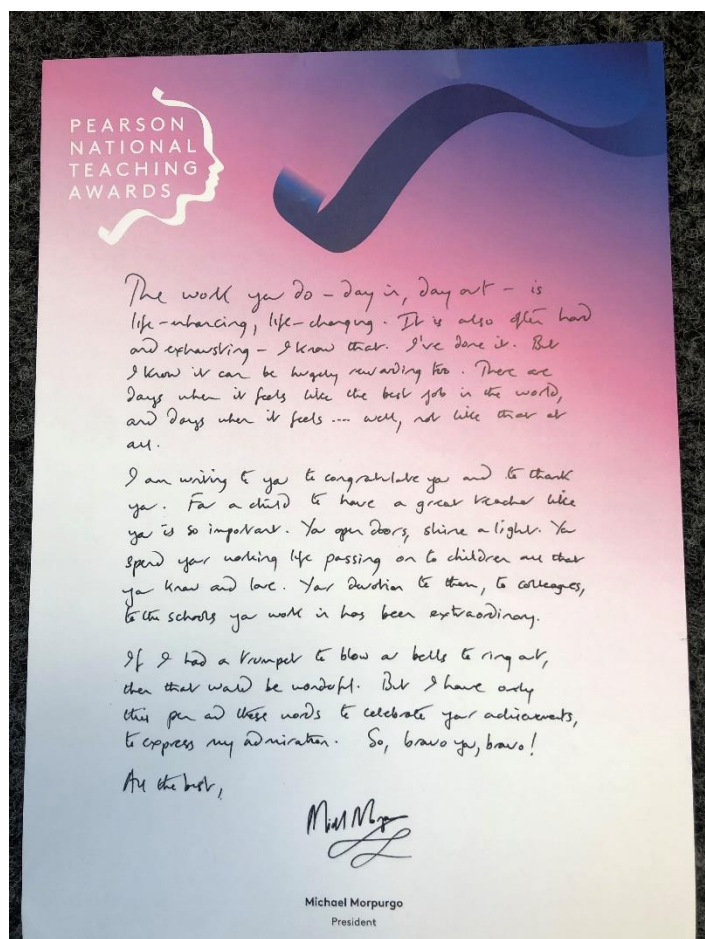


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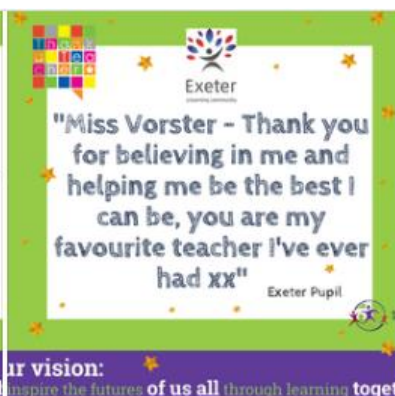
Teaching Assistant of the Year award

We are extremely proud to say that we have one of the best teaching assistants working at Exeter! Miss Chambers found out last week that she has won a Pearson National Teaching Award for her outstanding contributions as a teaching assistant. She has received a hand-written letter from Michael Morpurgo, world famous child's author, explaining why she was nominated and chosen.



Thank a Teacher (and all staff) – Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Thank you for all the lovely messages we received from pupils and parents as part of thank a teacher (and all staff) day. Here is a sample of some of the comments we received over the week.





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Yoga training for staff

On Wednesday 30th June all teaching staff and nursery staff received an evening training session of Mini Yoga – to start to use in class. The staff had a great time learning all the new poses and how these will benefit our children in a variety of ways in class.



Sports Day

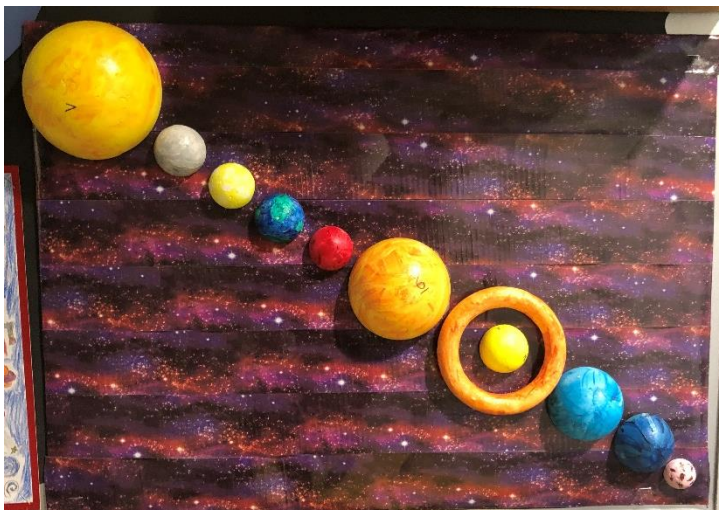
Sports day will be held in year group bubbles next week from Wednesday during the children's normal PE lesson. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents onto site as the restrictions have not yet been fully lifted. Those children on residential will have theirs on Thursday 8th July.

School Photo

On Friday 9th July, we have a photographer booked to take individual photos of the children. For those children who have PE on a Friday, can we please ask that they bring their school T-shirt and jumper in for the photograph.

Year 5 Stargazers

Children in Year 5 have been learning all about Space! They have learnt facts about the solar system and the phases of the moon, created pieces of art, written space poems and created 3D solar system models as part of their homework. They look amazing on display.





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Residential July 2022 – Years 5/6

Bookings have now opened for our Y5/6 (current Year 4/5) children for next year (July 2022) – there are a few places still available. This is an amazing opportunity for a three day residential, experiencing a range of outdoor pursuits including climbing, abseiling, highropes, fencing, caving – just to name a few. Please secure your child's place on the Gateway APP with a non-refundable deposit of £25, and 20 monthly payments of £20, to be paid by the first Friday of every month.

Attendance

Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th June)
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	95.4%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 28 th June – Friday 2 nd July)
Reception	96.0%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	95.8%

Next Newsletter – Friday 16th July 2021



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Have you ever considered a career in teaching?

We are one of your local Trainee Teacher providers and work in partnership with the Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership, the oldest, most established Primary training provider in Milton Keynes and surrounding areas who strive for excellent outcomes for trainee teachers.

We believe that every child is entitled to a world class education. We aim to inspire our trainees with a varied and innovative training programme, access to excellent teaching and a wide variety of experiences in our partner schools across the area.

Together we provide you with a close-knit community and we are proud to work with some of the most committed, varied and innovative schools in the area.

We all share the desire to provide the very best for our children - and while every school in our partnership is unique, we are brought together through our sense of integrity and the drive to achieve this common aim.

We offer various routes into teaching, therefore if you have a proven commitment to teaching as a career; the passion, presence, energy and enthusiasm required to work with primary age children; the personal and intellectual qualities needed to be an excellent teacher and the confidence, determination and professionalism that's required to be part of an innovative and prestigious programme then we want to hear from you.

The routes into teaching we offer vary and we are committed to finding the right one for you, be it, if you are looking at making a career change, embark on a new career or want to develop your current career in education.

We are committed to finding the right route into teaching for you and offer open events throughout the year, to ensure you can find out more about our programmes in more detail via www.mkitt.co.uk/open-events or alternatively, please contact us on xxxx we would love to hear from you.





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Exeter a learning community

School Term Dates

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

2021

Term 1	Training Day	Wednesday 1 September
	Training Day	Thursday 2 September
	Re-open	Friday 3 September
	Closes	Friday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 1 November
	Closes	Friday 17 December

2022

Term 3	Training Day	Tuesday 4 January
	Re-open	Wednesday 5 January
	Closes	Friday 11 February
Term 4	Training Day	Monday 21 February
	Re-open	Tuesday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 1 April
Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
May Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 29 April
	Re-open	Tuesday 3 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 27 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 6 June
	Closes	Thursday 21 July
	Training Day	Friday 22 July