

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.



Dear Friends and Families of Offwell,

Highlights of the Week:

Ash: Using all the scenery that we have been busy making to help us retell the story of the Snail and the Whale.

Willow: Writing our 'I Love Animals' poems linking our learning in science.

Beech: Investigating whether or not plants need water and how plant's vessels work.

Oak: The Year 5 children went to Handball in Honiton and then came back and showcased what they had learnt to Year 6. All Oak Class then played several games and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Heat Sense

It's still wonderful weather (although we do need rain!). This means, as mentioned last week, that we all need to: slap on the sunscreen; slip on a hat, sip lots of water and probably slide into the shade!

It is important to be aware that children and some vulnerable adults cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as normal during hot weather and so can be at risk of ill-health from heat. Heat-related illness can range from mild heat stress to potentially life-threatening heatstroke. The main risk from heat is dehydration (not having enough water in the body). If sensible precautions are taken, children and adults are unlikely to be adversely affected by hot conditions, however, all child carers should look out for signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Children's susceptibility to high temperatures varies; those under 4 years of age, who are overweight, or who are taking certain medication may be at increased risk of adverse effects. Some children with disabilities or complex health needs may be more susceptible to high temperatures. The school nurse, community health practitioner, family health visitor or the child's specialist health professional may be able to advise on the particular needs of the individual child. See further guidance below:

- Beat the heat: hot weather advice - www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice
- Hot weather and health: supporting vulnerable people -
- Looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves: for teachers and professionals - www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-supporting-vulnerable-people/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals
- Heat exhaustion and heatstroke Information and advice for the public on heat exhaustion and heatstroke
- Hot weather animation (please note this is still PHE branded)
- Sun safety Information and advice for the public on sun safety
- Sun safety for babies



Friday, 15th June 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception – Skylar J

Willow – Joseph & Esme

Beech – Izabelle

Oak – All of Year 5

Next week:

Monday; WASP

Tuesday; WASP

Wednesday; WASP,

Thursday; WASP, Swimming – Oak & Beech, Windrush Day

Friday; Celebration Collective, Carbon Monoxide workshops!

House Points

Attenborough: 37 Anning: 38

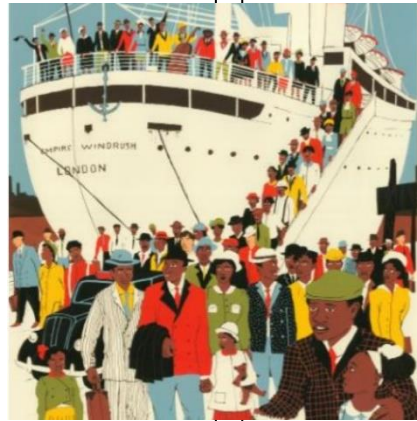
Well done Anning!

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June 22nd, next Thursday, is Windrush Day. This year it is the 75th anniversary of the first ship, The Windrush, which came when the British Government invited people from the British colonies to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. This is an opportunity to explore what life was like for those who travelled nearly five thousand miles to become nurses (like my Mum), doctors, bus/train drivers, care workers, teachers and so on. Their lives could be hard and hundreds were deported decades after making their home here, because the government had not given them proper papers. This generation of people, who have contributed so much to our society is an important part of our education around British Values - celebrating the contributions of people from around the world to the United Kingdom. Teachers in Willow, Beech and Oak will explore this next week. BBC Newsround has gathered some useful information, which teachers will use to introduce and explore the subject <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/57554365>



Torbay & Devon Civic Award

Year 6 have recently completed their T&DCA work and most have taken part in the required assessment session. We are delighted with their achievement and the commitment they have shown over the period of nearly a year as well as recognising the independence they have gained.

In their interviews with Mrs Hayes, Assessor, the children reported they found the process challenging but worthwhile and all felt they had gained confidence from the process which would be useful in the future. They were also aware of how it helped them with their organisational skills!

We are delighted that the film we made which was part of the Year 6 Pledge to the Planet is going to be played at the Presentation Evening.

We have a number of thanks: To Mrs Hayes for sparing the time to talk to the children and helping to tease out additional information; to Rev'd Jeremy for letting us use the church which allowed children to be interviewed in a calm and peaceful setting and to Clem Sutton (T&DCA 2022) for all his help with the technical elements of the film.

Lorna Legg, Be healthy in body and strong in spirit and may all go well with you...'



Ice Lolly Friday

Weather permitting, the PTFA will be selling ice lollies every Friday after school at the village field for 50p.

PTFA Summer Party

A reminder Of the PTFA family summer party on 8th July – 3pm to 10pm at Offwell Village Hall. Tickets £10 per adult and £5 per child. Tickets available from the school office or ptfa@offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk or catch a member of the PTFA on Fridays. Everyone is welcome.