



Marlborough Primary Academy

★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

We have had a very chilly start to the new calendar year but no snow as yet! It has been lovely talking with the children about their holidays and looking at new year's resolutions. In our assembly on Tuesday, I shared the resolutions I would like the pupils of Marlborough Academy to commit to. They are:

To make all work and books as 'beautiful' as possible

To be kind to each other

To follow school rules

And

To read, read, read!

We will be having a real push on reading this term and will be challenging the pupils of MPA to read regularly at home and in school. Each class will have reading corners with texts for the pupils to choose from, and we will be arranging library visits for each of the classes over the term. After the half term break, we will be celebrating World Book Day (6.3.25) - watch out for some exciting events happening around this date!

A very Happy New Year to you all -
have the best of weekends!



Recognition

Award

This week's attendance winner
are: Beech with 98.7%

Whole school: 95.2%
this is the
national average



ACHIEVER
OF THE
WEEK

Willows - Maddison
Maple - Bradley
Sycamore - Zina
Hawthorn - Brayleigh
Beech - Noah



Willows

The children have settled back into the routine of school brilliantly. They have shown enthusiasm and interest in all their learning. In maths, the children have been consolidating their number knowledge of 0 to 5. They have used a variety of resources to help their learning, including dice, cubes and 5 frames. We are starting a new story in English this week. We followed a map around the outside area of the school and found a parcel addressed to us. We will not be opening it until next week.



Maple

This week we have had lots of fun starting our new units of learning. We have been looking at the four seasons in geography, plants in science and Guiseppe Arcimboldo in art!

In our art lesson we designed a stained-glass window as we discovered Guiseppe Arcimboldo began his art career as a stained-glass window designer.

In geography we discussed about the four seasons and began to link the months of the year to their seasons. In science we had a very exciting lesson with Mr Dore who took us out to the outdoor learning area to think about what makes a plant a plant!



Little Oaks

We have had a very exciting start to the term. Everyone has been very excited about starting their swimming lessons and they have all been trying incredibly hard! We have been using pool noodles to learn how to float and practiced blowing bubbles in the water.

We have started new units of learning; we are looking at different types of homes in DT and this term we are going to make our own houses using cereal boxes. Computing is one of our favourite lessons, this week everyone learned how to put pictures into documents.



Sycamore

We have had a great start to the new term after the Christmas holidays. Year 4's have started their swimming lessons and it's been a lot of fun. It is going to be great to see the progress we will make in the forthcoming weeks.

We have also been lucky in that we have a coach from Plymouth Albion Rugby to teach us over the next 10 weeks how to play tag rugby, which will end in a festival at their grounds, against other schools (parents will be able to come and support us too).

We have just started a new history topic all about the Anglo Saxons.
Our new topic in Science is Living Things.



Hawthorn

This week we have begun our swimming sessions; all of the children are making great progress!

In English we have begun our new writing unit focusing on a book called Beowulf. We have been making predictions and setting the scene.

In maths we are focusing on fractions, multiplying fractions and integers.

In history we have started to look at the Shang Dynasty, we have used our research skills to make a fact file about the Shang Dynasty.



Beech

In English this week, the children have been putting their poetry skills to the test! After reading poems about tigers (either in the wild, or in captivity) the children then wrote their own poems about polar bears facing the climate change crisis.

In maths, we are learning how to find fractions of an amount and find the whole. Our fraction topic is nearly over! The children have done really well and have grasped some very tricky concepts.

In Design Technology, we have continued to build our moving trains by measuring and cutting out the axles, the axle holders, the 'gear box' and we have built a circuit and a switch to make it move forwards and backwards. I've been very impressed with their engineering abilities!

Homework: Due Friday

As we are now using the SATs style books, the children have asked for homework to be Friday - Friday to give them a little extra time. I would really appreciate these coming back to class to do as 'fast finishers' and as morning and afternoon starters.

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 non-fiction reading one - 'Dare to Dance'.

Please complete Fractions pages 32 - 36.



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.

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.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Lost property is held behind reception if you are missing any uniform



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

FSM

If you think you should be receiving free schools meal and not yet applied please use the following link;
<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Contact

If you need to contact

Phone number:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk

Email address:

marlborough.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk



Dates for the Diary

7th January - 24 January - Year 4 and 5 Swimming lessons
 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



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
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
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Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day