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This week we have been finding out more about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in our classes and in our assembly on Monday. We found out that the Platinum Jubilee marks 70 years on the throne for Queen Elizabeth II and that she is England's longest reigning monarch. It was fantastic to see so many parents here on Thursday to take part in various Jubilee activities.

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 6th June for our final term.



Congratulations to our Jubilee Hat winners.

We were so impressed with all of the entries, there was a lot of wonderful hats which really brightened up our day at school.

Thankyou to all who took part.



Today we planted our Jubilee Tree as part of the Queen's Canopy Project.

We now have a beautiful Silver Birch Tree in our school grounds as a lasting memory of the Queen's Jubilee. Thankyou to Mrs Spargo, Warrick and Lily-Mae who planted it this afternoon.

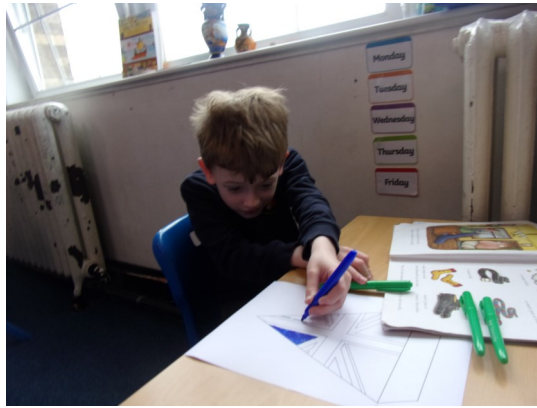


We were lucky with the weather today and really enjoyed our whole school picnic on the field. It was lovely to see the children all playing together, and teaching each other their favourite games.

Kiely class we had the best time on our first school trip! As part of our current topic about bridges, we used the school minibus to travel to the Tamar Bridge. Whilst we were there, we explored the Visitor's Centre, walked across the Tamar Bridge to Cornwall and waved at the trains which passed us on the Royal Albert Bridge - one of them even blew their horn at us and all the passengers waved back! We were especially excited to see the Royal Albert Bridge as we have been learning about it and the engineer who built it (I.K Brunel) in our topic lessons this term! The children were so well behaved and had a fantastic afternoon.



Here is Year 3/4 DaVinci class creating some Union Jack bunting for the classroom to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



This term Matisse class have been learning about bridges. Today they have been on a class trip to walk across the Tamar bridge. Prior to the trip, the children used their inquiry skills to conduct research to find out information about the Tamar bridge and the Royal Albert Bridge. They found out that the Tamar bridge was built in 1961, adjacent to the Royal Albert Bridge which was built by Brunel in 1859. They also found out that the Tamar bridge carries motor vehicles whereas the Royal Albert Bridge is for trains. As part of our trip the children also drew sketches of the bridges.



Mondrian class visited the Tamar bridge today too, as part of our topic "British Bridges". We used our observational skills as we looked at the materials the bridge is made out of and our inquiry skills to ask questions about both the Royal Albert Bridge and the Tamar Bridge. Firstly, we sketched the two bridges from a distance, then we walked on the Tamar Bridge observing the way the bridge was built. Finally, we visited the Visitor's Centre where we looked at "secret" cameras and information about the bridges. It was a fantastic morning! We would like to thank all adults who helped us with the trip including parents.



On Friday 20th May, the whole school celebrated National Drawing Day. Year 6 revisited shading techniques but used a range of media (graded pencils, biro, fineliner and charcoal) to test out different textures. They then used these techniques to complete a black and white drawing. Afterwards, we practised drawing a realistic eye, a portrait and finally one-point perspective.



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Dear swimmer/parent,

Do you enjoy swimming and team games? Are you thinking about your next step now that you have learned to swim? If the answer to these questions is yes, we would like to meet you. Come and enjoy **two free taster sessions** to find out if we are the right club for you.

What is Water Polo?

Water polo is an easy game to understand and an exciting game to play. It is an Olympic sport that combines speed and strength, as well as teamwork and a high level of fitness. At the higher levels, one outfield player can cover up to two miles in one game alone!

Put simply, there are goals at each end of the pool and the winner of the game is the team that scores the most goals by getting the ball between the posts.



How do I register for two free taster sessions?

Please visit the Joinus page on our website at www.devonportroyal.com in order to register for two free taster sessions.

Earrings.

Dear parents/carers

If your child wears earrings to school they need to be able to take them out and put them in themselves, especially for PE and they need to be studs not hoops/sleepers.

As part of our uniform policy they need to be removed for PE or they cannot take part practically.

Thank you.



Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of the following support payments, your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit – from 1 April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

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