



Marlborough Primary Academy

★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



What a wonderful week we have had! Our Y3/4 pupils attended a FREE trip to the Theatre Royal Plymouth to watch the Welsh National Opera. As a school, we are always on the lookout for ways to offer cultural enrichment opportunities to our pupils. This trip was not something linked to curriculum content - it was purely a chance for the children to experience the awesomeness of opera. We are so pleased to be able to provide these opportunities for the pupils. Many thanks to the staff involved with the trip for supporting our pupils so well and ensuring we can access such exciting opportunities!

Mr Dore and I have been visiting classes this week to undertake some lesson observations. We have seen some fantastic learning from pupils across the school. In Y6 the pupils undertook some high quality writing based on story about the Holocaust. The pupils showed maturity and concentration when tackling this topic, and the writing they have produced is fantastic. Both Mr Dore and I are very proud of the pupils' learning across the school - it has been lovely to be a part of their lessons this week!

Have the best weekend,
Steph Macdonald



Recognition

Award

This week's attendance winners
are: Maple 97%

Whole school: 95%
this is below the
national average



ACHIEVER
OF THE
WEEK

Maple - Jessica
Sycamore - On Trip
Hawthorn - Faith
Beech - James



Willows

Willows have had a fun-filled week exploring activities surrounding the story 'The Colour Monster'. We have been talking about the feelings felt by the colour monster and what they mean.

Due to a very rainy Welly Wednesday, we stayed inside and made clay hedgehogs - the results were fantastic! We may need to create a warm dry space for them to hibernate for the winter.

Willows have continued to practise their sounds and continue to impress us. In maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns and the children have created their own.



Maple

Maple class have been working on their final piece of artwork for our unit on Henri Rousseau. We have been learning to layer paint to create depth and a to allow the viewer to feel like they could step into the painting.

The children chose their own theme such as the sea, space and the desert. They then began by painting the background, by varying their colour choices they have been able to create some amazing depth and shadow. They then started to add some larger features and smaller details before finally adding themselves to their masterpiece.

Maple have also had a fun time exploring their sense for our science unit. So far we have tested our sense of sight, hearing and smell! Next week we will finish our unit by testing our sense of touch and taste!



Little Oaks



In Oaks we have spent a lot of time practicing for our Little Oaks Band. Everyone was so excited to practice, and the children worked so hard on banners, posters and their amazing performance. It was so lovely to see the parents and carers enjoying the show.

In class we have been learning about our emotions, how they look on our faces, how they feel inside of us and how we act when we feel them. We have been working really hard on controlling our actions when we feel big emotions, with extra focus on kind hands and feet.

In English this week the children have finished writing their own diary entries pretending to be Major Glad from our book: Major Glad, Major Dizzy. They have had some excellent ideas and have used the book for inspiration. We are so proud of all of their amazing work!

Sycamore

On Friday 18th October, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Theatre Royal to see the Welsh National Opera. The children had a wonderful time learning about the different parts of the orchestra and about the different types of voices that are used in Opera.

We are also taking part in a project called Devonport Footprints. It is all about celebrating life in Devonport. The children have already made up a song and are enjoying finding out more about the history of Devonport.

The project will finish on the 26th November with a performance at Market Hall for all the schools involved in the project.



Hawthorn

In English, we have been writing and completing our versions of the story Star of Fear, Star of Hope. Next week we will be writing reports about the Holocaust.

In Math's we have been focusing on multiplication and division the children have really grappled with this and have been resilience with their learning.

In History, we continue to look at Crime and Punishment throughout the ages, the children have really enjoyed this topic and discussing how things have changed over time.

In Science, the children are becoming more confident with making predictions and they have enjoyed the Science experiments we have done surrounding reversible and irreversible changes.



Beech

In Beech over the last two weeks, we have been writing our own flashback recount of an event which happened during the holocaust. We then edited and published to ensure they were our best work! Over the past two weeks, we have also introduced some 'handwriting superheroes' to praise children who have taken great care with their letter formation and presentation. Well done to Delia, Jenson, Ayaan and Harry who have been our winners so far.

In maths, we have been looking at factors, short division and long division. It has been quite a tricky topic! We will continue to practise during our weekly arithmetic lessons, but please ensure that your child's timetable knowledge is being practiced at home to make it easier. They can use 'Hit the Button', TTRS or just by chanting the numbers on the way to school or around the house.

In Science, we are nearly at the end of 'Properties of Materials' topic and the children's understanding has been absolutely amazing! Last week, we burnt materials in the hall to show how some reactions are irreversible and produce new materials - ash, carbon dioxide and water vapour. This week, we were engineers and investigated the properties of materials and then concluded which materials we would use for a house and why.

In Topic, we started by recapping our knowledge of crime and punishment across history in Britain. Then, we learnt about crime and punishment during the Victorian era. The children were surprised to learn that many of our criminals were sent to Australia, some as young as 6 years old!

In Art, we have nearly finished our Frida Kahlo topic. The children sketched their own self-portraits which they then detailed with things that they love, which is similar to what Frida would have done. They are beautiful!

Well done to Delia and Noah as their portraits are on our 'Proud Cloud'.



Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:55am. 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.

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.

Dojo

Please check for any updates on Class Dojo from your class teacher. If you need to message the class teacher please use Class Dojo to communicate.



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



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 are entitled to Free school meals please contact the main reception for further information.

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 help behind reception if you are missing any uniform.



Dates for the Diary

Sycamore Theatre Royal Trip - Friday 18th Oct
 Year 5 Tamar Crossing Trip Trip - Tuesday 22nd Oct
 Break up for Half Term - Friday 25th Oct
 Back to School - Monday 4th Nov



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
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day