

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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20th September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• Big Green Week	• Big Green Week	• Big Green Week	• Big Green Week	• Celebration Assembly Big Green week

PARENTS UPDATE

The children have had a great time focusing on their personal development this week, reading "The Proudest Blue" by Ibtahaj Muhammed in assembly and thinking about what makes us similar and different. The children all made their class name bird with the help of some of their adults and they have been hung in the library. There are a few still drying and they will join the Beechwood flock as soon as possible. It has been a lovely project for the children to share as they join their new classes and teachers and begin to share their learning together. I am so proud of last weeks' Star Learners – what a great way to begin their new school year.

I am so pleased to see that school uniform is looking so smart, the children are proud to be at Beechwood and this shows in their smart uniform and black shoes. I am also delighted that we can have the usual PE systems in place so that the children can stay smart and focused on their classroom learning and presentation around the school.

This week we celebrate Autumn and the changing of the seasons. We are also thinking about Climate Change and the Ministry of Eco Education are coming to school to share a special assembly with us. The staff and children will be completing surveys about the climate to gauge how much we already know and what we would most like to focus on to reduce our impact on the planet. This will be an ongoing project throughout the year.

The Team Leaders have recorded a Welcome video for each Key Stage. These are available on the website, please follow the link in the Newsletter. EYFS is Reception and Nursery, Key Stage 1 is Year 1 and Year 2 and Key Stage 2 is Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

I am looking forward to another fantastic week of learning. Thank you for your support at home.

Tamsin Bailey
Senior Head of School

WELCOME MEETINGS

The welcome meetings are now available for all parents to view either on our Facebook page or via our school website under the section for parents.

Please take the time to view these meetings as they give you a brief insight into the wonderful things your child will learn this term at school.

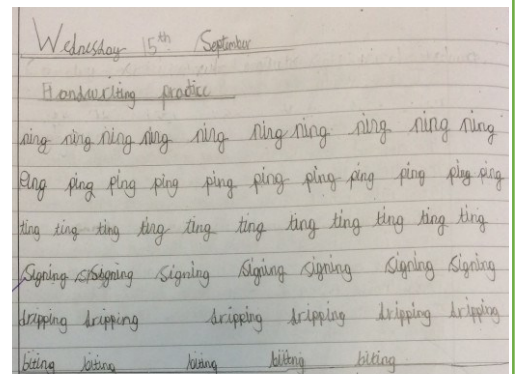
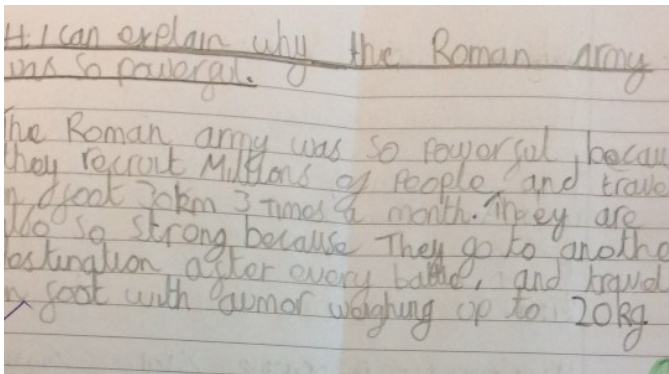
EXPLORING FRIENDSHIP

Last week Year 3 were exploring friendship and what makes a good friend. We decided a good friend is somebody who is kind, helpful and fun. We also thought of lots of ways we can show what great friends we are!



HANDWRITING PRACTICE

Last week in Year 5, we were practising our handwriting using a cursive style. We have also been looking at the reasons why the Romans were so powerful. This was particularly enjoyable. Our English text is The Firework Maker's Daughter. In a lesson last week we had to draw and describe a main character from chapter 1.



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 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

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

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.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Fri 2nd Oct	Yr6 Nightingale Assembly
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

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.

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.

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

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.



ALL SAINTS OPEN EVENING

27th September 5.30-8.00pm

If you are interested in what All Saints Academy can offer your child, please join us on our open evening or school tours.


It is the likely event of our tours being fully booked we will put on additional slots to ensure nobody misses out on a tour. To book a tour please get in contact via enquiries@asap.org.uk or call on 01752 705131.

TOGETHER WE SUCCEED



Marine Academy Plymouth

HOME TO THE HARDEST WORKING STUDENTS IN THE UK



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!



the university school

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

Study here where you will...

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

PHSE WEEK



Year 1 - PSHE Week



This week in Year 1 we have been discussing 'what makes a good friend?'

We were able to recognize our own qualities that made us good friends such as being helpful, friendly and kind. We were also able to recognize qualities that might make us a bad friend. Such as: kicking, hitting and being mean.

We discussed that when we have good friends we are really happy!

"I am a good friend, I like playing games" - Maisie.
"I am helpful." - Violet
"I am good at sharing" - Isaac

Being a Good Friend



Good friend

kind
funny
polite
helpful
happy
playing games
good at sharing

Bad friend

kicking
hitting
saying unkind words
not sharing
snatching
throwing

PSHE Week September 2021

When you give your friend a compliment it makes them feel good. I like making my friends feel happy.

In Year 2, we have been talking about what makes a good friend. We have talked about giving our friends compliments and focusing on the positive relationships.



We sorted pictures into friendly and unfriendly actions.

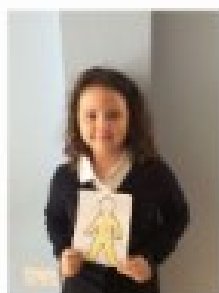


We like sharing with our friends. It shows that we are friends.

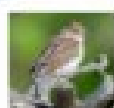
We thought about all the ways we can be friendly in the school day.



PHSE WEEK



In Year Three we have been learning all about friendship and what a good friend might look like. We created a perfect friend and made a set of class rules to ensure we are always being kind and safe.



In PSHE, after discussing our goals for year 4, we looked at some famous bridges that are secure and easy to cross. We then compared these to some bridges that looked unsafe, at extreme heights and would not be easy to cross over.

The children had a go at crossing over their own challenging bridge of rulers.

We discussed how some of our goals are going to be easier to achieve, whereas some are going to be more challenging to get through but with perseverance, all will be achieved.

Year 4 PSHE week.



Our goals for year 4



Wren Class Charter

As Wren class we want to be really respectful and safe.

So, we promise to...

- Be kind and friendly to each other
- Listen to adults and each other
- Be safe when others are talking
- Respect classroom equipment
- Try please and thank yous
- Remember our