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Exeter Road

Welcome to the first edition of Wavelength for this academic year.

I would like to start by thanking the large number of parents who have already attended events and information evenings held in the autumn term. Equally, we must thank and acknowledge the staff and students involved in these events, as they are our greatest ambassadors.

The year 6 next steps evening in September was extraordinarily well attended, with the auditorium full to capacity. Since then we have held numerous additional small group tours and visits for prospective parents and students who were unable to attend on the evening. There has been excellent feedback. I am pleased to say that our year 11 success evening in early October was also very well-attended. There was practical and realistic advice and information about revision techniques as well as examples of routines and resources for time-management. The key messages centred around early preparation, organisation and determination but above all we returned to the critical role of parents and carers in working alongside us. A plea to parents to become involved in your child's exam preparations early and to stay involved throughout- as difficult as I know this can be at times. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like to know more, please contact Mr Wilmott at school.

Many of our year 11 students already demonstrate real commitment and drive- let us do everything we can together to help them achieve their goals.

My intention over time will be to offer parents regular opportunities to feed into and help shape our planning, and to inform them as much as possible about our current and future aims and projects. I want to assure you that if you do contribute your views, they will be taken into account and where appropriate, help inform policy and practice.

Finally, a special thanks to Teignmouth Old Grammarians Society. This group has a long history of collaboration with us and recently I accepted a generous donation from their chairman Mr. Roger Stone, which will be used to support ongoing improvement and enhancement projects. More information on this to come.



Exeter Road and Mill Lane - Health and Safety Warning

PENALTY CHARGE NOTICE

This isn't a real penalty notice, but it is an important notice.

Dropping/collecting students inside our school gates at the start & end of the school day is not permitted.

For safety reasons please do not attempt to drive through our entrances from 8:40am to 9:00am, and 3:10pm to 3:25pm.



Please also remember, it is an offence to stop on the yellow zig zag lines outside our schools. Please help us to ensure students are safe at all times.

Parent Pay Update

For parents of students at Exeter Road, the contact point for any queries about ParentPay is the school Finance Office. If you have not yet registered at www.parentpay.com and require a login and password then please contact us. Once set up you can then easily pay for school dinners, trips and revision books via this account. If you would prefer to have a Pay Point card that you can use to top up your child's dinner money account we can order one for you on request.

Parent Pay is now being introduced at Mill Lane. Initially this is just for payment for trips. Login details will be given to parents as trips take place throughout the year. Any questions about the service should be directed to the Main Office at Mill Lane.

Don't forget that a link to the online uniform shop is also accessible via Parent Pay or direct from the TCS website.



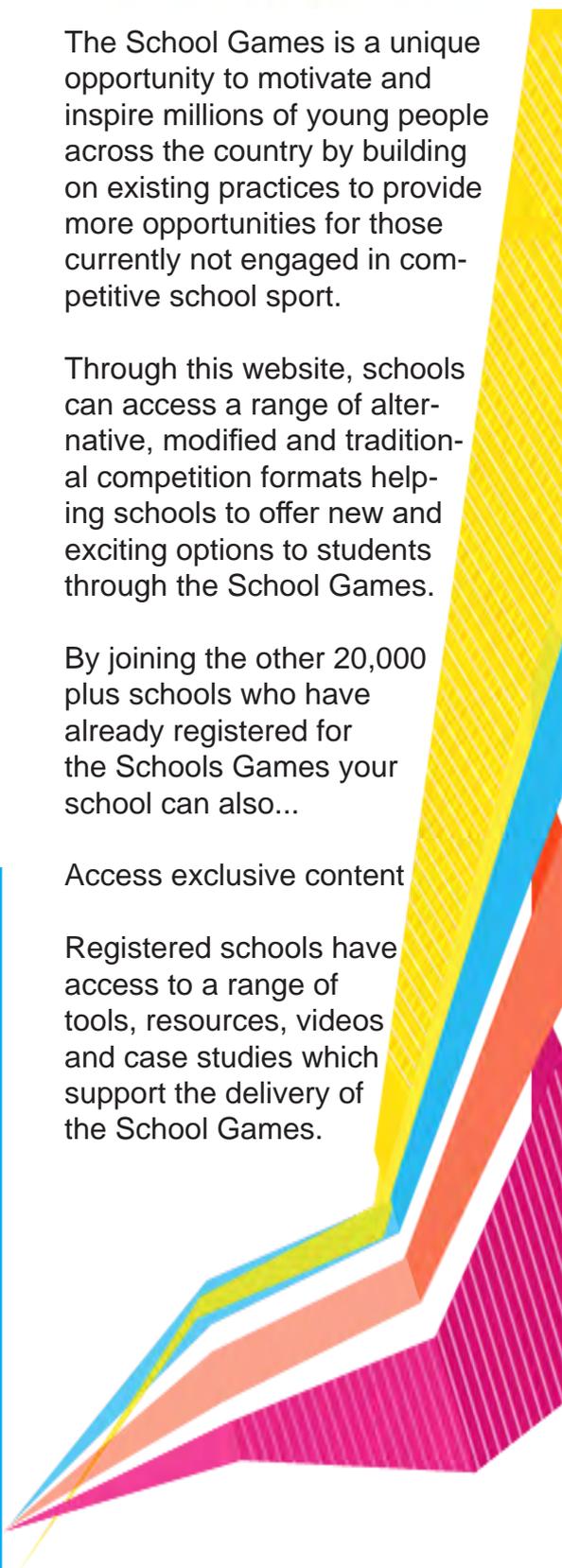
The School Games is a unique opportunity to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country by building on existing practices to provide more opportunities for those currently not engaged in competitive school sport.

Through this website, schools can access a range of alternative, modified and traditional competition formats helping schools to offer new and exciting options to students through the School Games.

By joining the other 20,000 plus schools who have already registered for the Schools Games your school can also...

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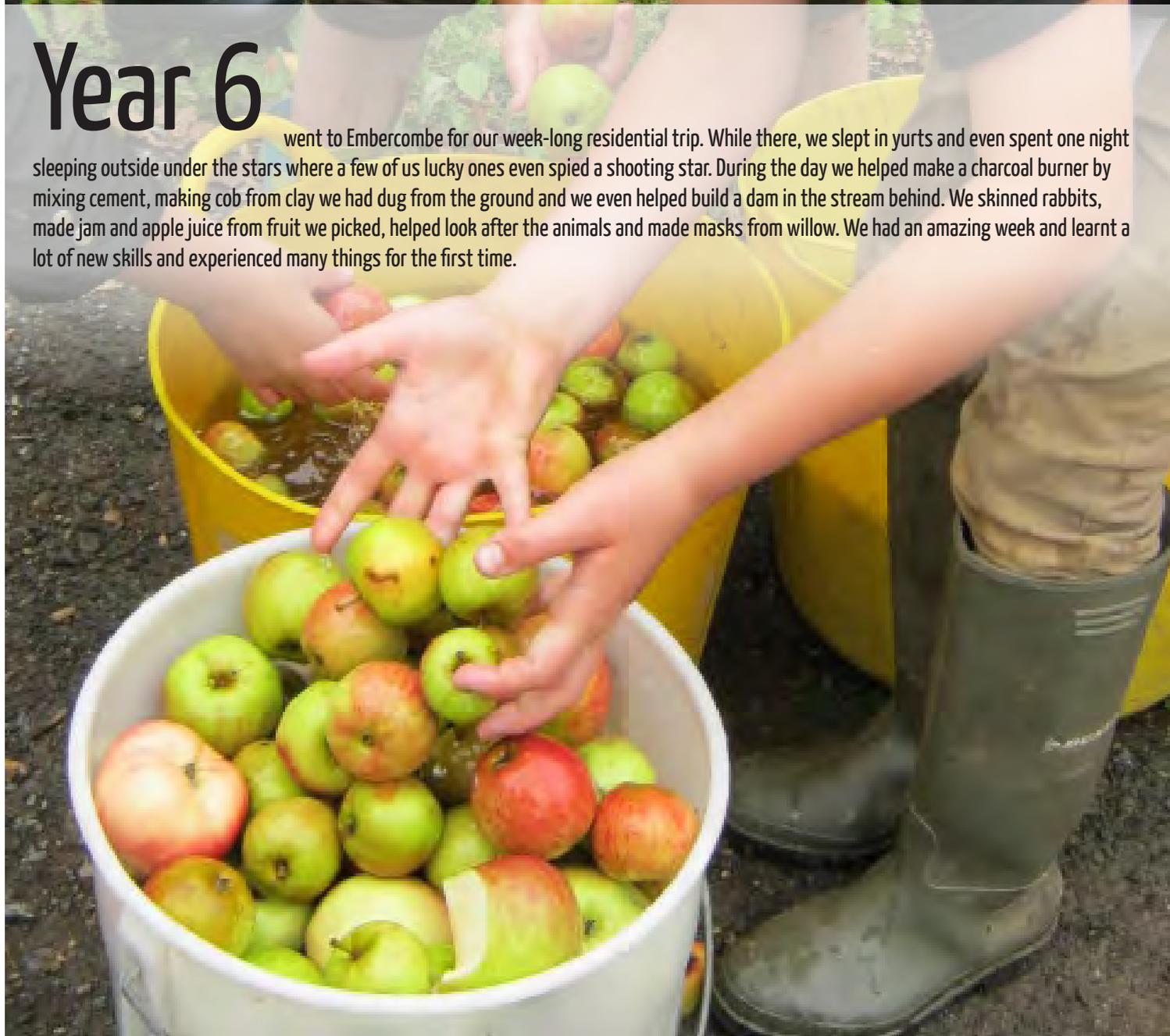
Registered schools have access to a range of tools, resources, videos and case studies which support the delivery of the School Games.





Year 6

went to Embercombe for our week-long residential trip. While there, we slept in yurts and even spent one night sleeping outside under the stars where a few of us lucky ones even spied a shooting star. During the day we helped make a charcoal burner by mixing cement, making cob from clay we had dug from the ground and we even helped build a dam in the stream behind. We skinned rabbits, made jam and apple juice from fruit we picked, helped look after the animals and made masks from willow. We had an amazing week and learnt a lot of new skills and experienced many things for the first time.





embercombe
change your world

Our mission

is to inspire a new generation of leaders and change-makers to take courageous action for a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Through all our work inside and outside of Embercombe, our community offers a vision of the future we know is possible. A world where all people live in communities that care for each other, who are connected to nature and enable each member to lead an empowered, fulfilling life. (Taken from Embercombe website).

TIME CAPSULE

Exciting new building work is taking place at Teignmouth Community School Mill Lane. New classrooms for the nursery and reception classes and an outdoor learning classroom are being built. The school continues to grow and develop. To mark this exciting time, the children created a time capsule to be buried on site. Every class from Nursery to Year 6 contributed a project. These ranged from the children's favourite Disney character, favourite music artists and record breakers in the world of sports to their future ambitions. They are hoping to re-open the capsule in 2030 when the Nursery children come to the end of their time in 6th Form. This was also the perfect opportunity for Dr Tony Gray to mark the end of his role as Principal of the Academy. He will now take on the role of C.E.O of the Academy. Dr Gray attended a special assembly where the projects were added to the capsule and then placed the first shovel of earth over the buried capsule. The staff and children are looking forward to exciting times at Mill Lane.



2016 - 2030

Magical Me

Welcome to a new school year!

It was a real pleasure to welcome everybody back to school after such a lovely summer break! It has been especially exciting to welcome all of the children who are new to Mill Lane in our Reception classes and across the school. We wish both you and your families a happy and successful journey through our school and beyond to Exeter Road.

The start of term has seen many physical changes to the school, mainly the extension to the Early Years block and the installation of the Outdoor Classroom. Both projects were delayed slightly over the summer but are back on track, and should be completed early in November. These facilities will provide exceptional learning environments for all children at Mill Lane. Our newly introduced 'Stay on Green' values are an important part of school life. These values are represented by animal characters to help

support children to identify with them across the curriculum. We have Lenny the RESPECTFUL lion, Theo the RESILIENT turtle, Olivia the HONEST owl, Betty the TEAM WORKING bee, Suzie the RESPONSIBLE squirrel, Elmer the CONSIDERATE elephant, Colin the INDEPENDENT crocodile and Daisy the COMMUNICATIVE dolphin. We strive to remember to use them in our learning and in our behaviour towards one another.



Mrs K Quinn
Principal, Mill Lane

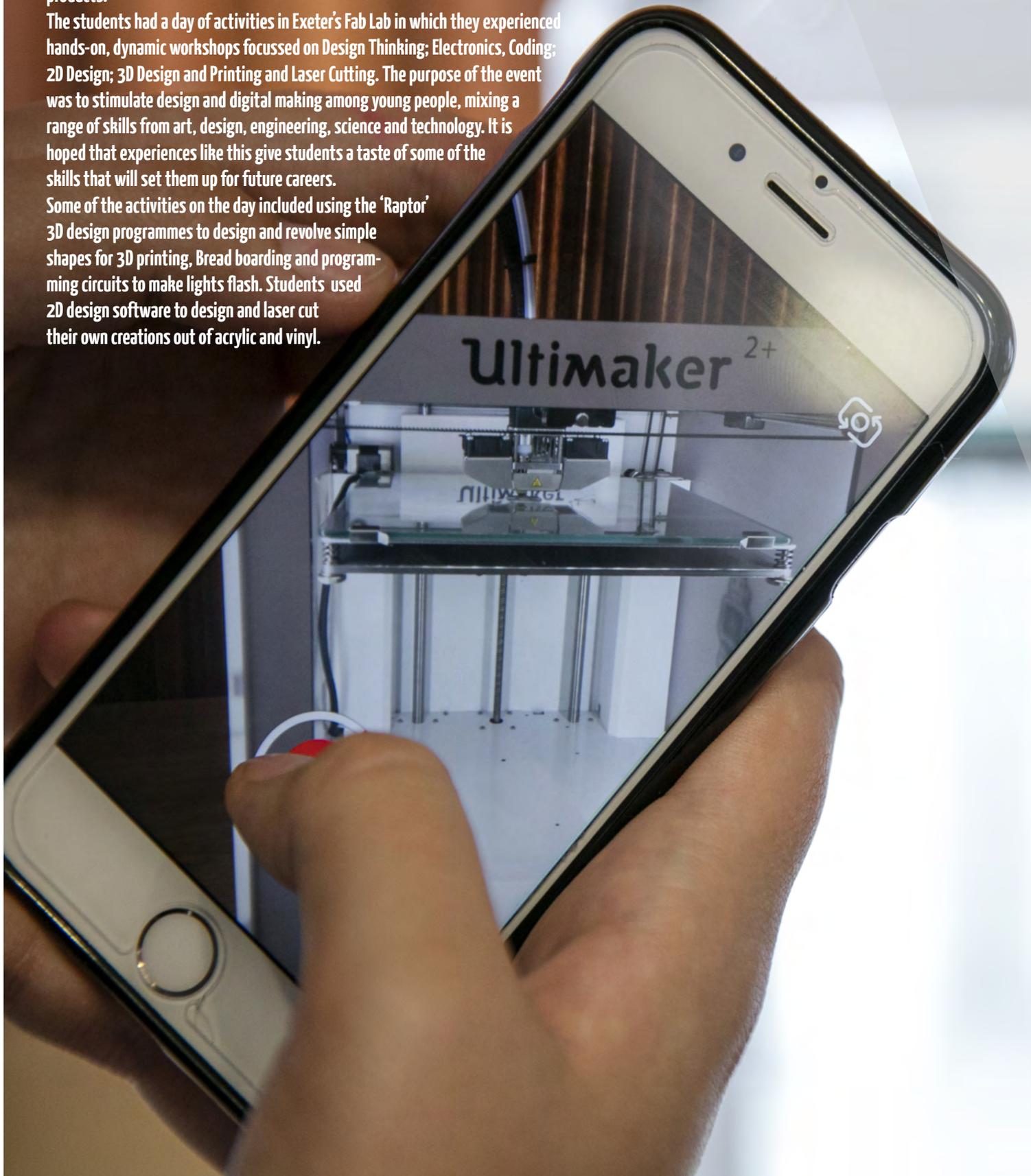




A small group of talented Technologists from Year 8 to Year 10 participated in a programme called 'Hackfest 2016'. The project sees partners from across Devon – FabLab Plymouth, FabLab Devon and Devon County Council – working together to provide more than 450 students from all across the county with the opportunity to bring innovation to life by designing and building prototypes of their very own products.

The students had a day of activities in Exeter's Fab Lab in which they experienced hands-on, dynamic workshops focussed on Design Thinking; Electronics, Coding; 2D Design; 3D Design and Printing and Laser Cutting. The purpose of the event was to stimulate design and digital making among young people, mixing a range of skills from art, design, engineering, science and technology. It is hoped that experiences like this give students a taste of some of the skills that will set them up for future careers.

Some of the activities on the day included using the 'Raptor' 3D design programmes to design and revolve simple shapes for 3D printing, Bread boarding and programming circuits to make lights flash. Students used 2D design software to design and laser cut their own creations out of acrylic and vinyl.



HACKFEST

What is a Fab Lab?

A small-scale workshop offering digital fabrication. It's an open access, not-for-profit, community resource where anybody can invent and make just about anything.

What's in a Fab Lab?

An evolving array of flexible computer controlled machines that allow you to invent, make and share. You could print t-shirts, produce electronic circuit boards, programme a computer or CNC machine an electric guitar.

Who can use a Fab Lab?

We provide tours and courses to the community, organisations and businesses. For further information, please email hello@fablabdevon.org From 2016 you will need to join FabLab Devon as a member to work on projects. Or alternatively you can attend a session to introduce you to digital fabrication.

How do I become a member?

Please see membership. How do I become a volunteer? Volunteering in the lab is all about learning, teaching and helping others to create and understand. We ask all our volunteers to be available for 2 half days per month and we are always keen to hear from people with Engineering, Art & Design and Teaching backgrounds.





eden project

The year 9 Art and Design Group went to the Eden project at the start of October to do some observational drawing within the Biomes. The Eden project offers us a wide variety of drawing opportunities which allows students to work independently and make choices about what they would like to bring back to the classroom to use on the final pieces. We experienced first-hand the beauty of Eden, discovered the architecture and learned more about conservation. Students have returned after the trip with sketchbooks filled with drawings and photographs which will support their studies.

Y9 excelled themselves this year in preparing a wide range of typical Spanish tapas dishes. They researched the custom and recipes before preparing some at home and bringing in for a whole class tasting session. They included tortilla española (Spanish potato omelette), pan con tomate (tomato bread), champiñones al ajillo (garlic mushrooms), patatas bravas (spicy potatoes), calamares (squid) and more, all accompanied by sangria (alcohol free)! . Among the most popular items were the tomato bread and mushrooms along with chorizo and jamón serrano. We even had a Spanish visiting student in the session who tried many of the dishes. Overall it was a very enjoyable and culturally rich way to end the Year 9 course and a unit on food and drink.



¡NOS ENCANTAN LAS TAPAS!



There were several successes for Teignmouth Community School pupils at this year's Dawlish Lawn Tennis Club Junior Championships. Adam Halfyard took the U18 boys singles title 6-4 6-4 after a fantastic performance, but just missed out on the U16 boys singles title. The 6th Form pupil came runner-up after losing out 4-6, 3-6. Robert Kershaw, also a 6th form pupil claimed a bronze medal in the U18 boys singles.

Some of the school's younger pupils also did themselves proud as Holly Turner came runner-up in the 13&U girls singles, James Elver won the 7&U singles and Nahla Hussain came runner-up in the 7&U singles. James defeated fellow year 3 pupil Nahla 10-4 10-4 in a well contested final. Head Coach Robert Elver was particularly impressed with Nahla who only started playing tennis this summer.

In the youngest age category, Samuel Elver, who has just come up from the Nursery to Reception, competed in a ball-machine event against three other children. All four boys did extremely well but it was Samuel who came out on top with a score of 29 out of 40. Club Chairman Jason Hatherley commented, "It has been a super day, all the children tried so hard which was great to see, win or lose they all enjoyed themselves".

The presentation of trophies included a special presentation to the Club's main sponsors SA@W (Safety Awareness At Work) for their support of the Club, and to Community School 6th Form pupil Robert Kershaw who was Junior Club Person of the Year for all the time he gives to help the running of the younger children's tennis sessions every Saturday morning.

Pictured with their trophies: Nahla Hussain, Sam Elver, James Elver, Adam Halfyard

Anyone who would like to take up the sport or find out more about what goes on at the Club, please contact Head coach Robert Elver on 07909 596451. Further information can also be found at the Club's website www.dawlishltc.co.uk



A sunny autumn day in September. Where else would you rather be than strolling along the beach making the most of the last few rays of sun before the winter gloom. Well, that is exactly where the Year 11 Geographers from Exeter Road were on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd September. Around 80 students visited Dawlish Warren to collect data as part

of their GCSE Controlled Assessment and despite the location being far from exotic the trip proved to be incredibly useful and enabled the students to recognise how important the Warren is for many reasons and also the potential conflicts and challenges it faces in the future. And the highlight of the trip? Well it has to be a close call between scrambling around measuring the dimensions of rip rap and the ice cream Mr Johns treated the students to. You decide..



Neonatal Unit

Royal Devon & Exeter

The Neonatal Unit at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital posted a lovely message on their Facebook page after receiving a donation of books from Teignmouth Community School, Exeter Road. The message read - "We are really lucky to have been donated some lovely additional books to our NNU baby Library by children from Teignmouth Community School. Reading to babies helps their language development."

Library Club



Library club's theme this term is "Spooky" and we were delighted to welcome Lori Reich from Shute Fruit in Bishopsteignton to library club this week. Lori brought along a wonderful selection of pumpkins, squashes, courgettes and marrows and explained that they are all part of the same family of vegetables. We learnt about different ways of cooking them and discovered there is just one inedible squash; the gourd. This can be dried and then used as a maracas (musical percussion instrument). Lori then explained how to make a pumpkin lantern and decorate it. Lori grew up in Minnesota, USA and she shared stories of how she celebrated Halloween as a child. Children had an opportunity to try some roasted and spiced pumpkin seeds which went down a treat! Lori finished up by reading *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe.

Thank you Lori for a fun presentation. Thanks too to Darts Farm for supplying the vegetables





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The
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