

25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Families,

How lovely it has been to see the sun shining this week. The children have been thrilled to be back on the field and it finally feels that Spring is here. Thank you so much for all your support with our fundraising events over the last two weeks. As you can see below, the children had a great time and we raised a lot of money.

### Sea Shanty Workshops



Over the past two weeks, children from Years 2 and 3 have been involved in a collaborative music project that had a focus on sea shanties and worked alongside some of our local secondary schools. The children worked in a group to compose and perform short pieces that told a story about the sea - one of their pieces was titled 'The Dolphin that Jumped out of the Sea'. This workshop provided the children with the opportunity to play a superb selection of interesting instruments and used a variety of the fundamental elements of music within their performances such as: texture, structure, dynamics, tempo and timbre!

### Experience Easter

This week, Year 3 were fortunate enough to attend our local church, St Matthias. Throughout their morning, they were able to work their way around different interactive activities that explored each of the 7 days of the Easter Story. The children were beautifully behaved and were even complimented about this by a local community member when walking to the church. It was an absolutely experience and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



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## FLOURISHING FUTURES

## **Football Tournament**

Last Friday, some of our Year 5/6 children were given the opportunity to represent our school at a football tournament hosted by our partners Torquay United Community Sports Trust. The children played several matches against schools from around the bay and represented our school wonderfully. Both the boys' and girls' teams had some excellent results, scored some fantastic goals and finished a very respectable second place.



## **Red Nose Day**

What a wonderful day we had celebrating Red Nose Day last Friday. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the Trust assembly led by our CEO, Miss Cleverly, and the head teachers from the schools in our Trust; the heads gave us a fabulous dance performance and were dressed in rather amusing costumes! During the day, there was time to reflect on the incredible work that Comic Relief does for families nationally and internationally. In the afternoon, our Key Stage Two children took part in a whole Trust quiz which was lots of fun and as always, the children love being able to connect with their peers in our sister schools. Thank you so much for your generous donations to Comic Relief, we made a fantastic £243.00.

## **Cake Sale**

How lovely it was to see so many parents at our cake sale this afternoon. We cannot thank you enough for your kind donations and amazing cakes and are pleased to announce that you have raised an amazing £ 421.06. What a generous community you are and a special thank you to our Year 3 pupil for asking the school to have a cake sale to raise money for the children from the Ukraine.





## **FREE LEVEL 2 COURSES**

If you haven't already considered taking advantage of the excellent offer from the Aim group who are providing free accredited courses, please take a look at what is on offer. An email was sent out recently with details and a copy of the registration form link is below.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000hDYhw>

Some of the courses can support parents with subjects such as understanding Autism, Child mental health, supporting behaviour to name but a few!

This is a real opportunity for those who wish to gain more knowledge and how it could ensure a further understanding of anything that might be troubling you or your children or in a completely different direction, it can even help to give you a new skill. If you need any help or assistance in accessing any of the courses, please contact Donna Kavanagh (Family Support Worker).

Finally, as restrictions begin to ease across the country, we are going to start returning to as we were before COVID and appreciate that many of you will not have attended Warberry at that time. From Monday, our staff will no longer be wearing face masks around the school and at dropping off times unless they choose to. At lunchtimes, we will continue to have only two year groups in the hall where possible as this has worked well. Breaktimes will continue to be in two year groups except for lunchtime when we will have KS2 out on the playground and the field which is a much larger space. From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the end of the school day will look slightly different, and more details will be sent out next week. The dropping off times will remain unchanged. We are trying to ease restrictions where we can, but if we do see an increase in cases, we may have to revert. We will of course inform you of any changes that we make.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Southard".

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