



Marlborough Primary Academy

★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



The pupils had a wonderful time at our winter Disco on Tuesday – huge thanks to our very own 'Disco Dave' (Mr David Skinner, Chair of Governors) for giving up his time and energy to offer this opportunity for the pupils. Also huge thanks to the staff who stayed and supported – I heard that Mr Dore very much enjoyed the event and may have even had a little dance!

We have been really pleased to see the engagement from pupils in regards to our 'B Bucks' – pupils have been so keen to show their marvellous manners and wonderful walking. The B Buck shop was open again today and there was a queue of pupils waiting to trade their hard earned tokens for prizes. Over the holiday break Mr Dore and I will look to source some bigger prizes for pupils who have been diligently saving their 'Bucks' over the term.

We are fast moving towards the end of term, and we only have one more week left before we break up on the 20th December! Please ensure your children are coming to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (coats, hats and gloves) so that we can continue with outdoor play even when the weather gets a little chilly.

Have the best of weekends! Mrs Macdonald.



Recognition

Award



This week's attendance winner
are: Maple 96.6 %

Whole school: 92.3%
this is below the
national average

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OF THE
WEEK

Maple - Lilly
Sycamore - Cohan
Hawthorn - Casey
Beech - Logan

Willows

Firstly, Willows have made some super progress with their phonics learning – well done all!

This week, we have been busy with songs and rehearsals for our upcoming nativity. The children are enjoying the experience of singing with the rest of the school in the hall.

In the classroom, we have made some Christmas decorations – a bauble Christmas tree, paper chains and designed our own Christmas jumpers.



Maple

We have filled our cube jar! We have been focusing on working as a team and our cubes have been given as recognition for teamwork and making amazing choices. The class have chosen to have their treat on Friday, and they will be bringing a toy in for a Christmas film afternoon!

Maple class have started their next unit in maths which is a shape unit! We have been learning lots of new mathematical terms to help us describe different parts of shapes. This week we have been focusing on 1 new word per lesson, and we have achieved this by drawing shapes and labelling each new part as we have learnt it.

Our DT project is going well. Thank you to all of the families who have donated their recycling for us to use! We have started to add furniture to our homes, we can see each unique home taking shape.

Finally, for our outdoor learning this week we spent some time painting the pinch pots that we had made. These pots were made using air drying clay and it has been so fun to watch them dry in the classroom. Our pots are now nice and colourful and we will be able to send them home next week!

Little Oaks

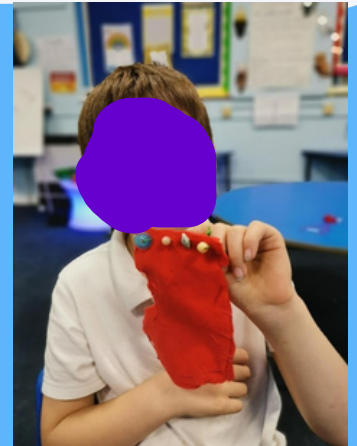
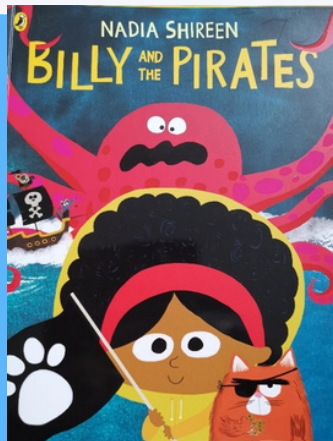
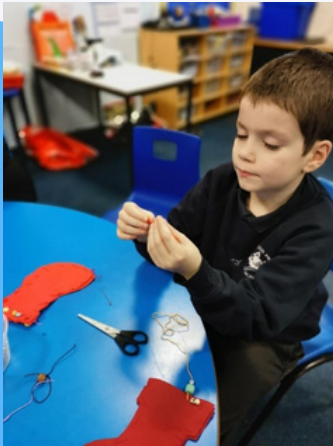
This week we have been using the book 'Billy and the Pirates' to inspire our writing. It was a really exciting story and we loved it, especially the bit with the giant octopus who had lost his front door key!

We have been having lots of fun learning Christmas songs and getting active with some Christmas activities online which got us out of puff!

Our Christmas stockings have now been decorated and we can't wait to bring them home next week.

In Science we continued our topic on the properties of materials and we planned a picnic, saying which items we would choose to pack. We also discussed why a glass slipper was a silly idea for Cinderella's shoes!

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Sycamore

This week we have been continuing our geography work on deserts. We have been looking at how salt plains are formed and we were amazed how our experiment went. See if your child can remember what we did.

In maths we have been continuing our work on subtraction and have been learning how to work out the answers by exchanging.

In English we have been working on creating and describing a realistic and interesting character.



Hawthorn

This week in English we have been planning and writing our information leaflets. The children came up with some brilliant questions that they then researched to add to their information leaflets.

In maths we have all been really resilient, we have been focusing on multiplying 2- digit numbers and 3-digit numbers.

In design and technology, we have been looking at different types of bridges and creating a prototype for a bridge which the children have enjoyed.

Please can I remind you to both encourage and listen to your child reading out loud and asking questions about what they have read. This will really help them to become fluent readers and boost their reading comprehension skills.

Also homework is set on a Friday and due on a Wednesday.



Beech

In English this week, the children have been using their knowledge of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and figurative language to write an opening to a narrative based in the Amazon rainforest! I have been really impressed with their use of exciting adjectives and metaphors.

In maths, we are learning how to multiply and divide fractions. We completed our final arithmetic quiz of the term on Monday, and the children have made amazing progress boosting their scores. This shows how secure their knowledge of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication is becoming!

In science, we investigated how gears work and when we use them in real-life. In Design Technology, we have started to build our moving trains by measuring and cutting out the wooden frame, gluing it together and using cardboard right-angle triangles to add support to the corners.

Mock SATs:

I sent home some letters with the children's mock SATs scores this week. The children have made outstanding progress since joining year 6 and are really supporting themselves to become secondary school ready. If you have any questions, please send me a Dojo.

Homework: Due Wednesday

We have bought the children SATs practise books - I don't have any spare so please make sure these are looked after. I will be sending home the fiction reading book and Maths book this weekend, but they must come back Monday as we will be using them daily.

Please complete reading one 'The baking Battle' (this should take no more than 20 minutes)

Please complete Fractions page 29 and 30.

Christmas Menu

Thursday 19th December is our Christmas Dinner, if you would like to order a Christmas Dinner please select the roast option or a vegetable parcel please select the vegetable pie on teacher2parents app - No jackets or Paninis are available.

Friday 20th December is our Christmas Class Parties in the afternoon. The lunch options will be a choice of Sandwiches, ham, cheese or tuna which will be chosen in the classroom on the day.



Christmas Play

There are still tickets available for **Hosanna Rocks** please call or pop in to the main office to book your tickets. Max 2 tickets per a child, per a show.



Lost Property

We have a lot of unclaimed items in our lost property. If your child has misplaced anything, please come in to the main reception and check before the Christmas break.

All unclaimed items will be cleared at the start of next term.

Thank you



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.



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.

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

Tuesday 17th December 9:30 - Christmas Nativity (Pre booked tickets only)

Wednesday 18th December 9:30 - Christmas Nativity (Pre booked tickets only)

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Last Day of term (No afterschool club)

Tuesday 7th January - 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				
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Public Holiday

School Holiday

School Inset Day