

The Link – July for August

By the time you are reading this article we will be on holiday! If you have time pass by the school to see some of our fence art. This was designed by one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Taviner (a very talented artist).



We all, children and staff, contributed to a fantastic outdoor art display to make our school look even better. Taking inspiration from the work of Lauren Child, the new Waterstone's children's laureate, everybody created a picture of themselves. Lauren Child was recently quoted as saying that, "I do think there is still a need to talk about reading for pleasure. I don't

know why we get bogged down in arguments about what they should be reading when anything you love to read is worth reading and gets you in the habit." Mrs Billington, Headteacher at Offwell, said this was exactly the ethos of the school where reading is a real strength because "we always encourage our children to read for pleasure not just for using in the curriculum".

Every week we hold a Celebration Assembly; the whole school comes together to share news about the classes and recognise the achievements of individuals who have excelled over the week. Recently this gathering was made even more exciting by the attendance of Andy a player from Exeter Chiefs and David Todd the President of Honiton Rugby Club. They were there to recognise the effort made by three Year 4 children who had taken part in a Rotary Club sponsored competition, Youth Speaks. The three had chosen to talk about rugby and whether it is safe for children to play – this was very close to their hearts as they all play for Honiton Under 9s. The team did well in Youth Speaks coming joint first but their real prize was each receiving a signed rugby ball and the promise of a signed photo of Jack Knowell once he comes back from playing with the British Lions in New Zealand. Mrs Billington said she will never forget the look on their faces when they received their rewards.

We hope you are all having a lovely summer.