

Marlborough Primary Academy

Newsletter

A Message From Our Head Teacher

There has been lots going on at Marlborough this week, with preparations for the Y6 residential visit in full flow! After school on Thursday, we had a meeting for the parents to look at the activities the pupils will undertake, and to share details of the accommodation the children will be using. We had almost full attendance from pupils and carers, and we are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity. The visit will be free to our families, funded by Dartmoor National Park Authority as part of the Generation Green 2 project.

The Y6 class visited Devonport library this week, and very much enjoyed the trip. We are always looking for ways to ensure pupils have lots of opportunities to read (as mentioned last week), and this visit offered the pupils the chance to explore a wide range of quality texts, while also exploring the facilities in our community.

Another area we have been keen to develop at Marlborough is the sports provision the pupils are able to access. This term, the Y3/4 class (Sycamore) have enjoyed coaching sessions from Plymouth Albion professionals, sponsored by Vospers. The pupils had their photos taken this week, and I am told that these pictures will make it into the media, so keep an eye out! Y5/6 also have had access to high quality coaching this term, with the brilliant TGS coming in to school to lead the PE sessions every Thursday afternoon. Quality PE learning is part of ensuring our pupils stay healthy, so we are very pleased to be able to use professional coaches to support our pupils in these lessons.

Please can you support us by making sure your children are in appropriate PE kit on the day they have these lessons? We have seen pupils in a range of clothing for PE lessons, not all of it safe for the sessions. Children should wear: Proper trainers or plimsols - not skate shoes (e.g. Vans or Converse) or fashion shoes

Black shorts or joggers

A white t-shirt

A school jumper

Many thanks for your ongoing support -
have the best of weekends!



Recognition Awards

Attendance

This week's attendance winner
are: Beech 98.7%

Whole school: 92.8%
this is the below national average



Achiever of the week

Maple - Kora
Sycamore - Scarlett
Hawthorn - Scarlett
Beech - Leigha

Willows

This week, we have continued to read our book, 'A Walk in the Woods'. We have been looking at nocturnal animals, in particular owls, in which the children have shown a great interest. The children have made owl masks and made paintings of different owls.

In maths, the children have been learning about odd and even numbers, as well as doubling numbers to 8. They have played dice games to find doubles.

The children are continuing with their daily phonics – please ask your child which sounds they have been learning!

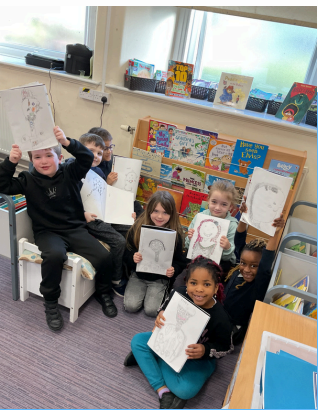


Maple

This week Maple class continued to explore our artist Guiseeppe Arcimboldo. Over the previous lessons, we explored the different themes he used for his paintings and then created our own picture following his theme.

This week the theme was Flora (flowers). We have worked really hard to create a portrait of a person filled with flowers. We began by taking some ideas of flowers in the classroom and then adding flowers we already knew or ones we had created from our imaginations.

Over the week we have also been watching as some of our flowers opened up which has been magical!

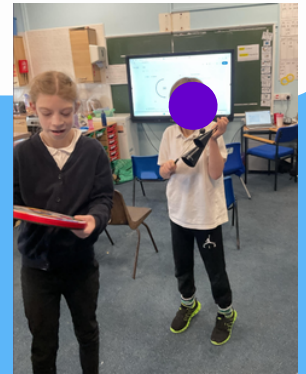


Little Oaks

Everyone has settled back into routine this week after 3 amazing weeks of swimming!

We have really enjoyed Music this week, we have enjoyed practicing on different instruments and experimenting with how loud we can play the different instruments! We practiced taking it in turns to share- which everyone did really well at! We then worked on playing the instruments altogether and we are working on playing in time.

Our book in English this week has been a minibeast encyclopedia! We really enjoyed learning facts about different mini beasts and then making our own mini encyclopedia about our favourite minibeasts!



Sycamore

This week we have been continuing our times table work, we are getting a lot faster at recalling our facts.

In English we are using past tense and perfect present tense to continue with our story the Stone Age Boy, describing what life was like then and comparing it with now.

In History we have learnt more about the Anglo Saxons and what life was like back then and how we find out from artefacts that we find.

In rugby because the weather was poor, we stayed in the hall and learnt about how to form attacking lines and lines of defence.



Hawthorn

This week we have been starting to look at decimals both what a tenth and hundredth are and what that looks like as a decimal and its equivalent fraction.

In English we have been writing up the novel Beowulf, ahead of next week where we will be writing our own versions of the novel which will be great fun. In science we continue to look at classifying living animals, this week we have focused on creating classification keys and thinking about why they are important.

We have started our unit which asks the children to think carefully about what makes them who they are. Considering things like clothing they wear; music they listen to and activities and clubs they take part in. We drew a person and designed an outfit which reflects their personalities/interests.

Beech

A fantastic week of writing this week! The children have been working really hard to write their own version of Beowulf, using lots of exciting vocabulary, similes, metaphors and speech. Next week, they will be writing their own legend!

In maths, we have been learning how to use ratio in for real-world problems, such as recipes. In science, we have been creating our own classification keys for marine and arboreal animals using the chrome books to research animals first. In history, we have learning about what life was like for someone living during the Shang Dynasty.

Trip to Devonport library: We had a lovely class trip to Devonport library on Wednesday. We've all got new books to read over the next few weeks; we will swap them after half term

Next week!

A week of SATs practice

Science trip on Monday for a fun science lab session at Devonport Highschool
Residential:

Please can I have the forms back asap

Date of in school meeting: Thursday 30th January at 3.15pm

Homework: Due Friday

TTRS and EdShed.

SATs style books. If your child is likely to lose the books, please leave them in school and they can do it at some point during the week.

Please complete maths pages

Please complete punctuation pages

Homework club Thursday lunch and Friday lunch



Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:45am. Children in Yr1- 6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting into class.

End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

Parking around the school

Please can we ask that you park safely and sensibly around the school. Please can you not park on the yellow zig zag lines and double yellow lines which are there for everyone's safety. When driving around the school please can we ask you to consider your speed as we have lots of children and families that walk to school.

Menu Change



Please check
Teachers2Parent app for
the menu change

Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning

Payments

We have a number of outstanding payments due for school clubs/dinner money and trips. Can you please make sure these are paid promptly via the Teachers2Parents app, by phoning or coming in to the main office. We are happy to arrange a payment plan if you are unable to pay in full straight away. For outstanding club payments - we will be unable to book further sessions until payments are up to date . For outstanding lunch payments - you will be asked to provide your child a packed lunch until payments are up to date

Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.

Contact

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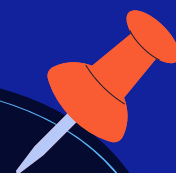
Website address:

www.marlbrough.plymouth.sch.uk

Email address:

reception@marlbroughacademy.org

Dates for the Diary



Every Tuesday Afternoon - Tag Rugby for Sycamore
Tuesday 4th February - Widening Horizons Trip for Year 5
Friday 14th February - Last day of term
17th - 21st February - Half term
Monday 24th February - School Inset Day
Monday 24th February - Yr6 Residential
Tuesday 25th February - Back to School



MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
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Public Holiday
 School Holiday
 School Inset Day