



Achieving and Flourishing Together in God's Loving Arms

Sports Day!

This year's Sports Day was a huge success. The children enjoyed a carousel of morning activities and were joined by family and friends for a picnic lunch outside.

Afternoon races were fiercely competitive and all children participated with great enthusiasm. In the end, **Yellow** were victorious for the 3rd successive year.



We would like to thank all supporters for attending the event as well as the PTA for providing refreshments and raising an amazing £515 for school funds.

Also, we would like to thank the Sports Day team for organising such a memorable day.



So finally we say goodbye to four members of staff. Miss Lewis moves on to a teaching assistant position at Oldway Primary and we thank her for all the work she has done this year, particularly as our Sport's Lead.

Mrs While takes up her position as Year 6 teacher at Totnes St John's and it's lovely that she will remain in the Trust and still be a familiar face for many of us. We know she will make a tremendous teacher and wish her all the best as she begins her teaching career.

Mr Trust is off to a sunnier climate and begins his teaching post as a Phase Leader in August. We wish him all the best as he travels to the United Arab Emirates. We will miss him hugely and I know the children will too. We know he'll be thinking of us on a damp December morning and will be missing us, even if he's not missing the weather. Mr Johansen will start as our new Year 5 Teacher in September and the Y4 children have already had the chance to meet him.

Finally, Mrs Stewart moves to Shaldon as Headteacher! She has been a tremendous support to me personally and made a huge impact in terms of improved outcomes and standards for teachers. Again, staff will continue to see Mrs Stewart regularly so it's lovely that she will also remain in our Trust. We wish all these staff members the very best of luck in their careers and thank them for their service and dedication to Galmpton.

Mrs Burns.

Sing Around The Bay!

On Thursday 11th July, Year 4 took part in 'Sing around the Bay'. This was a Torbay school's project highlighting the problems that animals face around the world. We chose to write our song about the problem fish have with the increasing amount of plastic in the oceans. We performed our song 'Stormy Weather' in the Princess Theatre in Torquay. It was an amazing experience!



ACE ANNUAL MUSIC EVENT

Thank you to the thirteen Year 3's who travelled to Totnes Civic Hall for the Annual ACE Music event. Whole classes came from Exeter, Teignmouth, Paignton and Totnes to take part in this shared Trust event. It was disappointing that we had less than half a class in comparison to the large numbers that came from the other schools, but nevertheless, the children who did attend made a huge effort and tried hard to make up for the absence of their peers. Thank you to Miss Peace and the families who did attend and made such a great effort for the school.



Y6 sailing day

Earlier this month, 23 Year 6 students were offered the chance to spend 2 days sailing on the River Dart. This opportunity was given by the Royal Dart Youth Sailing Trust which aims to "help young people in South Devon to benefit from being able to sail or be involved with water based sport and especially to enable those who might otherwise not have had the opportunity to do so." Over the course of the day, our children learned about the science of sailing and the geography of the river. They all had a go at steering their boats and learned how to right them if they capsized. A wonderful day was had by all.



Stationery for KS2 children



KS2 parents should have received a letter requesting that when children return in September, they bring their own stationery to school. We are asking for your help with this for two reasons. We need to make really good use of existing resources over the next year where school budgets are being squeezed, but we also believe that children enjoy the responsibility and efficiency of having their own equipment ready to use each day. Many thanks for your help and cooperation with this.

Transforming lives through our curriculum: Our Big Community Lunch at Galmpton Primary School

Galmpton Primary School is part of the Academy for Character and Excellence, and our curriculum is centred around rich, immersive learning experiences that foster a spirit of citizenship, community engagement and metacognitive development. We designed a learning experience for our children in the Summer Term, whereby we set out to investigate 'How Can We Best Serve Our Community?' In order to answer this question, we focused on the local history of our community, from the Victorian era up to the present day. We investigated the notion of 'Service', by becoming involved in a range of schemes, such as a campaign to reduce the use of Palm Oil, research projects about protecting our local wildlife as well as working on opening up our garden as a Community space. The 'Big Lunch' was therefore a perfect vehicle for deepening the relationships we had built over the course of this experience, as we wanted the children to really understand the relevance and importance of their learning.



How we planned our event

The children in each class identified people in our Community that they would like to say a big thank you to, both for their work in school and for the opportunities they had provided to enrich our learning. One great example of this was the children in Year 4, who had been growing fruit and vegetables in the walled gardens of our local National Trust property, Greenway. The children had been working alongside the Greenway gardeners every week for the entire Summer Term, and had produced a wonderful glut of rhubarb. It seemed highly appropriate to make a giant rhubarb crumble, which they shared with the gardeners when they came in for our event! Our gates opened at 12pm, to queues of parents, visitors and residents. We held a giant 'country dance', unveiled our community garden and gave out Community awards to people who had given their time to support the success of our school.

A lasting legacy

It was wonderful to see so many people getting to know more about each other. Whilst the children were incredibly excited about this event, nothing could have prepared them for the impact they had made on others. A number of local residents stopped by and wandered in, only to stay for the whole afternoon, having been welcomed by the children and offered a place to sit and delicious food to share. Others came bearing trays of quiche and cakes, as they wanted to share in the event, having overheard the music and laughter from the playground. For us as teachers, we were delighted that the children had been given an opportunity to embed their learning in such a meaningful way. They were serving their Community through friendship and empathy, and also saying thank you to others who had each served our community and our school through giving their time and care. Not only were the children able to share their knowledge of history, geography and science, but they had purpose, audience and masses of appreciation from their families, friends and the wider Community. The only question left unanswered was, 'how could we possibly **not** do this next year?'

**Attendance Data for the
period
5.9.18 – 9/7/19**

Whole School	95.18%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	94.93
1	95.51
2	95.75
3	96.40
4	95.03
5	93.40
6	95.49

**Well done to Year 3
who have achieved the highest
attendance all year !**



We enjoyed a wonderful Summer Fayre this year, with the sun shining in all it's glory for us!



A huge thanks to Trudi and Jade for all their hard work, as without them the fayre wouldn't have gone ahead. Many thanks also to the rest of the FROGS team and parents who helped on the day. A whopping £2209 was raised!! Well done FROGS!



Year 6 Leavers' Service

Our Y6's and Mrs While organised a beautiful service which took place on Thursday 18th July at the Barn Chapel. The children read some lovely prayers and poems and entertained us with reflections about their favourite times at Galmpton. It was lovely to have so many parents attend too! Well done Year 6, a delightful service!



Gardening at Greenway House

This term Year 4 have had an opportunity to help the gardeners at Greenway in the kitchen garden. This is a long term relationship which goes back to when Agatha Christie was in residence. The children have been going along and learning how to plant and care for vegetables and fruit. For some children this is their first taste of gardening ever. The children were able to use some of the produce in the rhubarb crumbles they made for the Community Lunch. After the Summer, when the children are in Year 5, they will be invited to visit Greenway for a meal using the produce they have helped to grow.



Year 4 are taking part in the Palm Oil Art Project in alliance with Torbay schools and Paignton Zoo. This is our entry! We have been learning how changing to sustainable palm oil, will help save the rainforests from being cut down and endangering the animals that live there.





This week we say 'Goodbye' and Good Luck' to our wonderful Year 6's. They really have been a credit to the school and their parents this Year and have undoubtedly achieved and flourished over their years at Galampton. Not only have they achieved so

well academically, they have been great role models to our younger pupils. They have had a fantastic year taking greater responsibility, whilst becoming confident and creative learners. We are so very proud of each and everyone of you Year 6! Do stay in touch with us as we wish you all the very best for all your futures! You've all been stars!



Community Church Service
14th July 2019

Thank you to all the families and children who attended our annual joint Service with our Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin. Rev. John led a wonderful Service where we celebrated our Community and reflected on what makes a Community great. This was another great outcome for our learning this term around the enquiry question-'How Can I best Serve my Community?' Thank you for strengthening our Community through your participation.



After School Club



Open

As per our recent letter, our After School Club is now set up and can be booked for next

term via ParentPay. The club will run from 3.15-5.45pm. Please pick up a registration/admin pack from reception if your child will be participating in the club. Please let the office know if you will be paying via a voucher scheme.

Finally, we wish all our families a wonderful Summer break. Thank you for your support throughout the year. We look forward to a new year of school life next term and will see you back in school on Wednesday 4th September. Stay safe children and we hope you enjoy the next few weeks!



Galampton Summer Term

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| Wednesday 4th September | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 25th September | Tempest Photography (individual & family) |
| Monday 14th October | Bikeability in school for talk in Worship |
| Sunday 2nd November | Lupton House Bonfire Night |
| Monday 18th - Thursday 21st November | Bikeability (Y5) |
| Friday 29th November | Beauty & the Beast performance (FROGs) |

