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NEWSLETTER Monday 5th March 2018

Dear Parents,

What an unusual end to our week ~ I hope everyone made the most of the snow days and enjoyed sledging, snowman building and playing snow angels!



School looked rather pretty in its white blanket!

Thanks to Steph for walking up and taking these photos.

STEM CLUB

Some children have been taking part in our STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and have enjoyed a fantastic first workshop making catapults! Who knew you could make such effective catapults out of lolly sticks and elastic bands? They then tested how far their catapults could fling objects through the air!

SCHOOL VALUES

We have just completed our two weeks focus on the value of Compassion, and to help live out this value within our community, a group of children will be taking some brownies to Sue Townsend's Coffee Morning at Greencott in Landscope, on Thursday 8th March. This coffee morning is a regular event for older folk in the parish and Sue has kindly said that 50% of any money raised will come back to the school. The children will spend time chatting and serving tea and cake - and any Grandparents who would like to support this event are more than welcome to pop along to Sue's house between 10am and 12, she will be delighted to see you!

Together we can reach new heights

We begin next week with the value of Trust, Mrs Ryder will introduce the following Home School values link on Monday, do access it again at home!

<http://landscove.thelink.academy/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/TRUST-1.pdf>

LINK ACADEMY TRUST WRITERS DAY

The first Link Academy Writers' Day was held at Landscope Schoolhouse last week. Children from the Totnes and Newton & Teign hubs came together with the sole aim of immersing themselves in writing for the day.

After a chance to get to know each other with a fun ice-breaker, they all went off for a stroll around Landscope village, looking for inspiration in the ordinary and extraordinary sights around the village. The tree with the hollow trunk on the village green became a portal into a time travelling adventure, the island on the fishing lake at a local farm became a volcano waiting to erupt, beehives were homes for pixies and molehills on the grass suddenly took on a sinister edge when you realised that you might be sucked down into a vortex if you trod on the 'wrong' one! What lively imaginations our kids have!

After lunch, the children sat round the fire and enjoyed sharing some stories from past winners of the BBC Radio 2 "500 Words" competition and thought about how we could hold a similar competition within our schools.... watch this space!

Miss Graves and Mrs Clarke had a great time getting to know and spend time with all our wonderful children and it looks like they had a pretty good time too...

"I really enjoyed writing with different people and making new friends. I loved getting inspiration around my village" – Megan (Landscope)

Here is the opening lines from just one of the young authors, Matilda (from Hennock), who found her inspiration in a bench on the village green:

The Flower Bench

*It was one of those days when you feel like you've gone back in time to yesterday.
One of those days when everything is the same; the grass is the same bright green,
the trees have almost exactly the same number of leaves on them and the same
lady is sat on the same bench.*

Don't you just want to know what happens next?

We really hope that these talented young people remain inspired and.... KEEP WRITING!

PE UPDATE

Our soccer squad continue to enjoy their Thursday training sessions with our Shear Soccer coach and are transferring their skills to the Central Venue soccer tournaments each half term.

Our termly Cross Country event for KS2 is coming up on Wednesday 14th March at Stover - details are already available for this.

Class 2 have a multi sports festival to look forward to on March 19th at Kevicc and there are gymnastic competitions both in and out of school for KS2 in March.

Steph Gibbs continues to work hard with the dance club; their 'showcase' is coming up on March 23rd at SDCC - more details will soon be available for enjoying this event as a spectator.

Volleyball club is up and running for KS2 on Mondays after school - great enthusiasm from all for this club - those interested in joining are very welcome - please see Mrs Jessep.

Keep your ears and eyes open for information about Sports Relief coming up on March 23rd.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Pooler and Mrs Jessep.

Please be aware that we are monitoring attendance closely; no holidays will be authorised.

Attendance: 19th Feb- 2 nd March 2018 (Our school target is 96.8%)		Number of sessions missed per class: (session = a whole morning or afternoon)
Whole school	94.80 %	65
Class 1	96.19 %	4
Class 2	97.60 %	9
Class 3	89.17 %	39
Class 4	96.83 %	13
Well done class 2		

Reminders for this week:

Thursday 8th March: Parent Consultation 2 ~ moved from last week.

Friday 9th March: Mothering Friday: A Landscope tradition and treat for all mums! Our way of paying you back for all the things you do and to show you just how much you are appreciated. Please join us at 2:30 in St Matthews for our special service.

Friday 16th March at 2.30 p.m.: Mrs Collins' music pupils will be performing in a concert for their parents.

That's all the news for now.

Jill Ryder