

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carers,

Well we appear to have made it, relatively unscathed!

It's been a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of term, crammed with trips to the beach, to the Cinema, to Weymouth College, to the Portland Sailing Academy and to Buxton House. Please read on for details of these and the wonderful experiences that our children have had. We've also had our Diversity Day and our Careers Day, both of which were huge successes. Again, more on this in the pages below.

I have to say something about the Year 6 show - Grease - as it was, quite simply, AMAZING! I had the opportunity of watching it three times, and in all honesty, my concentration span tends to wonder after the first instalment of anything, but this was on a whole other level. The sheer enthusiasm of all the children felt like a positive force-field, you couldn't help yourself but sing along and smile throughout the entire performance. I salute them all - it was a tremendous spectacle. What a wonderful way to bring to an end all their years at Conifers Primary - it's been an honour to be a part of their journey, and the school and I wish them nothing but the very best of luck in wherever their futures take them! I should also thank the Year 6 Team for supporting the children, not only in the production of such an incredible show, but throughout the year - I know that one or two will certainly miss one another!

We not only say farewell to our Year 6, we also say the same to two members of staff. Miss Boyd from our Year 1, Larch class and Mr Webb, from our Year 6, Redwood class. Both members of staff have supported the school and our children during their time at Conifers and have always gone the extra mile to offer opportunities and experiences beyond the curriculum. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new endeavours and adventures, and will always extend them a warm welcome, should they ever choose to visit us!

Only three days to go - two Sports Days and numerous end of year parties. I'd like to end by thanking all of you who have been able to give up your time to accompany staff and children on the numerous trips, walks to the swimming pool and of course our Careers Day. As always, I thank you all for your continued support for the school and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Yours sincerely

Mr Johnson

WILLOW CLASS TRULY SHINE AT BUXTON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

On Friday morning (7th July), Willow class attended a seated football skills event at Buxton House Care Home hosted by Bournemouth FC's Community Outreach Programme. The class were spread around the room, joined in beautifully with all the seated footballing tasks and proved themselves to be inspiring role models for all the care home residents. It was totally amazing to see both the children's and residents' faces light up with joy



as they interacted together with 45 minutes of footballing fun. Our children instilled a beautiful energy and enthusiasm in the room which in turn had an incredibly positive impact on all those participating. A moment to feel truly proud of Conifers and all the amazingly polite, courteous, kind and caring children that attend our school. And what better way to celebrate the success of this event than with a well earned ice cream

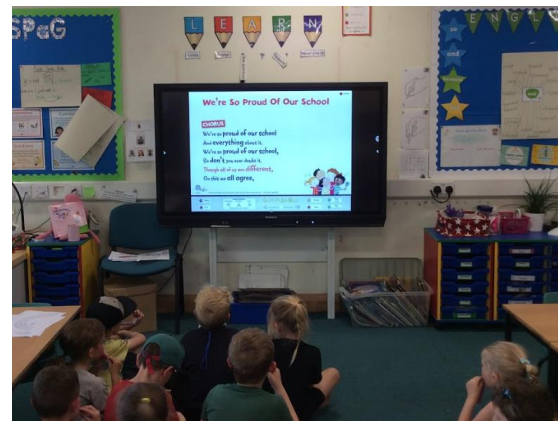


provided by the very grateful Buxton House Staff.



Diversity Day

We have pride at Conifers! On Thursday 15th June, the children took part in Diversity Day to understand how we are all unique and special in our own way. The children completed several activities; including a competition to design a flag which will fly high outside our school. In the afternoon, Conifers had a pride party where we danced, showed our work proudly and to cool off - ice pops! It was an amazing, fun-filled day with love and pride for each other.



Careers Day

On Thursday 6th July, Conifers Primary School organised a Careers Day event, allowing children the opportunity to have an up-close and personal look at possible career paths and I am immensely proud to say that the day was a huge success. The community spirit from businesses and the support from parents was overwhelming. To list just a few of the professions; all emergency services were present (I'm sure the sirens could be heard across the whole of Weymouth!), a mechanic, nurses, vet, tattooists, social worker, librarian, electrician and many more. These professionals provided a dynamic and interactive learning experience, where children could directly question guests to gain further insight into a chosen profession. In the afternoon, we were fortunate to have a member of the Leggomen play and then the children were able to have a 'sing-along' and a chance to dance to some live music. The day provided a perfect platform for children to interact with members of their community, cement the importance of education and motivate them to set goals and aspirations for the future. Having such a diverse range of professions allowed the children a larger chance of seeing 'themselves' represented and therefore making more positive and worthwhile connections for future ambitions.

I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to all local businesses and parents that supported me in making the day a triumph. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I know that these experiences will imprint on our children's school memories.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Samuel.





Year 2 Beach Trip

In June Year 2 went on a trip to the beach. We walked down in the morning and set up on the beach near the sand sculptures. The children made sandcastles and played on the beach, we then went on the land train and we loved waving at people as we went by. Later we enjoyed sausages and chips on the beach. A lovely day was had by all.

SUMMER SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING SUCCESS

On the 8th June, a team of Swimmers in year 5 and 6 headed across to Weymouth Swimming Pool to take part in the district swimming gala. I am pleased to report that our swimmers did us proud finishing 4th out of the 7 schools in attendance. When you consider the vast majority of the strongest teams were made up of experienced swimming club swimmers, it really was a very impressive outcome indeed - well done to the entire swim team - Bradley H, Daniel J, Lucas W, Matty L, Amber A, Lacie-May D, Chloe H, Summer B, Charlie B-D, Finlay N, Ibrahim D, Liam M, Lucy C-S, Tia B, Grace H, Isobella L and Rosie T.



Year 6 show their skills at Budmouth Tag Rugby Festival

On the 13th June, Luke R, Liam M, Taylor U, Noah P, Jack D, Rosie T, Isobella L, Maisie H, Myla G-A, Amelia T (pictured) from year 6 went over to participate in a rugby festival at Budmouth. They showed excellent ball handling skills at the festival, awesome rugby footwork and grew into a formidable rugby team by the end of the festival - great work all!

Year 4 Rounders team narrowly miss out on overall victory

On the 16th June a Round Robin rounders tournament took place against Chickerell, Southill and Bincombe at Budmouth Academy. Our rounders team started incredibly strongly with a victory against Bincombe. Further success followed with a hard fought victory over Southill. Going into the final match Conifers were riding high as they faced off against Chickerell. Unfortunately in this match, the rounders gods deserted us and we narrowly lost. This left 3 of the 4 teams in joint first place with two wins and 1 loss. Unfortunately for Conifers, the result went on total numbers of rounders scored which placed us narrowly in third place overall despite our excellent performance. Both commiserations and congratulations must go to our amazing team of, Caleb P, Seth T, Jesse Blu G, Charlie D, Alex C, Lucy K, Charddai S (y3), Emma M, Alice S and Sianna E.

CONIFERS PUT ON EXCELLENT DISPLAY AT BRYANSTON SCHOOL IN THE HANDBALL COUNTY FINALS

On the 21st June our year 6 school handball team, Finlay N, Tia B, Chase B, Luke R, Lexi S & Anew G (pictured), headed over to the Dorset County Championships following their success at the District event. The whole team performed valiantly on the day against some seriously well drilled handball enthusiasts and I am pleased to report we came away with 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 narrow losses. Indeed the two teams we lost too ended up being the teams who made it to the grand finals. An awesome handballing effort with the limited experience we had prior to the tournament. As a result of this experience I have been so inspired by the sport of handball that handball goals and balls are in the process of being ordered so everyone at Conifers will get to experience the sport next year.



Code Club

This term, some Year 6 children have participated in Code Club after school with Mrs Tozer. During the sessions, they have completed several projects using Scratch. The projects have involved creating animations and code to create different effects. Projects included Silly Eyes where they created googly eyes for their character that followed the cursor around and a Surprise! Animation which involved children creating an animation with a surprise element to it. All children who attended did great work producing their projects.

Choir Club

Mrs Tharme took our wonderful school choir to perform to residents at Buxton House. The children loved having the opportunity to perform to members of the public and the residents had the biggest smiles on their faces! The children were even treated to an ice lolly at the end. We are really proud of you choir members, well done.



We hope you have a lovely summer break, school finishes at normal time on **Wednesday, 19th July 2023**. We look forward to welcoming you all back when school reopens on **Monday, 4th September 2023**.