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At the time of writing six of our year 6 children and two staff are in Spain on the first exchange visit under our new Erasmus+ link. We are joining with Redhills Primary in Exeter and children from schools in both Italy and Latvia and are visiting a Primary school in Lorca, South East Spain. The children from Redhills came to Offwell to meet up with our children and they and the staff went on a welly walk down to Offwell Woods (one of our favourite places). They all had a great time bonding and it settled some last minute nerves.



Elsewhere in school the younger children have been enjoying some new installations which 'appeared' over the holidays. In the top playground there is a new reading pod, seating, fairy doors and an outdoor dolls' house for mini-beasts and leaf-nests. These are all very popular and the dolls' house is gradually



finding some furniture!

Youth Speaks – Our group of three Y6 girls triumphed in the Honiton Youth Speaks competition run by the Rotary Club. They beat off stiff competition from 6 other local schools to move on to the Regional Final held in Exmouth at the end of February. All our classes were impressed by the professionalism displayed by these girls when they 'showcased' the talk, the topic of which was 'Gender Specific Marketing'. Future parliamentarians all of them!



Note for your diaries: Our Early Years Unit which includes Nursery and Reception children will be holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Wednesday 29 March** in the afternoon. Keep an eye on our website (www.offwell-primary.devon.sch.uk) for full details. All pre-school age children are welcome.