

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.

Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4



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Head Teacher's Blog

Dear Parents and Carers, What amazing weather for the half term break! I hope you all had a truly tremendous time. The children seem to have grown so much again over the half term and returned full of joy and enthusiasm for the final section of this academic year.

Hudson and his family joined me on Wednesday (in all the rain!) to clear our allotment area. We now have a blank canvas to work on and add what the children would like. Thanks to Judith Edwards-Heathcote, we also have some money to invest.

We prepare for transition this term and already the pupils seem more ready for the next phase, despite their interrupted school year. We have plans for all our children, including our new starters. These may alter as we move through the next phase of risk assessments and updated roadmap facets from the government; but, whatever the case, we will make sure our priorities of wellbeing, safety and then learning are at the forefront of our minds.

We also have sports days, beach trips and Pinkery! This term is always such a delight and packed to the brim with fun things and lots of outdoor learning opportunities.

Pinkery next week sees us camping for the first time for the first night at the Exmoor Centre and this year we go with Dunster. Last year our year 4s still had their moment, when Pinkery came to them with events in Dunster school field and our Moorland forest school area, which was very special.

Every year we make sure it is special for them. This year is different again, and we are so excited. On Monday all the children from Class 2 are joining Dunster year 4 for a session together, so helpful for them making new friends ready for their next phase moving to the Middle school.

I am blessed with amazing teams at both schools who make these lovely events happen. I am also proud of our partnership working, the extra input this year from Minehead Eye staff for transition will be really key for some of our pupils needing just that little bit of extra confidence making the leap as an example. What a truly amazing place to work— here in Exmoor with all these dedicated people making wonderful things happen so our kids are happy, safe and learning.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Naomi Philp

Our school is about kindness, caring for others, ourselves, and our world.

Our school values our faith, our location, our community and most of all each other.

Little Oaks News

The children have returned refreshed and full of enthusiasm following the half term break.

For the next few weeks we will have a theme of 'our local area' and for this first week we have started with something very close to home - minibeasts, which live in our playground and adventure play area! So far this week the children have enjoyed painting ladybirds, cutting and sticking bugs into a 'jar' and going on a bug Hunt!



ECO NEWS



In our Eco News this week, we are very proud to report on the achievement of Tabitha and Teyha, who have been awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge.

Green Badges are awarded for becoming a Blue Peter Climate Hero and completing three pledges to help the environment. By uploading photos and artwork, the girls showed how much they care about nature, the environment and our planet.

If you would like to become a Blue Peter Climate Hero and earn your Green Badge, you can find out how here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>



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Key Dates—subject to the government road map

16.06.21-18.06.21—Y4 Pinkery Residential
 21.06.21—Road Map Step 4
 25.06.21—Y4 pm visit to MMS
 29.06.21—18.30 Y4 Parents Google Meet with MMS
 01.07.21—Whole School Beach Day
02.07.21—Outreach Team Drop In
 07.07.21—Whole School Move Up Day (Y4 at MMS)
 13.07.21—Sports Day (Dunster) from 1.30 for parents
 14.07.21—Reserve Date for Sports Day
 14.07.21—Teddy Bear's Picnic
 23.07.21—Leavers Service and Last day of term
 02.09.21 & 03.09.21—Inset Days
 06.09.21—Back to school 2021-2022

An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

In the New Testament Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bowl, but to put it on a stand where it will bring light to the whole house. (Matthew, Chapter 5 verse 15).

Dear God

Thank you that you want us all to shine
 Thank you that we all shine in different ways,
 at different times
 Yet we all shine
 Help me to shine today
 Help me encourage others to shine today
 And for those, for whom today is not a day to shine,
 Help me to offer love, kindness and grace
 Amen

Well being tip for the week: Help another person to shine – every day this week, and beyond, encourage others with genuine, yet unexpected praise, catch people doing something good and let them know it!

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's well-being or safety please talk to

Naomi Philp

(Designated Safeguarding Lead)

or in her absence

at Timberscombe:

Kate McEntee or Helen Hickman

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

at Dunster

Kate McEntee, Helen Hickman or Louise Collins

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

Timberscombe First School fully recognise the responsibility they have under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution they can make to protect children and support pupils in school.

All staff involved with children (teaching and non-teaching) have a responsibility to be mindful of issues related to children's safety and welfare and a duty to report and refer any concerns.

Similarly parents and carers have a duty to report and refer any concerns.

Information about the Child Protection Procedures that are followed in Somerset and in our school can be found at:

www.swcpp.org.uk

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a child or an adult in our community, for information and advice you can contact Somerset Direct on:

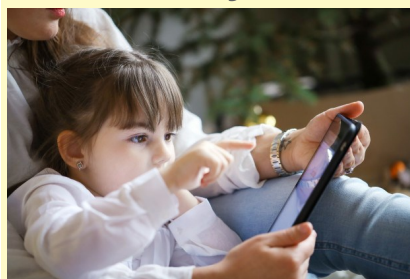
0300 123 2224

Press 1 for Children's Services and 2 for Adult Social Care

Local Authority Designated Officer LADO/DO: Mr Anthony Goble



Online Safety



NetAware have recently launched a new hub for parents of children with special educational needs, to support families with keeping

their children safe online and to get the best out of their online experiences. The new hub includes top tips, activities and guidance. You can also sign up for a regular newsletter. Find the hub at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>

This week, we need to say a big **THANK YOU** to Hudson, Ryan and his parents, who gave up their time during the half term to clear our allotment. Thanks to their hard work, we are now able to start planning and planting.



Our Stars of the week are Tehya and Tabitha for their impressive Eco work, which has earned them a Green Blue Peter badge

Class 1 Oscar T gets a Kindness Award this week for his teamwork and sharing during our DT lesson. The Achievement Award goes to Louisa for her resilience and growth mindset in maths.

Class 2 An Achievement Award this week for Hudson for great progress in reading. Jesse gets the Kindness Award for helping Harry with his broken arm.

Growth Mindset Weekly

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." Pele

Brain Boosters... part Two



When you have made your morning tea or coffee, take a seat and sip slowly and be mindful of the taste, temperature, and subtle effect it has on your body.

When you are walking to school, become more aware of the nature around you, we have an abundance of colours surrounding us, ask the children to point out the different colours of the rainbow on your journey, listen out for the bird song.

Following on from last terms ideas for creating some much needed 'headspace' during our busy days, here are some more brain boosters. I shall be sharing some of these with the children over the coming weeks in school.

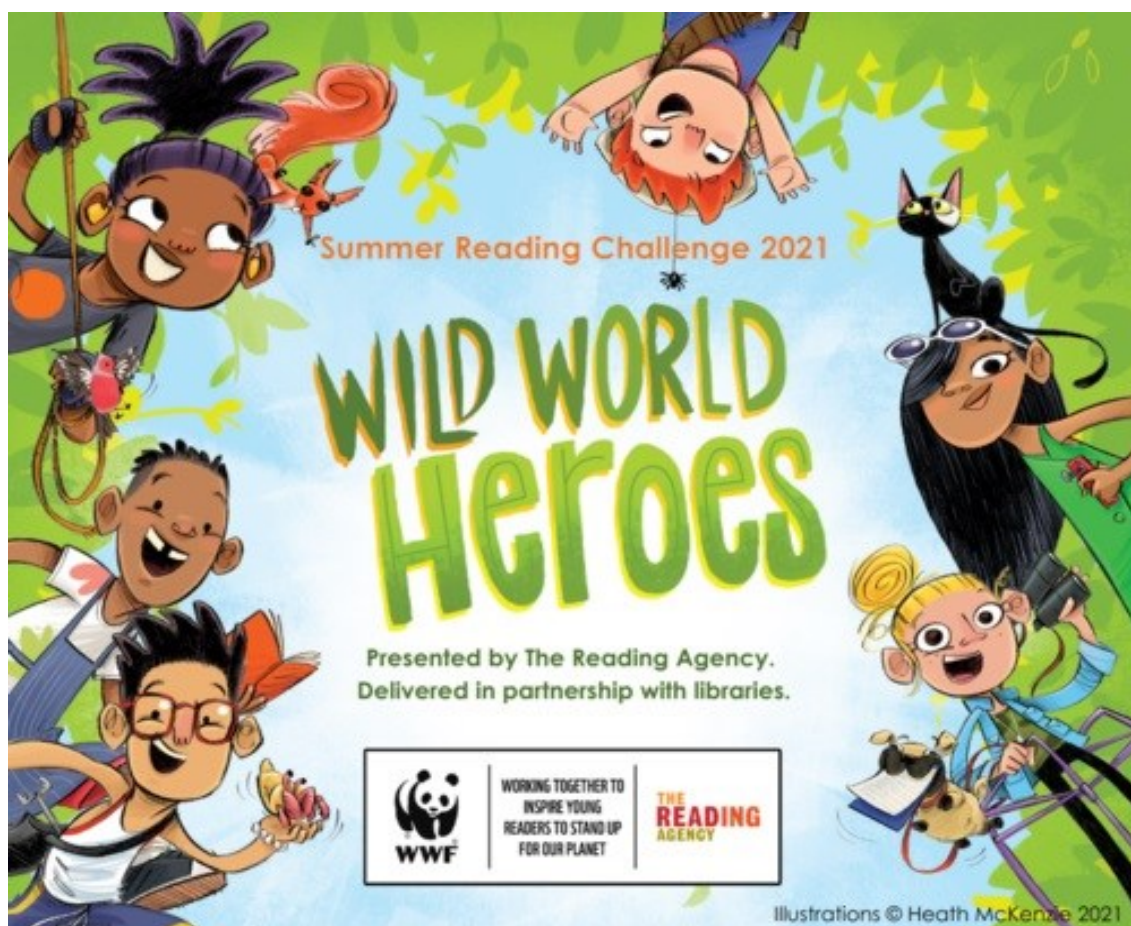
This is the time when we need this headspace for ourselves more than ever.



We all brush our teeth in the mornings, but are we focused on the activity? Do we just do it on auto pilot whilst thinking about the day ahead or making another to do list? Try brushing your teeth using the opposite hand, this will bring awareness to the activity, notice the sensations of the brush on your teeth and gums, how your tongue feels, how clean and fresh your mouth feels afterwards.



Bring awareness to your body and how your feet feel on the ground as you walk, are you breathing properly? It's common to breathe shallow when in public, so make sure you are breathing through your diaphragm.



We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

We're teaming up with **WWF** for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the **#WildWorldHeroes** this summer?

Keep an eye on our **blog** for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news

On the Summer Reading Challenge website you can find:

Find a Read - Book Sorter - Reading Club

Chat - Activities - News - Games