



Exbourne: Encouraging Excellence
'Let us spur one another to acts of love
and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

School News
Monday 10th March 2025

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

World Book Day

Last Thursday, the children had a wonderful day of listening to stories, reading to each other, and taking part in lots of book themed activities. Well done to our Exbourne families, the children's costumes were amazing! See Facebook for lots of pictures. Do pop into Dogberry and Finch in Okehampton or The Bookery in Crediton, these independent bookshops are wonderful spaces to discover new books and authors.

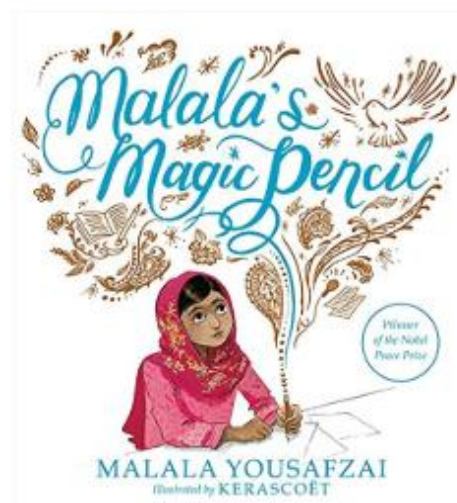
My favourite World Book Day joke:
What did the lion say to the witch in the wardrobe?
It's Narnia business.

Courage

Our theme this term is courage. In Worship, we thought about the story of David and Goliath. How did David muster up enough courage to battle the giant Goliath? What is this story teaching us? What could Goliath represent in our lives? We decided that the Bible probably wasn't encouraging us to throw stones at people who upset us! The children said it was to be brave, and to trust in ourselves and our faith to overcome injustice, challenges and threats.

We have also learnt about Malala Yosafzai, the Pakistani girl who from a young age bravely stood up to the adults in charge who were preventing her and her friends from going to school. She has campaigned throughout her childhood, and now adulthood for all girls to access education and have fair treatment and human rights.

Her book Malala's Magic Pencil is an accessible story for children.



Over the coming weeks we are encouraging the children to recognise their own courage when they

- Try something new
- Keep going when a piece of work may be difficult
- Overcome a personal challenge
- Make positive choices



Joshua 1 verse 9 “Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Assessments

I am so impressed with the progress our children are making in their learning. You will be aware that we regularly check what the children have learnt and remembered through many ways including quizzes, marking pieces of writing, asking questions, online and on paper maths and spelling tests and Read Write Inc reading assessments. We also have more formal assessments in the style of SATs papers which help us to know what we need to teach and what we need to focus on and gives the children regular opportunities to be prepared to for the Year 2 and Year 6 tests in May and June. Our staff are working hard so that every child at Exbourne has every chance to learn and remember the curriculum, not only to pass tests, but so they are well prepared for their bright exciting futures!

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Attendance Update

Whole school 95.1%
Olive 94.93%
Dove 95.27%

Exbourne remains one of the best in the Trust for attendance!
Keep up the good work everyone!

Lateness

Please continue to make every effort to be at school on time. Our days at school start much smoother for everyone when the children begin their learning together.

Science Week

Next week we will be focusing on science. Mrs Doherty has planned lots of exciting activities to engage the children and deepen their knowledge. Please come along to the school on Wednesday at 2.30 to see what they have learned.

School News

Please follow us on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of our school news and see lots of photographs. www.facebook.com/exbourneprimary

You will see our pancake making, world book day costumes and the wonderful work both classes have been doing.

All the best for the week ahead,

Tara Penny

Principal

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 12th March – 2.30pm Science sharing

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 2nd April – 2pm Easter Service

Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May – SATS Week

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June – Year 3 and Year 4 camping residential

Wednesday 11th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th June Y6 Cambridge residential

Wednesday 25th June – Y6 Okehampton Transition day 1

Thursday 26th June Y6 Okehampton Transition day 2

Monday 30th June – Wednesday 2nd July – Year 5 residential to Bristol

Wednesday 9th July pm and evening - KS2 performance

Wednesday 16th July 2pm Y6 Leavers Assembly