

# SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

## Friday 14th October 2022

### A Message from Mr Pope

The children have begun to enjoy some trips this half term and it has been lovely to see our geography and science curriculum enriched through these valuable events. We have also been excited to hear about the children's experiences of the Sidmouth Science Festival. Congratulations to our amazing Year 1 winners of the art competition based around a robots theme. Further congratulations to our excellent achievement in the cross country. We have now closed our application window for pupil leadership roles and we will be holding interviews next week (if you would like to submit a late application please let us know.) I am also pleased to have met with the PTFA last night at their annual AGM. I am very grateful to them for the valuable contributions they make to our school and would like to express our thanks, there are some exciting plans and ideas for the upcoming academic year!

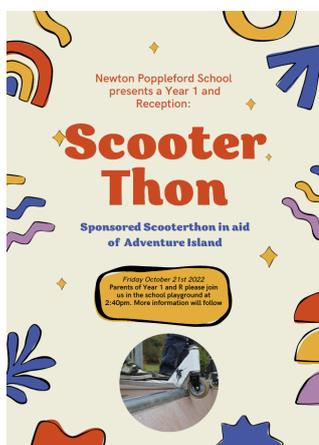
### Reception & Year 6

Reception enjoyed getting to know their Year 6 buddies in Adventure Island this week. Below are some photos of the Reception and Year 6 children exploring Adventure Island together.



### Reception & Year 1 'Scooter Thon'

We are having an exciting sponsored 'Scooter Thon' on Friday 21st October 2022 for reception and Year 1 children. We are hoping to raise some extra funds to help us develop our outdoor areas for the children, including adventure island. If your child has a scooter and a helmet, please bring it in to school on the Friday morning when you drop your children off. We will label them and store them until the afternoon. Our Scooterthon will begin and end in our classrooms and will take the dizzy heights of the hall, the corridors and even Mr Pope's office, before scooting around the top playground (where we hope many parents and carers will be to watch and cheer us on at 2.40pm.) The children will then scoot down the slope, past the allotments to their classrooms, ready to be collected from their classrooms at normal time.



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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

## Year 1 Winning Robots

Along with all the other local primary schools, Newton Poppleford were invited to take part in the annual Science Festival 'Hexagons' competition. The topic this year was 'Robots' and our class entries, across the school were all fabulously different and demonstrated real imagination and creativity. On visiting the exhibition at Kennaway House in Sidmouth where the hexagons were displayed, we were thrilled to find out that Year 1 were amongst the prize winners this year! Year 1 used nuts, bolts, screws, and bits and bobs from our recycling to create wonderful collages, which were then spray painted with metallic paint. Well done everyone, especially Year 1!



## Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country



Last week saw our Year 3 & 4's and Year 5 & 6 take part in our cluster cross country competitions. All the children competed superbly with excellent attitudes and never gave up. We saw some superb results with Finley, Flynn, Monty and Mary-Bess all finishing on the podium. Flossie won the Year 3/4 girls race. Overall in the team competitions the Year 3/4 girls and Year 5/6 boys both won their events and have progressed to the East Devon finals to be held at Bicton College. A hugely successful week and well done to all of those who took part.



## Children in Year 6 - Have you applied for your child's school place yet?

The deadline to make your application to the Local Authority is the 31st October 2022. You can apply online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or you can collect a hard copy of the application form from the school office. Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2022, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school. Places are not held in reserve for people that apply late. It is important that you make your application before the closing date to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools. Please don't assume that you don't need to apply and that you will be allocated a place at the local secondary school if you don't. You must make an application and give the Local Authority your preferences. If you don't tell the admissions team where you want your child to go to school, you will run the risk of being allocated at a school that isn't the nearest school or a preferred school, and it may also be a school to which you are unable to transport your child to. If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 03451551019 or email [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk) **Please note: If you need help from the school office you will need to do this before half term as we are closed from 24th-31st October as 31st October is an inset day.**

## Remembrance Display

As it is coming up to Remembrance Day, Mrs Bradley would like to do another whole school display. Therefore, please can you bring in the bottoms of any sized plastic bottles. We need 200 of them! Thank you.

## Gentle Reminders

- **Attendance:** This is just a reminder that school starts at 09:00 for all children. The doors open at 08:45 and children should be at their desks, ready to start learning at 09:00. The register is taken at 09:00. Children who arrive at 09:00 but before 09:10 will be marked as 'late.' Children who arrive after 09:10 will be marked as 'U' which counts as an unauthorised absence. This obviously doesn't apply for medical appointments, ect. The afternoon registers are taken at 13:00.
- **Dinners:** If your child is going to be late into school for any reason (medical appointment ect) then please let us know if your child would like a school meal that day and what their choice is, in advance, so that we can let the kitchen know with the rest of the school order at the start of the day.
- **Threadworm:** There have been several cases of threadworm. Please keep a check on your children if they seem more uncomfortable in that area and if they have any symptoms. We would prefer children to be treated as soon as possible from when a positive case has been identified. Children don't need to be off school, but due to it being easily spread it is better that they are treated immediately and potentially siblings too.

## Message from the PTFA

- **BONFIRE NIGHT!** The PTFA is running the BBQ at the brilliant village fireworks event on Friday 4th November at the Newton Poppleford Pavilion. Ticket monies go to the Parish Council to pay for the event, but profit from the BBQ is a PTFA fundraiser so come along and scoff a sausage in the name of a good cause. Tickets will be available to buy in the playground (cash only) after school all next week and the week after half term. If you would like to volunteer to help on the night (and get free tickets!) contact Teri 07909798441.
- **TROPIC PARTY!** Save the date! Our Tropic Party PTFA fundraiser is on Friday 18th November at 7:30pm, tickets £5 to include a welcome drink. Games, prizes, raffle, and lots of fun! For tickets or queries contact Sian 07512698422.
- **CAKE SALE!** Don't forget your pennies after school, next Thursday 20th October for the year 5 cake sale!
- **UNIFORM SHOP!** We have a wide range of preloved uniform for sale all year round. Prices from 50p. We are also gratefully accepting your donations of all uniform items at any time. To check stock and purchase uniform contact Camille on 07709496029.
- **CLOTHING BANK!** Don't forget our clothing bank is always available for you to drop off your reusable textiles. We receive a price per kilo for the bags collected, so this recycling scheme is good for the planet and good for the PTFA!
- **SCHOOL LOTTERY!** There is a weekly jackpot winner from the Newton Poppleford school community every single weekend, could it be you? There is also the chance to win the national £25,000 jackpot and non-cash prizes, this term it's a Harry Potter double prize family studio tour plus theatre tickets! Visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk) to buy your tickets!

## Short Breaks Coffee Mornings



The Short Breaks Project is working to improve the Short Breaks offer for disabled children and their families. As part of this work, we are working alongside Parents Carer Forum Devon to host a series of coffee mornings so that parents and carers can talk directly to us about their experiences of the service.

Several sessions, primarily aimed at parents and carers, will be taking place between now and Christmas. Please see the link below, including how to book.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/join-our-short-breaks-coffee-mornings-0922/>

## Connectme

Devon County Council produce a very useful weekly newsletter called 'Connectme' where you might find information useful to you. One of the articles in this week's newsletter contained information on how libraries will support local residents this winter, which was just one of the many things that could be relevant to families. You can subscribe to receive this newsletter by email or it is put on their website each week. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/>

## Parent Drop In Session



Newton Poppleford Primary School are holding parent drop in sessions. Join us for coffee, cake and support. Debbie Tollerfield and Fiona Pyle (Parent Support Advisor) will be here to answer questions and signpost to support available. First Wednesday of every month 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

## AED Youth Voice Group

Action East Devon are setting up a youth forum/ voice group to act as a lead in East Devon to campaign and raise awareness for Mental Health and Wellbeing issues for young people. They would ideally like to have a whole group of 8-



### **We need you!**

#### **Young People's Wellbeing Forum for East Devon**

Action East Devon, a local charity supporting young people with mental health and wellbeing needs, are looking for passionate and dedicated young activists aged 13-18 to join us!

Are you interested in:

- ✓ Challenging the stigma and perception of mental health in your local area?
- ✓ Campaigning!
- ✓ Mental health awareness raising!
- ✓ Making change at a strategic level

Contact us on [info@actioneastdevon.org.uk](mailto:info@actioneastdevon.org.uk) to register your interest!



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10 pupils from each market town. They will meet every 8 weeks with AED and would form their own aims and objectives and set out a plan for the group to achieve these aims in set periods. There will be a venue and food also provided for those that want it. They do not need to be young people that are gaining or have gained support, however they can be if they feel they can contribute. Once AED have a young person expression of interest, more information will be handed out, including details, consent forms, and a breakdown of requirements for parents and care givers and young people.

Please contact AED for more information on the email address below located on the poster.

## Help Make Devon The Best Place To Grow Up

Devon County Council's ambition is to be the best place to grow up and they want to encourage everyone across the county to help them to actively play their part. To help promote this, Devon is creating a new virtual identity for people to untie and rally around. They've engaged with a range of people (children, young people, families, delivery partners) to help shape this. Devon now wants to hear your opinions on which parts of these ideas will help achieve the ambition, particularly thoughts from parents and carers. If you'd like to help shape the outcome of this important and exciting piece of work and make Devon an even better place for children, young people and families to grow up in please complete the short survey before Friday 21st October. <https://form.typeform.com/to/S9pXBQjy?typeform-source=www.devon.gov.uk>

## Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

**Wednesday 19th:** Year 5/6 mixed football

**Thursday 20th:** PTFA Year 5 cake sale

**Friday 21st:** Scooter Thon for Reception and Year 1

Last day of half term

**Monday 31st :** Inset day

Deadline for Secondary School applications

**Tuesday 2nd Nov:** Return to school after half-term