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Newsletter



We aim to create an exceptional school that harbours confidence, respect and a love of learning and prepares children for the challenges and adventures of life.



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At last week's **Celebration Assembly Star Award's** the certificates went to Ted and Mollie in Dinghy Class, Merryn and Flo in Skiff Class, Oscar, Sherry and Finley in Lugger Class and Jonah, Thomas and Rose in Schooner Class. Congratulations and well done, you are all Mousehole stars!



Skiff class had an exciting afternoon on Monday. After crawling through the tunnel and into the **Explorer Dome** they were treated to an amazing show. First they met 'Skinless Lulu' the skeleton and then they looked at different types of teeth (which included a huge prehistoric shark tooth) and learnt about their functions. Skiff Class also learnt about the importance of eating different types of food and how it is digested in the stomach (which got a bit messy) and excreted at the other end! The children were all amazed by the length of the small intestine as it unraveled around the Dome. Thank you to Zac and Joe's mum who came in last week to talk to the Skiff Class children about her job as a physiotherapist which included lots more hands on learning!



Thank you to all the parents that came along to our last **Public Meeting** about the proposed academy conversion. For those of you who were not able to make it there will be a second meeting on Monday, 13th June at 3:00pm. Child care will be available for children who attend the school.

As part of their project on explorers, the children in **Schooner Class** have been doing some really moving diary writing as Scott of the Antarctic.

Lost track of dates, Evans's death has shaken us all, none more than poor Titus Oates, who is suffering from the same symptoms as Evans. The man is so ill that just this morning, before we left for base 70, he said "I am just going outside and may be a while," we have not seen him since. It's a shame but we all fear the same thing, Oates is dead, he was a brave ~~man~~ man. I think there is no hope left for this traumatic journey. All we have left are meagre provisions, we only have one cup of tea apiece, one quarter of a small can of corned-beef and some frozen water.

Disappointed has plagued our minds as the events of yesterday has finally sunk in. At least the severe weather has settled down and we are able to carry on the long trek over this icy, freezing biome. Of course the aggressive winds haven't completely stopped and as the snow keeps falling and we keep trudging further and further I truly envy my family back home, even the miserable English weather seems like a daydream compared to this.

Heavy headed and lost of our hopeful attitude, everything now seems so far away. Our rations are running low and the only highlight of the day is when we settle down for a cup of tea.

There will be lots of work going on at school over the half term. The rubber flooring under the **climbing equipment** is being completely replaced as it is beyond repair after the damage caused by flooding and will be ready to use once more after the half term break. The old toilets at the back of the school are being refurbished to make a secure store area and our unusable shower room is being converted into a resources room enabling us to utilise our **Rainbow Room** once again as a learning space.

Please be aware that school is **Closed** over the half term break and we would expect everyone to respect the security of the site. Following a recent incident of vandalism involving some children (not from our school) we would ask anyone passing the school during the holidays to keep an eye on the place and pass any concerns on to the police.

Thank you to all those who supported our **Wig Wednesday** and made a contribution to CLIC Sargent. We raised a fantastic £83.50!

Mazey Day is fast approaching and preparations have begun. Our theme this year will be the colourful and vibrant Dia de los Muertos, 'Day of the Dead' Mexican festival. This is a festival that celebrates loved ones who have died. Think candy skulls, roses and skeletons. Check out 007 Spectre for costume ideas: bright coloured dresses and shirts are fine or go plain with black trousers and white top. We will be in the 1:00pm procession on Saturday, 25th June. More details will follow.



Diary Dates for information:

Saturday, 28th May – May King & Queen celebration, Paul at 6pm.

Monday, 30th May – Start of half term week.

Monday, 6th June – Staff training day, school will be CLOSED.

Tuesday, 7th June – Staff training day, school will be CLOSED.

Thursday, 9th June – Queen's birthday celebration buffet lunch.

Friday, 10th June – Auction fund raising event at British Legion Hall.

Monday, 13th June – Proposed academy conversion meeting at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, 14th June - Public consultation closes for academy conversion.

Thursday, 23rd June – OPEN as normal for EU referendum polling day.

Thursday, 30th June – Taster Day for all years and new Reception.

Don't forget, dates can be found on the events page of our website. By clicking on events you can often find out more.

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Have a good half term break!