



ANTARCTIC EXPLORER VISITS YEAR 5 & 6

As a wonderfully exciting end to our 'Poles' topic, the year 5 and 6 children had the most incredible opportunity to meet John Killingbeck. He is the last living Englishman to have made his way across Antarctica, being hauled by a pack of dogs. He brought in his enormous sled among other authentic props and shared his stories and wisdom with us all. Thankyou John!



THE GINGERBREAD MAN VISITS RECEPTION

After being introduced to the topic 'Once Upon a Time' by a visit from the Gingerbread Man the children were excited to bake and decorate their very own gingerbread men! The children enjoyed weighing and mixing the ingredients as well as carefully rolling and cutting out the dough. During Independent Learning the children have been creating life-size gingerbread men by working together to draw around their friends and decorate their characters!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was wonderful to gather in the church last week, for our Harvest Festival. As a school, we really value the support of parents and families and to see the church so full was amazing after the last couple of years we have all endured. Thank you to Mother Elizabeth for leading the service with the help of our newly formed PEG group. They did a fantastic job of reading, singing and coming together for our celebration. Thank you also for your donations for harvest. This year has been a bumper year and all the offerings will be given to the Holsworthy Food Bank who will distribute it to those in need. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christingle service next half term.

FOOD ALLERGIES

In order to reduce risk for children suffering from food allergies, we ask that from now on parents do not send in sweets, cake etc when it is their child's birthday. We realise this may be disappointing but I am sure you understand the need to reduce the risk of illness for the children who suffer with allergies. Many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Many thanks to all the parents and children that donated money on the recent non-uniform day. We raised £116 for Holsworthy Football Club to provide football kits for children in Mozambique.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS EXCEL

We were so proud of the children from Year 4 and 6, who represented the school at the Stephens Shield cross country competition. They showed excellent team skills, supporting each other on the long and challenging course, racing against over a hundred children from all across North Devon and Torridge. Well done to them all. Many thanks to Ms Butters, our new PE leader, for organising and coaching the team.



YEAR 3/4 VISIT BELSTONE TOR

As part of their topic this term on mountains, year 3 and 4 visited Dartmoor and walked up Belstone Tor, to help them answer the question; Is Dartmoor a mountain? They used maps to help them navigate and also learnt how knowing the direction the wind was going in could help them to make sure they were going the right way even if they lost their maps. The children showed great resilience to walk up the 450 metre high tor, which they learnt was not quite tall enough to be classed as a mountain.



ACCELERATED READER WINNERS

Well done to our latest AR prize winners: Killian, Freddie and Piran.

