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Star of the Week - 20th March

Class AW	Ace Cotton	Class EL	Darcey Thomas
Class HS	Ashley Jeffery	Class JT	Anya Finlay
Class BW/NL	Mollie Banks	Class AP	Hamish Reed
Class SB	George Whitting	Class NS	Charlie Weston
Class AF	Eben Franklin	Class ADS	Soraya Capaldi Farrow
Class AVF	Molly Russell	Class KC	Ellie Self

Star of the Week - 27th March

Class AW	Freddie Shilton	Class EL	Grace Paterson
Class HS	Cameron Carter	Class JT	Jacob Kielty
Class BW/NL	Noah Hollister	Class AP	Bobby Fisher
Class SB	Kayla Morris	Class NS	Eowyn Storton
Class AF	Sienna Morgan	Class ADS	Grace Essex
Class AVF	Harry Baker	Class KC	Thomas Hencher

Well done everyone!

Grand opening of the new play ground at Pill Gardens

Earlier in the year the Council asked each class at Southmead to vote for their favourite play equipment, to help design a new play ground at Pill Gardens. The play ground has recently been finished and, at the end of March, children from class 5ADS were invited to represent the school at the Grand Opening! Although it rained during our visit, the children immensely enjoyed playing on the brand new, and sparkingly clean, equipment. This report was written by some of the children from class 5ADS.

On Wednesday the 27th of March class 5ADS were lucky enough to have been chosen to visit Pill Gardens Park for the opening. When we got there we met some people from North Devon Council; they were the people who built the park. At the park there are lots of things to do and play on, such as a spinning bowl, some monkey bars, a little playhouse, a slide, a climbing rope, a basket swing, and a marble game. I enjoyed the firemen's pole the best because it was really fast when you go down it. We played a game of tag, and we had lots of fun. I can't wait until we come back. This park is so much fun! **Henry Jones.**

Class 5ADS were lucky enough to be invited to the opening of Pill Garden's Park. There were lots of new and exciting pieces of equipment to play on. When we got there we met a couple of people from North Devon Council. After that we got to run around and play on the equipment. I had loads of fun playing on the new equipment with my friends. Lots of new ideas were there, like a wall to climb up, which led to a platform; a different kind of monkey bar

and a wonky iron bridge that you could also use as monkey bars from the bottom. My favourite equipment was the spinning bowl which you sat in and it would be spun by your friends. The park was absolutely amazing and lots of the equipment was very challenging to use. I love this park! **Harry Hebard.**

I was so very honoured that Mark Jones and his team invited us go down to the park to play on all the wonderful equipment at the Grand Opening. My favourite piece of equipment was the swing as myself and my friend loved it; we could not stop going on it! The variety of equipment in there was phenomenal (more than the actual Braunton Park!). I liked the old park, but I love the new park! **Grace Essex.**

I enjoyed all of the equipment, however my absolute favourite was the monkey bars, even though they were very challenging - at least for me. On the fireman's pole I really had to pluck up my courage to go down, but with the help of my friends Anais and Eleanor I slid down and it was extremely fun. In fact, I ended up doing it 10 times! **Josephine Cole.**

I enjoyed trying to climb the monkey bars. Even though they were very hard, I still gave it a go. I also enjoyed trying to stay on the spinning spike, because whilst you are going very fast you need to use all of your strength to stay on! The council have made such a good park and I am so grateful that it's finally finished! **Dylan McSherry.**

I enjoyed everything because all of the equipment is so fun and safe, so I would like to go there again. I had fun playing on the marble game because it's really complicated and I liked the slide because it was fast. I enjoyed the terrific telescope, the super slide, the funny fireman's pole, the cool climbing frame and the sickly spinner! I think Pill Gardens Park is a fantastic park! **Liam McQueen-Mason.**

My favourite equipment was the rock climbing wall. I thought the spinning bowl was awesome, but it made me feel a little sick! **Cerys Plant.**

The people who made the park were so kind to think of us. My favourite equipment was the monkey bars because it was fun! **Jessica Cardew.**

My class had a fantastic time at the Grand Opening of Pill Gardens Park. All of the equipment is perfectly laid out and it's a lovely place to have a park. There's a lovely variety of equipment, like a tremendously terrific telescope and magnificently marvellous monkey bars! I would recommend this park to all my friends! **Eleanor Burrell.**

Scholastic Book Fair

Following on from our extremely successful book fair, we are very pleased to let you know it raised **£714 in FREE BOOKS** for the school!

Comic Relief

There were some very bright, colourful and fun clothes worn to raise money for Comic Relief this year! All together we raised **£211.46** - well done everyone.

Sainsbury's Vouchers Update

Thank you so much for all your vouchers, please keep them coming. After a count this week we have 1371, it would be great to reach 2000 - let's see if we can reach it after Easter!

Lost Property

The lost property bins are overflowing again! If your child has lost any items this term, please pop in after school (Friday 31st March) as Pete Fry will put them out in the hall. Pop in whilst your children are taking part in the Easter Egg Hunt!

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. The information you provide will be used when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when. Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

CAN Play - Before and After School Club

CAN Play run our before and after school club. They can take children from 7.45am, provide breakfast and will make sure they are in class for registration. This is held in the school hall. The after school club is held in the Cherry Tree Cafe and runs until 6pm. Registration forms can be provided by the school office. If you have any questions or would like to chat to Kirsty Baldwin who takes the sessions, please contact her on 07970 206136 or kirstylouisebaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

Head Lice Check

Although it is very difficult to prevent head lice, in an attempt to eliminate the prevalence of it in school we would encourage all parents and carers to do a weekly check of their child's hair. Regular detection combing can lead to early discovery and treatment. For more information "NHS Choices" have a comprehensive webpage on the subject.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx#prevention>

Donations

Thank you to Bonita McCarthy for her generous donations of wet play toys, games and books and Leanna Silver for lots of toy characters.

School Carbon Monoxide Safety Competition

Wales and West Utilities are running a competition for KS1 and KS2 children to design a poster, write a poem, create a film or write a song to tell people about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO). It needs to be informative and accurately warn of the dangers of CO poisoning and how to avoid them. There will be two regional winners (one from each key stage) who will win £150 for themselves and £300 for their school. Regional winners will also be invited to a special award ceremony at the House of Commons on Monday 26th June where a national winner will be announced. For more information that might help please visit

<http://www.wwestutilities.co.uk/getcreativebesafe/>

Entries can be emailed to COSchoolCompetition@energynetworks.org by Friday 5th May.

Parking

We have been asked to remind all parents/carers to please park considerately when dropping off and collecting from school. Areas around the school are residential, so please be aware of private property and gardens.

Easter Forest School Holiday Club

Holiday Club for Children aged 5-11: Mon 3rd April, Wed 12th April, Thur 13th April. All sessions run 10am-3pm at a cost of £22 per child. If you would like to have a chat about siblings and age ranges or anything else please contact via email or through facebook. Places can be booked via email: hakefordwoods@gmail.com.

Lego Club - Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

If there are any budding Lego builders out there, you would be welcome at the Lego Club at Braunton Library every Tuesday between 3.30pm - 4.30pm. No need to book, just turn up!

Children's Microscope Workshop - Wednesday 4th April

Braunton Library will be holding a Microscope Workshop on Wednesday 4th April between 2.30pm - 4pm. They will be using microscopes to see things in a different way. There is a small cost of £2, tickets must be bought in advance. It is suitable for children aged between 6yrs - 11yrs and they must be accompanied by an adult.

Messy Church - Sunday 9th April

St Brannocks are hosting "Messy Church" which is open to everyone to have fun with friends learning about Gods love. There will be free crafts, games, stories and food. It runs every 2nd Sunday in the month at 4pm in St Brannocks Rooms. The next one is Sunday 9th April.

Paratroopers Holiday Club

"Paratroopers" is for children who are between 3 & 7 yrs old. They play fun active games using a parachute, they also play games with balls, beanbags, hoops, skipping ropes, bridges and stepping stones. They will learn fundamental skills like running, skipping, hopping, catching and throwing. It is an active fun group to help children to improve their skills. The session ends with fruit and a story and during holiday club there will be free play with all the equipment and a bouncy castle. The sessions run from **10am - 12pm on Thursday 6th and Tuesday 11th April** at a cost of £10 per child. The session is run by Fiona Duncan who can be contacted on 07769 352648, or check out her facebook page: [Facebook.co.uk/paratroopers](https://www.facebook.co.uk/paratroopers)

Petroc Holiday Club

After the success of their February Half Term club, Petroc are doing the same over the Easter holidays. It will be for children aged 8 - 11yrs. They will take part in sports, games, movies, arts & crafts and baking. The days will run from **9am - 5pm on Friday 31st March - Thursday 13th April** (weekdays only) and **Monday 29th May - Friday 2 June** at a cost of £12.50 per day. The camp is run by qualified and experienced staff in the indoor and outdoor sports and gym facilities.

Girls Football - Years 1 - 6 - Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 11th April

During the Easter holidays The FA Skills team in Devon are running football sessions for GIRLS in SCHOOL YEAR 1-6 for FREE. The FA Skills holiday football coaching sessions are perfect for children who want to develop their football skills, meet new people, be active and have some fun during the holidays. All sessions will be taking place at BRAUNTON ACADEMY, on the following dates and times. Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 11th April at Braunton Academy Astroturf between 10am-2pm. You will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. To book a space please email Kevin.Weir@thefa.com or call [07853008133](tel:07853008133)

HAPPY EASTER!
SEE YOU ALL ON
TUESDAY 18th APRIL



Events and Activities

Date	Event/Activity	Class/Year Group
<i>Tue 18th Apr</i>	<i>SUMMER TERM STARTS</i>	<i>All</i>
Wed 19 th Apr	Tarka Tennis Competition	Selected Y3 & 4
Fri 21 st Apr	World Earth Day	All
Mon 24 th Apr	Tag Rugby - Torrington	Selected Y5 & 6
Tue 25 th Apr	Full Governors Meeting	All Parents
Wed 26 th Apr	Tarka Tennis	Y2
<i>Mon 1st May</i>	<i>BANK HOLIDAY</i>	<i>All</i>
Tue 2 nd May	Tennis - Braunton Academy	Y3
Mon 8 th - Thu 11 th May	Y6 SATs	Year 6
Mon 8 th - Thu 11 th May	Y5 Bikeability	Year 5
Fri 12 th May	Y6 Bike Ride to Rock Park	Year 6
Mon 15 th - Thu 18 th May	Y2 SATs	Year 2
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th May	Walk to School Week	All
Tue 16 th May	Football - Barnstaple	Selected
Tue 16 th May	Tennis	Year 3
Thu 18 th May	Aquathlon	Selected KS2
Thu 18 th May	Empty Classroom Day	All
Tue 23 rd May	Athletics - Braunton Athletics Track	Y5
Wed 24 th May	Tennis	Y2
<i>Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun</i>	<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>All</i>
Wed 7 th Jun	Sports Day	All
Thu 8 th Jun	Tempest Class Photos	All
Fri 9 th Jun	Sports Day Reserve	All
Thu 15 th Jun	Aquathlon - Torrington	Selected KS2
Fri 16 th Jun	Y6 Oceanfest	Year 6
Tue 20 th Jun	Volleysport - Croyde Beach	Y5 & 6
Wed 21 st Jun	Tarka Tennis	Selected Y5 & 6
Fri 23 rd Jun	Beach Soccer - Croyde Beach	Selected Y5 & 6
Fri 23 rd Jun	Armed Forces Day	All
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Jun	Y6 Residential	Year 6
Wed 27 th Jun	Tag Rugby - Barnstaple	Y5
Thu 29 th Jun	Open Afternoon	All
<i>Mon 3rd Jul - Fri 7th Jul</i>	<i>Oxfam Water Week</i>	<i>All</i>
Mon 3 rd Jul	Essex Dance - Braunton Academy	Y2
Tue 4 th Jul	Moving up Morning	All
Tue 4 th Jul	Full Governors Meeting	All parents
Thu 6 th Jul	Cricket	Selected Y5 & 6
Tue 11 th Jul	PE Gifted and Talented - Bath	Selected Y6
Thu 13 th Jul	Reports to parents	All
Fri 14 th Jul	Summer Fair	All
Thu 20 th Jul	Y6 Leavers Party 6pm	Year 6
Fri 21 st Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly 10am	Year 6 parents
<i>Fri 21st Jul</i>	<i>TERM ENDS</i>	<i>All</i>

After School Clubs - Summer Term
(starting w/c Monday 24th April)

Club	Year	Staff Member	Day	Finishes
Home Learning	KS2	Mrs Da Silva	Mon lunchtime	
Dance Club	All	Sue Gallimore	Monday	4pm
Football	4,5,6	Mr Broadbent	Monday	4.15pm
Country Dancing	KS1	Mrs Wilsden & Miss Wyles	Tuesday	4pm
Tennis	KS2	Mr Corney, Miss Scott & John Griffiths	Tuesday	4.15pm
Cricket	KS2	Matt Cardew	Wednesday	4.15pm
Recorder	4, 5, 6	Mrs Spear	Thur lunchtime	
Rounders	KS2	Mrs Priddis & Miss Love	Thursday	4.15pm
Spanish	3, 4	Miss Thompson	Thursday	4.15pm
Mindfulness	KS2	Hannah Stuart	Thursday	4.15pm
Skipping	KS1	Mrs Matthews & Mrs Reed	Fri lunchtime	
Book Club	2	Mrs Finlay	Fri lunchtime	
Marlins	4,5 & 6	Heather Burke	Friday (4pm)	5pm

Music Lessons

Singing	Sophie Kerslake	07799 719865	Tuesdays
Clarinet, Saxophone & Oboe	Carol Dewis	07971 250636	Tuesdays
Guitar	Jess Worth	07720868201	Thursdays
Keyboard & Violin	Rebecca Barrow	07828 601778	Thursdays
Piano	Amanda Oscroft	07926 091831	Thursdays
Cello	Lara Foot	lara_foot@hotmail.co.uk	Fridays