



Boxgrove Primary School



April 2019 Newsletter

Osmington Bay



Last week, many of the Year 5 children went on their annual residential.

Previously, the children visited the Townsend Centre in Swanage. However, this year broke the tradition as we visited somewhere bigger and better. The children began the four hour journey on Monday morning and

were greeted with beautiful sunshine and a view of the sea as they reached their new home for the week.

After the children had unpacked and made their bed (which was quite a struggle for a few of them), the children began to enjoy the beautiful weather we had for the week with a visit to the beach.



Throughout the week, the children were fortunate enough to participate in a wide range of activities. Each day consisted of four main activities, separated by lunch. One of the children's favourites was the



Giant Swing. Once harnessed in, the rest of the group pull you to the highest point you can manage before releasing a cable and swinging back and forth.

Another favourite was the trapeze.

Although this meant

facing their fear of heights, the children pushed themselves and leapt off a platform 10 metres in the



air. There were also opportunities for children to face challenges together and work in collaboration. An example of this was the Jacob's Ladder. A ladder fit for a giant, the children needed to work together to help them reach the top, which became more difficult



the higher you went, the more the ladder began to sway. Some of the other activities included archery, rifle shooting, aeroball, abseiling, buggy building, quad

biking, low-ropes trail and street surfing. However, there wasn't time to relax after those adrenaline filled days. In the evenings,



the children also had evening activities to participate in. There was a giant game of hide and seek, where the children could hide anywhere on site, leaving clues as they went. There was also a sports night which finished with a children vs teachers dodgeball match. The children also worked together to design a device to prevent a water balloon from bursting when dropped – if successful, they could then throw this at an adult of their choice. The final night ended with a disco, which allowed the children (and a few of the teachers) to display their dance moves. As you can imagine, after such an eventful week, the children were very tired on the trip back. However, their behaviour still remained impeccable as the children were praised by a member of public. This sublime behaviour was showcased throughout the week and it was a pleasure to spend the time with them. We would like to thank the children and all of the adults for this magnificent experience.



Year 5 Music Recital

During Year 4, the children have the opportunity to learn the guitar or the Djembe. To continue the development of some of our budding musicians, a selection of Year 5 children were chosen to represent Boxgrove at a local music festival. Hosted by Plumcroft Primary School, the children had the opportunity to perform pieces of music to a crowd. The children had been rehearsing tirelessly for the last couple of months and put together a wonderful showcase of their musical talent.

KS1 Easter Performance

On Wednesday 3rd April, Year 1 took to the stage to perform their version of 'The Chocolate Shop'. The children did an incredible job showing confidence beyond their years in acting, dancing and singing. The brilliant direction from Miss Burke had both heart-warming moments as well as leaving the audience laughing in their seats. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to help put on the performance.

Year 4 Trip to National Theatre

On Wednesday 3rd April, Year 4 went to The National Theatre. The children really enjoyed their tour of the theatre and participated in an acting workshop, fully preparing them for their Greek plays to the parents. The children loved seeing how the theatre works behind the scenes, and some were inspired to become actors and actresses of the future!

Star of the Week Assemblies are on Fridays
at 3:10pm



This newsletter and other important information is
also available on the school website:
<http://www.boxgrove.greenwich.sch.uk/>

Year 4 Greek Plays

On Friday 5th April the children were fantastic acting as different Greek mythical characters and beasts, from The Minotaur to Cyclops. The parents absolutely loved watching the children wear their masks they have made, from scratch, painted to depict the character they were playing. They learnt their lines superbly and entertained the crowd throughout. Well done Year 4!

Year 1 Space Day

This half term, the Year 1 children have been learning all about space and, to finish the topic, they held a 'Space Day' on Thursday 4th April. The children and staff dressed up in space themed outfits, becoming various life forms that you may find in space. They used everything they have been learning in science to help them design and make a space suit as well as writing about Neil Armstrong's trip to the moon. The children finished the day making space biscuits and reading space stories.

Boxgrove's Wonderful Attendance

This term, the attendance at Boxgrove has been as fabulous as ever. In school, we celebrate the children who achieve 97%+ attendance throughout the term. Furthermore, additional rewards are given to the children who achieve 100% attendance. This half term, 186 pupils achieved gold attendance, which is amazing. These children were also entered in to a raffle. Three lucky families then won a £20 voucher to spend in Sainsbury's. Next term, in our attendance assembly, the children will have the opportunity to win 1 of 4 scooters for 100% attendance across the year.

Boxgrove is Brilliant

As I am sure you are aware, we have recently began to provide clubs, which are led by external agencies. Recently, we received the following feedback from our gymnastics teacher: I am writing to give a little feedback regarding the gymnastics classes that have been running this term at Boxgrove. This term, we have worked on a number of skills such as forward rolls, forward rolls into straddle, bunny hops over the bench, handstands on the table tops, cartwheels on and off the bench, squat and straddle on to the table top and a range of jumps and balances on and off the benches. The children are now working on putting all of the skills they have into a short routine. The children are a pleasure and I enjoy teaching them. I am also grateful and would like to thank Boxgrove for making me feel welcome and I look forward to coaching each week.

Staying Safe at Easter

Recently, the school has been contacted by external agencies regarding to the safety of our children, especially over the Easter Holidays. Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people near to Boxgrove, we strongly encourage you to discuss the dangers of trespassing on rail tracks. During the Easter period, there is consistently a spike in trespassing incidents, which put the children at risk of severe injury. Below is a link which may be helpful to use when discussing this issue with your child.
<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

After School Clubs

At Boxgrove, we offer a variety of after school provision. These range from sports clubs to child-minding services. If you are interested in any of these clubs, please speak to the school office where they can provide you with further details or provide you with flyers.

Punctuality and Attendance

This month's punctuality and attendance award winners are...

Week Beg.	Punctuality	Attendance
18 th March	4JD 99.6%	3JM 99.3%
	3JM 99.6%	
25 th March	2HOC 99.7%	5EB 100%

Values Award Winners

This month's Boxgrove school values award winners are.....

Week Beg.	Winner	Value
18 th March	Olivia (NPM)	Innovation
25 th March	Sydney (3JM)	Emotional Intelligence
	Kian (6EA)	Emotional Intelligence

Dates for Your Diary

April

8th-19th

Easter Holidays

22nd

Easter Monday

23rd

Return to school

26th

E-safety Parent Workshop

26th

4MS Class Assembly

29th

KS1 Maths Parent Workshop

May

3rd

NAM Class Assembly