Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Y6 children have been excited about toast and biscuits as well as taking their SATs. The papers finished yesterday and all took them in their stride. The Y2 children have also been doing their KS1 assessment papers in small groups over the course of the last week and this with Mrs McAuley. These assessments are marked by the teachers and are used to inform their assessments of where the children are with their learning and progress since being in YR. We don’t make an issue of the assessments and the children have been unperturbed by the whole experience.

On Monday the paperwork was sent out to all families and staff about the proposed ‘Braunton’ co-operative trust. We hope that forming a trust will help us to build upon the developing positive links that have formed between the five local primaries and Braunton Academy over the past year or two and that it will strengthen the teaching and learning across all the schools so the children are best prepared for the next stages of their learning. The letters had details about the various meetings and email addresses to attend/write to if you have any questions.

After half-term we will be starting the ‘Changing Me’ Sex element of our Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work. This ‘puzzle piece’ does incorporate their Relationship and Sex Education element and it builds throughout the school from learning and thinking about parts of the body [YR] to recognising how their body has changed from being a baby [Y2] to understanding about how bodies change during puberty and how a baby grows over the nine month gestation period [Y6]. I have put some of the Jigsaw resources and guides on the school website under the ‘Year Groups’ tab.

On Thursday 6th June I will be holding a meeting in the school hall at 9am and 5pm to look at the RSE materials in more detail.

This week Y1 and Y3 have been involved in plant based activities. Y1 went up to the beacon and were identifying trees and making some Andy Goldsworthy inspired art and Y3 went to RHS Rosemoor to build upon their learning in science about seeds, seed dispersal and pollination. We have some photos from both trips on the back of the newsletter. Thank you to all those who were able to help.

Today we had a team of Y4s and a team of Y6s take part in a Quad Kids competition at the North Devon Athletics Track. The children worked really hard and were competing against 14 other schools from across North Devon. The Y6s ended up coming 4th and the Y4s won their division and now go down to Plymouth for the county finals! Well done to all and thank you to Emma Stephenson and the parents who were able to help out.

Lastly, we have a significant amount of lost property and I now that Mrs Avery has emailed out about this. Thomas Creely is missing a black Southampton FC jacket [with his name on] – if you come across it please bring it to the school office. Please always make sure that your child comes home with their lunchbox and jacket that they went to school with that day.

Have a good weekend,
Mr Page
Upcoming events

21.5 - Y6 beach day
22.5 - Y5/6 Tag Rugby. Barnstaple RFC [selected]
23.5 - Y5 Poetry on the Tarka Trail.
     Co-operative trust meetings x2. Southmead Primary School.
     2.40pm and 5.15pm.
24.5 - Ilfracombe Aqathlon. Y3-6 [selected]
3.6 - School returns
6.6 - RSE curriculum meeting – YR-Y6 parents welcome. School hall.
     9am and 5pm.

WE ARE RECRUITING

We are recruiting more cleaning staff for the school. Hours are Monday – Friday term time 3.30 – 6.30pm. There would be the opportunity for holiday work as well should it be wanted. If interested please see the school office or email admin@caen.devon.sch.uk