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Dear Parents & Carers

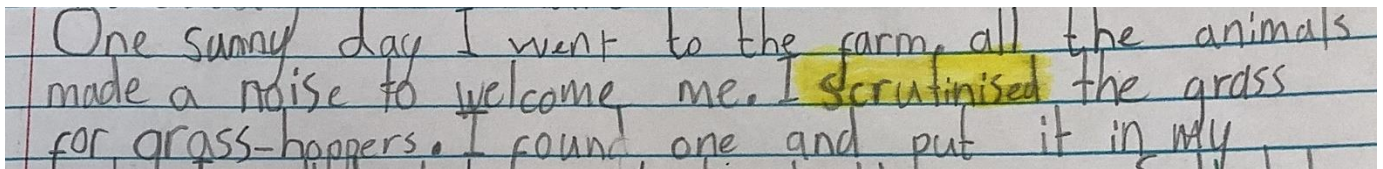
The sun is shining, and the children are smiling! It's Comic Relief Day today and we are all wearing "something funny for money". We had our school talent show this afternoon and there was lots of preparation and excitement – we will keep you posted on Facebook later on (when we can get home to use the internet).

The three children who were awarded a first prize by the judges were: Jo, Anna and William- well done to everyone involved you were all fantastic- so brave and confident!

The children have raised **£91.80** as a result of their fund-raising ideas today! They have also continued their drive to raise money for the children of Ukraine and have raised £55.00 already which they plan to donate to Save the Children who are working to support refugees. This week they installed a jar for spare coppers and small change in the school entrance and a very artistic fund-raising scale on the wall to track their achievement.

This week we launched the idea of having a *Word of the Week* and Honeywell children were the first to really engage with the idea. As a result a number of the children have independently used the word *scrutiny/scrutinise* in their writing. They highlighted the word in yellow to show their teacher and I've included an example as written by Bear in year two.

The school's oracy project is aimed at ensuring all of our pupils have the ability to communicate confidently and effectively and to give them the power of a rich and ambitious vocabulary.



In Middlecott and Owlacombe this week the children have been developing their speaking and listening skills. We supported their discussion through the use of sentence starters such as *I agree with...* and *building on from what Sally said...*

Both classes were able to debate points raised and to share their ideas and beliefs.

We were pleased to welcome back Mrs Barker this week and on Thursday her class were experimenting with making paper sculptures inspired by the artist, Alexander Calder in preparation for their new English text about the artist.

They were also seen eating hot cross buns which were being used as maths resources for learning in fractions.

As you know Owlacombe took part in a fantastic dance performance at South Dartmoor Community College on Wednesday and they were absolutely brilliant! Mrs Billington helped them to create a fantastic dance and once we get a copy of the DVD we will be able to share it with you if you weren't able to see them in person.



House Points- We award house points to children across the school, as part of our praise and reward system. Children enjoy knowing that they are working together as a team towards a shared goal. The winning house this week was: *Bluebell* with 226 house points. They have earned themselves an extra playtime next week.

We will have *scrupulous* as our word of the week next week and perhaps you might use it with your children over the weekend.

So as we draw to the end of our science week I think that the children have had lots of fun whilst learning and also making a difference to world around them through their efforts for charitable causes.

I hope that you can all enjoy a sunny weekend together and have chance to recharge your batteries before returning to us on Monday.

With best wishes from

Sam McCarthy and all at Ilsington CE Primary.

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