

THE PREP WEEKLY

13th June 2025



Message from Mr Lovett

The Prep Department has been absolutely buzzing with all things Ocean themed this week as we have immersed ourselves in National Oceans Week. The range of activities and learning experiences that have been on offer have been incredible and our pupils have embraced it all. From live radio interviews, guest speakers and visits to the beach – the children have been so inquisitive and reflective in their questioning and raised over £300 for the RNLI during their Float to Live challenge – a remarkable achievement. You can read more about all that has gone on later in this newsletter.

A reminder that our Prep Summer Holiday Club will be running this year on the following dates:

Week 1: 14/7/25 – 18/7/25

Week 2: 21/7/25 – 25/7/25

Activities will include a timetable consisting of sports, arts & crafts, ICT, swimming and forest school. Holiday club will run from 08.30 – 15.30 and will be charged at a rate of £150 for the week.

Please use the following link to book:

<https://forms.office.com/e/64wLxeLFDx>

Have a restful weekend and look after each other.

The Week Ahead

Monday 16th June

ISA National Athletics Finals

Tuesday 17th June

KS2 Swim Gala

Wednesday 18th June

SW ISA Cricket @ Dartington

Thursday 19th June

No Events

Friday 20th June

Year 6 Enterprise Market



Torbay Hospital Radio

A very BIG thank you to Torbay Hospital Radio for inviting two of our pupils into their studio to talk about our super tough challenge of 'floating to live'. In support of the RNLI, our pupils will relay to tread water continuously for a mammoth SIX HOURS, putting the RNLI's Life Skills into practice. A super well done to our Headboy & Headgirl Mali and Lucy for a brilliant radio broadcast explaining all about the fundraising challenge and what we have been up to this week - all live as well! You were both fantastic!

Guest Speaker

Wednesday's assembly was led by Dr Nicola Foster, Lecturer in Marine Biology at the University of Plymouth. Dr Foster delivered a brilliant interactive presentation to our pupils on a day in the life of a marine biologist, from Devon shores to tropical marine ecosystems. From submersibles, discovering new marine species, oceanography and ocean zones, to conservation and sustainability, Dr Foster shared some fascinating information. Lots of excellent questions from our Prep children, as ever! We are very grateful to Dr Foster for making time to join us, and to UoP's School of Biological and Marine Sciences for contributing to our Oceans Week.



Plymouth Aquarium



Prep 5 opened Oceans Week in Plymouth, with a guided visit of the National Marine Aquarium. A totally WOW morning, with some very special marine encounters. The class then went on to a rockpool safari at Mount Batten beach led by a ranger from the Ocean Conversation Trust. The children were amazed to discover quite how busy the micro world of rockpools really is! What a brilliant way to start a busy week.



Prep 2 Sleepover

On Thursday Prep 2 had their first taste of a school residential by sleeping over in their classroom. Once everybody had left for home they had the run of the school enjoying swimming, a disco in Oakley, pizza for tea and even playing football with the boarders! The children had an absolute blast and Mrs Miller & Mrs Broom were so proud of them. You will all sleep well this weekend!

Acoustic Chill

FRIDAY 4th JULY @ 6pm - The Salle

Bookings can now be made for our showcase of Prep singing on the final Friday evening of term. This event is open to all families and friends - not just those of the performers - and we are aiming to create a relaxed, convivial atmosphere for people to enjoy some early evening 'finger food' and glass of wine or non-alcoholic alternative whilst being entertained by our talented pupils. The concert will last roughly 45 minutes and there is no limit on tickets. The venue will be The Salle in the Senior School (opposite the White House). Seating will be 'cafe style' with chairs at tables and people will be free to adapt the arrangement to suit their group size. Doors from 5.40pm for a 6pm start. Ticket cost has been set at £5 per person to cover the cost of the food and drinks. This will be invoiced via SchoolMoney once booked using the Forms link below. Please book by Sunday 29th June at the latest.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ngrZDwMuhC>

We hope this will be a wonderful event to mark the end of the school year, in one of the loveliest parts of the school, showcasing great young singing talent.

Infant Beach Clean



Following Dr Foster's visit in assembly, Reception, Prep 1 and Prep 2 set off to Teignmouth Beach for a morning of seashore exploration and beach litter picking. The children loved discovering the marine life in rockpools just minutes from our school, and were so thorough in their beach clean. Our lovely pupils left nothing on the beach but their footprints. Well done for your brilliant work everyone!



Float to Live

We rounded off our Ocean Week by raising money for the RNLI. The whole school challenge was to tread water or float to live continuously for the entire school day. We were lucky enough to be joined by two members of the RNLI Beach lifeguard team who explained to us the importance of the Float to Live message and other important safety points when in the water or at the beach. This was a really difficult task but the children absolutely smashed it and raised over £300!

Paddle Safer



Paddle Safer Course – Saturday 28th June



£10 per person – Scan QR Code to Book



A 2 hour practical paddle safer course for those who use SUP's, Sit Ons and kayaks. This course is aligned with Paddle UK guidance and aims to ensure participants have essential safety knowledge for paddlesports. Please bring along your own craft.

Raising funds for your local club. See Crowdfunder Page for more Info.

Email: events@teigncanoe.org.uk

Club website: <https://teigncanoe.org.uk/>

Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday the Year 5/6 children played the annual Prep School tennis tournament for which the James King Trophy is awarded at Speech Day. There was a high level of skill on show throughout and eventually we reached a final between Mali in Year 6 and George in Year 5. There was some fierce hitting on both sides of the net and some fantastic rallies but ultimately Mali emerged victorious and will receive his trophy at the end of term.



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Around the classes



The Lodge By Mrs Drewett

This week, we celebrated Oceans Week by sharing ocean-themed books. We read "The Rainbow Fish" which teaches the importance of sharing, and a story about a Little Turtle on a mission to clean up ocean plastic. We discussed keeping beaches clean and created various sea creatures using paper crab plates and fish templates displayed in our window. We also explored sea slime to rescue fish and enjoyed our role play area. Outside, we built sandcastles and decorated them with shells. To wrap up, we decorated biscuits with blue icing and gold sprinkles



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been learning about sea creatures and beaches as we have been celebrating Oceans Week. We have continued our arts and crafts to add sparkly seahorses to our display and had so much fun in our Under the Sea themed role play area. The children have fed a shark that they have named Barry being careful not to get too close, they have explored our rock pool environment in the water tray and become mermaids and mermen. They have paddled to shore in our HMS Trinity boat and through stories and circle time discussions, we have talked about how we can keep our beaches clean and safe for all. What a great week of Ocean fun!



Reception By Mrs Broom

Reception have made their own miniature oceans using water and oil in bottles. We talked about oil getting in to oceans and what might happen. We also talked about how the oil sits on top of the water. They loved making their own waves with them too.

Around the classes



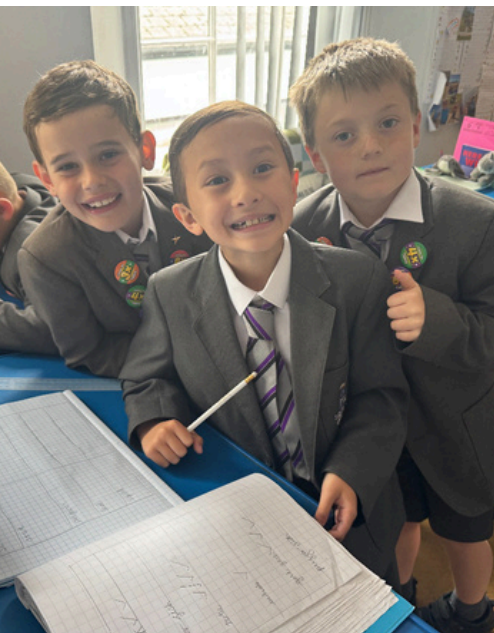
Prep 1 By Mrs May

Prep One feel very strongly about looking after the environment. As part of Ocean Week, they visited Ness Beach and made sure that there was no litter on the beach before they left. They have had lots of discussions about the effects of plastics, rubbish and oil in the oceans and have explored bossy verbs to create posters to remind everybody about how important it is to help avoid pollution and recycle or reuse when possible.



Prep 2 By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 have been very excited about their latest art project and were keen to create the background and outside of their under the water dioramas this week. Being inspired by their beach trip and topic learning, they want to fill their boxes with all sorts of relevant items. Watch this space... 🐟🐠🌊



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

This week in mathematics Prep 3 have been learning about statistics. The children learnt to read and interpret pictograms, and then enjoyed conducting their own surveys based on an ocean theme within the classroom and beyond. They then used the data collected to draw their own pictograms. Superb work
Prep 3

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

This week the children have enjoyed looking at a range of poetry styles including Acrostic, Riddles, Tanka, Limericks and Sonnets. They have all created two different Ocean themed poems to create an amazing display in our classroom! We will be sharing these soon- watch this space!



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

This week Prep five went on a school trip to Plymouth, they went rock pooling and found loads of sea creatures. After they went to the aquarium where they found lots of fish, sharks, jellyfish and also Friday the turtle. On Tuesday they went to the Ness beach and scrambled on the rocks to discover different types of seaweed and shells. It was very slippery, two people fell in the water and got very wet bottoms. When they got back to school, they printed the seaweed onto paper in art. On Wednesday in science we used the shells we collected from the beach and did an experiment about what shells would survive in vinegar or seawater.



Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

This has been a busy Oceans Week for Prep 6 although the planned highlight of our week - a trip to Brixham Fish Market - sadly fell victim to Thursday's awful weather. However, we still achieved plenty of learning especially from watching the fascinating David Attenborough documentary "Ocean" which we are now using to create individual outcomes showcasing individual areas of curiosity and passion.



Prep Life Gallery

