

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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4th October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• Learning Environment Week	• Learning Environment Week	• Learning Environment Week	• Children's choice school lunch	• Celebration Assembly

PARENT UPDATE

Last week was Bike To School Week. We learnt that walking, biking or scootering to school, even for just some of the journey, means that we can reduce CO2 emissions and make an impact on Climate Change. I have been speaking to the children about their journeys to school and they have been very knowledgeable that walking or biking to school has made such a difference to the climate. Last week was also Nightingale's assembly, where we celebrated Harvest Festival. They were fantastic, showing real talent and confidence in public speaking and they sang a song "Lets Harvest", which was an absolute delight. Thank you to all of our families who donated to the Plymouth Food Bank. They will be collecting your donations from school this week. We are so grateful for your support and we look forward to helping our community through your generosity.

This week, teachers are focusing on their classrooms and their learning environment, sharing good practice and the way that the vocabulary and working walls support the children. It has been a pleasure to see the breadth of learning taking place across the school, from the Shang Dynasty to the Romans and the Stone Age. I have seen a fantastic model bow and arrow in Year 3 and some great map skills in Year 6.

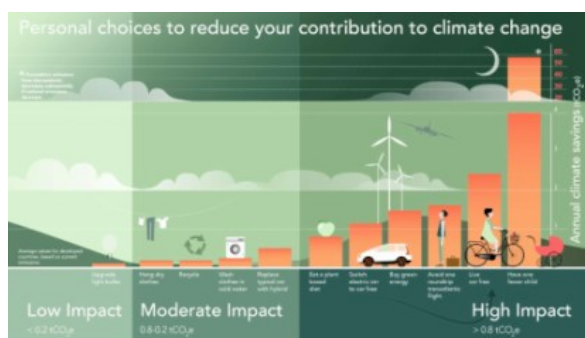
The kitchen have surveyed the children for their favourite meal which will be served to them on Thursday this week. I have heard there will be burgers, ice cream and sprinkles! Your child just needs to order a school lunch on the day.

Your children are showing fantastic respectfulness and readiness for learning, please ensure that their school footwear remains as black shoes that look smart and also protect their feet as they go about their day. It has been a pleasure to see how proud they are in their learning and in particular, to celebrate those children who are Star Learners. The pride on their faces and the praise from their teacher is immeasurable.

Have a fantastic week.

Mrs T Bailey

Head of School



FLU VACCINATION

Dear Parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus— if you believe that your child is in that category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point access (SPA) on

[0300 247 0082](tel:03002470082) or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best Wishes

School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone 0300 247 0082



STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Please visit the following website for information and guidance on applying for your child's secondary school for September 2022

www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions
(from Monday 6th September 2021)

The deadline to apply is
31st October 2021

ATTENDANCE CUP

Week beginning 27/09/21

Robin	99.2%
Starling	88.1%
Chaffinch	92.5%
Dove	89.9%
Chough	85.0%
Swallow	95.5%
Goldfinch	93.3%
Sparrow	97.7%
Wren	90.6%
Woodpecker	93.0%
Raven	87.2%
Nightingale	81.4%
Skylark	67.4%

Well done!
Robin Class

The winners will
receive the
Attendance Cup



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Mon 11th Oct	Individual pupil Photographs
Fri 15th Oct	Yr5 Woodpecker Assembly
Mon 25th Oct to	Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 12th Nov	Yr2 Dove Assembly
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 3rd Dec	Yr6 Skylark assembly
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Friday 8th April	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th April to	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May to	Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM

ABSENCE REQUEST

Please provide proof of any medical appointments before they occur. For any other absences, please complete an absence request form in advance to allow authorisation by the Head of School. Please attempt to make all appointments out of school time. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have lots of pride in our school uniform and your children have come back to school looking extremely smart.

Please can I remind you that small studs only should be worn if ears are pierced.

Children should be all wearing black shoes and nail varnish should be taken off during the school week.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can you PAY IN ADVANCE for all lunches.

ALL outstanding dinner and breakfast club accounts must be cleared as soon as possible for the end of term.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance. Thank you.



Have a lovely week— Mrs Bailey

LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

Dove class have been learning about plants and trees. They have looked at and learnt the different parts and started to identify common trees and plants by looking at the leaves and flowers. We went out into the school grounds looking at the plants and trees we have around the school environment. They enjoyed stopping and looking closely at things they walk past daily, now being able to identify some of them!



ENJOYING MUSIC

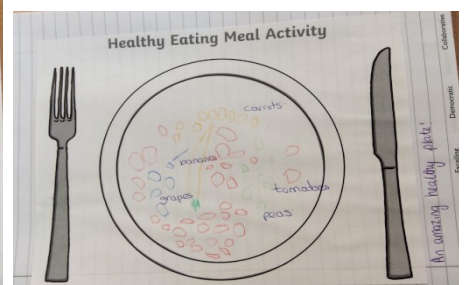
Wren and Sparrow class in year 4, are beginning their Clarinet journeys! They started by learning how to put their clarinets together and then having their first blow



HEALTHY EATING



In Starling Class we have been learning about a 'healthy life-style.' We know that regular exercise, good sleep and eating healthily contribute to making us happy and healthy! We created our very own healthy dinner plate. We enjoyed talking about what foods we had added to our plates and sharing our plates with our friends



REMINDER

Individual School Photographs will be taking place in school on Monday 11th October
There will be no group photographs taken at this time . Please could you make sure your child is wearing uniform for their photograph.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please be aware that children and adults are not permitted to ride scooters or bicycles on our school premises.
This is to avoid possible accidents occurring when there are large numbers of parents and carers on site. Please could you make sure your child dismounts their scooter/bicycle and walks it to the shelter provided.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



TIMES TABLE PRACTICE

As you know, times tables are an essential mathematical skill and a key focus for us this term. This website has a wealth of resources you can use to learn your tables and also has a timed feature so you can test how quickly you can recall your tables. www.timestables.co.uk

Children will learn these tables in these year groups:

R: number bonds to 10, counting forwards and backwards to 10.

Y1: Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. 2x, 5x and 10x.

Y2: Count in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10, forwards and backwards. 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x.

Y3: Count in multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 50 and 100.

Y4: All tables 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x, 10x, 11x, 12x.

Y5 and Y6: Children should be fluent in tables to 12x and use them to solve more complex multiplication problems including using written multiplication.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS



Please do not bring items from home into school to reduce risk of transference and to stop items from going missing.
Children should not have toys with them and will be asked to place them safely in their bags if they are brought into school

FRUIT SNACKS

If you provide a fruit for your child to eat at lunchtime or break.

Please could you ensure you cut it into manageable pieces, where appropriate (eg.Grapes) to reduce any hazards when eating.



ROUTINES UPDATE REMINDER

As you will be aware, we are not using the bubble system anymore and we have been able to have assemblies again! However, with the current numbers higher in the South West, we are still remaining as vigilant as we can and children and staff will still be sanitising/washing their hands through the day and respecting the space between one another.

We ask that our school community continue to respect distance when dropping off and collecting your children with all adults on our site. Any messages can be emailed, phoned into Reception or passed to the class teacher on the Pod door. If you are invited for an essential meeting, please wear a mask on entry to the school building and throughout your time in the school building.

SOCCER TOTS

Community Football

Every Friday at
4.30 - 5.30pm (Ages 4-5)
5.30 - 6.30pm (Ages 5-6)

£3 PER
SESSION



Part of the Marine Academy Football Club FA approved football programme developing ball and space awareness and motor skills in a professional, fun environment.

Sessions lead to the MAP coaching school and future teams.

The session concentrates on learning through small sided matches, placing players in age and ability-specific groups to ensure maximum enjoyment, engagement and development.



To find out more call **01752 213951** (Direct sports-line)
Or **01752 213939** (School Reception)
Go to www.marineacademy.org.uk Community link
Or email Darren Stewart at lettings@marineacademy.org.uk

@mapfootball

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.

**Free
School
Meals**
Are you entitled?

Marine Academy Plymouth



Is your child starting secondary school in September 2022 or 2023?

If so, we'd like to invite you to Marine Academy Open events!

There is no doubt we have become one of the best schools in the country with very high expectations both of terms of student behaviour and academic success. **We unreservedly believe that every child should have the opportunity to attend University when they leave us** and our academic curriculum is designed to ensure that this is the pathway that our students will follow.

We accept no excuses for poor behaviour and instill a belief in our children that they can match the success of students attending schools such as Eton, Harrow and Wycombe Abbey.

Our very own bespoke leadership initiative offers all students the opportunity to develop key attributes relating to the MAP core values.

Leadership - Resilience - Aspiration

Students will be required to complete a number of tasks to achieve the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and MAP Award, which will enrich students' cultural capital and provide all students with the personal attributes needed to succeed on the path to University and into adult life.

We also offer a vast array of clubs and activities for students to become involved with outside ranging from sports clubs to café Scientifique, from Spanish club to Uno! As well as this all year 7 students are given access to free music 1-2-1 music tuition!

Come and see one of the most improved schools in the country!



**Open
Events 2021**



Come and see the best school in Plymouth in action!

Open evening: Thursday 23rd September (no booking necessary)
Time: 4.30pm—6.45pm (Presentation repeated at 4.30 and 5.45pm)

We will have an afternoon or an evening presentation available for you to on your visit to, with attendance only necessary at one. You are however welcome anytime for a tour of the school to see our calm, safe and thriving academic environment, meet current staff and students and experience our world renowned teaching strategies recently published in "Teaching in the online classroom" by Doug Lemov! Don't miss the opportunity to find out what makes us better than any other school in the country.

Open mornings: 17th, 24th September 1st, 8th, 15th October

To see MAP in action, open mornings will run from **8.55am - 10.00am** where there will be a short welcome presentation followed by a chance to see our thriving academic environment! If you'd like the opportunity to find out what makes us different, please book by contacting reception and reserving a space on your preferred day!

To arrange a visit, please contact us on 01752 213939 or email contact@marineacademy.org.uk for further information about the academy, please visit our website:
www.marineacademy.org.uk/secondary

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**...learn like a champion
...develop your leadership, resilience, aspiration
...go to university**