



A message from Mr Bladon:

Congratulations to our two Youth Speaks teams who performed extremely well at Dulverton School this week in the first round of the competition. Not only did three children win the “Best of” in their category (“Best Chairperson”, “Best Voter of Thanks” and “Best Speaker”) but one of our teams won the whole round! Their speech on “*Why More Girls Should Love Maths*” really resonated with the judges and means they will now face other regional finalists in Barnstaple later in the term. Well done to everyone who took part – it is a real challenge to stand up in front of people and present a speech and we all have been most impressed with their “Aim High” attitude and resilience.

It was good to listen to and speak with parents at this week’s **Parent Voice** and there will be another later in the term. We’ve scheduled in a couple of **Maths Parent Workshops** as well following feedback from parents. We hope that these workshops will give you an insight into how your child is taught in Maths and perhaps also aid with homework too. Don’t forget next week’s **Literacy Open Morning** is on Wednesday 31st January.

Thank you to everyone who collected **blue tokens from Tesco**s throughout November and December. We are delighted to say that we will receive £1000 from Tesco towards I.T. as a result of the scheme – we’ll keep you posted on what we purchase!

Children from year 6 had a great time in London last week on their last residential. I’m told by Mr Polak and Mrs Bull that they walked at least 68,000 steps over the week and returned home on Friday tired but also extremely excited about the experience they had! Well done to Eliza who won Mr Polak’s annual London Maths challenge, which he always sets during this trip. The children were asked to use the first days’ step count to estimate how many the group would have done by Thursday. This is the second year in a row that a Bampton pupil has won it!

You will all have received letters about the Public Consultation we have entered into regarding the formation of “Alumnis Multi-Academy Trust”. There will be a Parents meeting on the 6th February in Bampton to give you an opportunity to hear more about this and ask questions.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Weds 31s Jan: 9-10am:
Literacy Open Morning

Week comm 5th Feb: Parent Consultation Week (*letters out next week for those*)

Tues 6th Feb: 5.30-6.30
Bampton Parents Consultation Meeting

Mon 12th -16th Feb: HALF TERM

Sun 25 Feb: 1st Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk

Some of you have taken the “Pupil Premium” test on School Gateway. If the result of that indicates that you might be eligible, do give Devon County Council a call on 0345 155 1019 to apply. It’s always worth trying.

Please try and keep up to date on payments through School Gateway. There will be reminders next week about Fox Class swimming, school lunches and clubs. Thank you for all payments so far this term.

Next newsletter: 9th February

Please don’t drive up the main drive. It puts children at risk and can obstruct delivery and school transport vehicles. Please always park in the bottom car park – *even if you are running late.*