

Devon Hospitals Short Stay School



Autumn Newsletter 2012



Ofsted calling

The call came through on the Monday lunchtime that we were to have an Ofsted inspection on the following two days. There is scarcely a moment for mental preparation!

However, we were pleased with the outcome, which you can find on our website.

<http://www.devonhospitalschool.org.uk/>



Careers South West

We have a new Careers South West adviser. John Greaves will now be our key worker, taking this particular aspect over from Romy Lavis.

He will be able to work with any of our young people who may be missing the CSW input at school.

Famous People

When I met Dani Harmer!

When I met Dani Harmer it was really fun and exciting. I met her at the BBC television studios in London. My mum and sister came with me to meet her. It was a really good experience. She signed a Tracy Beaker book I have. Also, whilst I was there I met Lisa Riley she gave me a hug.

By Ana

We also had a visit from some of the players for Exeter City Football Club!

Children in Need Day

All the children made cakes, biscuits and played games on the interactive whiteboard.

The Rainforests of Borneo

Our pupils were transported to the Rainforests of Borneo via videoconference with the Natural History Museum.



'It was an incredible experience, a great opportunity to really see what it's like to be in a rainforest and to learn about what scientists do' Raquel



'It was really fun speaking to the scientists in Borneo on the web conference. It was also fun seeing all the primary school children asking questions. I learnt lots of new facts like Borneo has lots of tropical creatures like Rhino Beetles, Monitor Lizards and Orangutans.' Charlotte

E-teaching

In addition to videoconferencing, we have been teaching one of our pupils who is receiving treatment in another hospital using Skype and Facetime.

Sensational Silk Painting

It was all go in the playroom on October 17th with children everywhere trying to make Bramble Playroom brighter with the vibrant colours of silk paints.



The workshop was funded by the children's charity Starlight and was co-ordinated by Karen Evans. Karen produced a magnificent piece of wall art for the children to paint for the Playroom. The Playroom Staff organised this outstanding event.



The children loved it choosing their own colours to be where they wanted them to be and making it their own work. They can see their work hanging up in Bramble Playroom standing out proudly.



The wall art was crafted out of silk, and the outline of the wall art was drawn with wax, which keeps the silk paint in the sectors they should be in. By Sophie